

## DOCTRINE ...

- διδασκαλία (didaskalia), teaching, instruction; διδαχή (didachē), teaching.

### ► Jesus taught doctrine.

(Mark 1:21 ESV) And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath **he [Jesus]** entered the synagogue and was **teaching [ἐδίδασκεν]**.

### ► People were astonished at Jesus' doctrine.

(Mark 1:22 ESV) And they were astonished at **his [Jesus'] teaching [διδαχῆ]**, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.

### ► People were amazed at Jesus and his doctrine.

(Mark 1:27 ESV) And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new **teaching [διδαχῆ]** with authority! **He [Jesus]** commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him **[Jesus].**"

### ► Jesus rebuked those teaching the rules of men as the doctrines of God.

(Matthew 15:9 ESV) In vain do they worship me **[Jesus]**, **teaching as doctrines [διδάσκοντες διδασκαλίας]** the commandments of men.

- **DOCTRINE:** A particular principle, position, or policy taught or advocated, as of a religion or government, e.g. Catholic doctrines; the Monroe Doctrine; something that is taught; teachings collectively: religious doctrine; a body or system of teachings relating to a particular subject.

Jesus was a "doctrine" man!

## OUTLINE ... Mark 12:28-30, Revelation 2:1-7 ...

- (1) **Jesus was asked which is the most important commandment/teaching/dctrine of all, Mark 12:28.**
  - There should be no doubt that this was a doctrinal issue.
    - This was the **same as asking**, What is the most important doctrine in all the Bible?
    - **Per our notes:** doctrine in its most basic form is teaching, instruction. A doctrine is a particular principle or position that represents the views of a group of people religious or otherwise. The question here is which Scriptural teaching should be given the highest priority in our lives.
  - There should be no doubt that Jesus is well-versed in biblical doctrine. **(See study sheet).**
- (2) **Jesus answers that the most important commandment/teaching/dctrine is to love God first with all of our being, Mark 12:29-30.**
  - Jesus calls us to listen: the Shema, 12:29.
  - Jesus directs our attention to the Lord our God, 12:29.
  - Jesus commands us to love the Lord our God with all of our being, 12:30.
- (3) **In his letter to the pastor of the church in Ephesus Jesus rebukes the church in Ephesus because they no longer love God first, Revelation 2:1-7.**

### ► **Great or small, heavy or light ... Which one is most important?**

- The question asked by this scribe, this expert in the knowledge of the whole body of Jewish religious literature—God's written law and its oral interpretation and application, could be expected of him. The rabbis, devoted to hairsplitting legalism, carried on lengthy debates about the commandments, arguing whether a particular one was **great or small, heavy or light**. It was natural, therefore, that they debated the question, "**Which of the 613 commandments, 248 of them positive, 365 negative [according to their count] is foremost of all?**" (Hendriksen, W., & Kistemaker, S.J. (1953-2001). Exposition of the Gospel According to Mark (Vol. 10, p. 492). Grand Rapids: Baker Book House.)