

## Matthew Changes Jesus' Words to make him Pro-Law and Prophets

Matthew	Mark
<p>22:34 <u>When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 22:35 and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.</u></p> <p>22:36 <u>"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"</u></p> <p>22:37 He said to him,</p> <p><i>Why Did Matthew Leave This Out? What is Matthew's First Commandment?</i></p> <p><u>"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." 22:38 <i>This is the greatest and first commandment.</i></u></p> <p>22:39 <u>And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'</u></p> <p>22:40 <u>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."</u></p>	<p>12:28 <u>One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him,</u></p> <p><u>"Which commandment is the first of all?"</u></p> <p>12:29 Jesus answered,</p> <p><u>"The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;</u></p> <p>12:30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'</p> <p>12:31 <u>The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'</u></p> <p><u>There is no other commandment greater than these."</u></p>
<p><i>Why Does Matthew Leave All This Out?</i></p>	<p>12:32 Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that <u>'he is one, and besides him there is no other'</u>; 12:33 and <u>'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' --this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."</u> 12:34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.</p>

**Matthew Makes Jesus Adamantly Pro-Law by Expanding a Saying of Jesus in the Q material**

Matthew	Luke
<p>5:17 <u>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.</u></p> <p>5:18 For truly I tell you, <u>until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.</u></p> <p>5:19 Therefore, <u>whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."</u></p>	<p>16:16 <u>The law and the prophets were until John</u>; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and every one enters it violently.</p> <p>16:17 But <u>it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one dot of the law to become void.</u> (cf. <a href="#">Luke 21:33</a>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Matthew One's position in the Kingdom of Heaven is determined by whether or not they do and teach the commandments of the Law and the Prophets?</i></p>

**Compare this to What Matthew Does to Jesus' "Golden Rule" in Q**

Matthew 7:12	Luke 6:31
<p><u>In everything do to others as you would have them do to you;</u></p> <p><u>for this is the law and the prophets.</u></p>	<p><u>Do to others as you would have them do to you.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Is This the Law and the Prophets? What About "An Eye for an Eye and a Tooth for a Tooth?"</i></p>