



DIVING DEEPER

Jesus and the Soldier -4/11/2021



Read Matthew 17:19-21, and rewrite it in your own words.

1. What do you think the #1 thing God cares about? Numero Uno.
2. Why did the Pharisees have such a hard time with what God cherishes and what they cherished? What did they cherish (might have to look at other debate passages)?
3. Why do you think this “teacher of the law” asked Jesus this question? What were his motives?
4. This was one of the few times Jesus didn’t put it back on the teacher to answer. Instead, He gives the answer. Why?
5. What are the greatest commandments? What does that entail?
6. Is that your focus in your daily life? In your church? In your relationships? Why or why not?
7. What happens when Christians make other “commandments (rules)” more important?
8. Do you think the teacher was being sarcastic in his reply to Jesus? Why or why not?
9. What does Jesus tell him? Why does He tell the teacher that?

Read Hebrews 11, and rewrite it in your own words.

1. Where does love come from? Why is that important? Can you love without God?
2. What are we to do with this love from God? Is it really that big of a deal?

3. What does loving everyone show to people?
4. So if we don't love everyone, what does that show? Is it that "cut-and-dry"?
5. This text says if we don't love we don't know God. What about those that love others but don't know God. How does that work?
6. Is it possible to "know" God without accepting Jesus as their Savior? Why or why not?
7. How did God "show His love among us"? How significant is that?
8. According to verse 10, what is love? Can you understand the depth of what these last two verses mean to the believer as well as all mankind?
9. So according to John, what must we do when we understand God and His love?
10. According to verse 12, what should people see when we love as God loves?