

# The Red-Letter Words of Yeshua ~ Part 139

## Passion Week ~ Tuesday (continued)

In our last post, we examined the final days of **Yeshua's** life and ministry. In this post, we walk with **Yeshua** as He returns to **Yerushalayim** for the final time. Yes, we are still on Tuesday.

### The Greatest Commandment

I'm sure most of you are familiar with this passage, so I'm not going to spend time dissecting it.

***<sup>33</sup> When the crowds heard how He taught, they were astounded; <sup>34</sup> but when the P'rushim learned that He had silenced the Tz'dukim, they got together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, who was a Torah expert asked a sh'eilah (authoritative question) to trap Him: <sup>36</sup> "Rabbi, which of the mitzvot in the Torah is the most important?" <sup>37</sup> He told him, "You are to love Adonai, your God, with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and most important mitzvah. <sup>39</sup> And a second is similar to it, 'You are to love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> All of the Torah and the Prophets are dependent on these two mitzvot."*** <sup>1</sup>

**Mitzvot** (singular **mitzvah**). A **mitzvah** is a commandment; traditionally, there are 613 mitzvot for the Jewish people to obey in the Torah.

### Yeshua Asks the P'rushim About Ancestry

***<sup>41</sup> Then, turning to the assembled P'rushim, Yeshua put a sh'eilah to them: <sup>42</sup> "Tell me your view concerning the Messiah: whose son is He?" They said to Him, "David's." <sup>43</sup> "Then how is it," He asked them, "that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord,' when he says,***

***<sup>44</sup> Adonai said to my Lord,  
"Sit here at my right hand  
until I put your enemies under your feet" '?*** (Psalm 110:1)

**Your enemies under your feet.** In the ancient Near East, warriors would stand on the necks of their defeated enemies as a sign of victory.

***<sup>45</sup> If David thus calls him 'Lord,' how is he his son?" The great crowd listened eagerly to him.***<sup>2</sup>

***<sup>46</sup> No one could think of anything to say in reply, and from that day on, no one dared put to Him another sh'eilah.***<sup>3</sup>

In our next, we continue to follow **Yeshua into Yerushalayim for His Crucifixion** by the end of the week.

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<sup>1</sup> Mattityahu 22:33–40.

<sup>2</sup> Mark 12:37b.

<sup>3</sup> Mattityahu 22:41–46.