

# Where's Your Chair?

Mark 12 28-34



Alleluia. Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord;  
As long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God.  
Psalm 146:1-2

## **Praising:**

A new commandment I give unto you  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall all know that you are my disciples,  
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## **Reading:**

Mark 12:28-34  
The great commandment

This scribe seems to be asking Jesus a genuine question. Christ simply didn't have time for religious debate and argument for the sake of it. But here is a person of faith working out before

God as honestly as he can the basic question of how to live. The sincerity of his spiritual quest seems to have nudged the scribe towards a feeling that there is a truth that cuts through all the official religious laws and regulations. Of course in talking to Christ he comes face to face with that truth and, effectively, Jesus offers himself – the bodily wholeness of love – as the answer. How do we go about loving God and loving our neighbour as ourselves? If we really want to know how to do that, we will need to watch Jesus make his way to the cross.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

Lord when it comes to 'enquirers' grant us

- patience with those who ask trick questions only to try and make us look foolish
- wisdom for those who ask real questions about life's meaning, purpose and problems
- a sense of wanting to learn more ourselves about the fullness of love in Christ

Father it's so simple: you love me, I love you back – and those around me because you love them too. It makes perfect sense, but I can't do it without you Amen

## **Doing:**