

Commands of Jesus in the Gospels

A Comprehensive Reference List from the Four Gospels

These commands are not means of salvation — they are the portrait of transformed life for those already saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8–10). Every command flows from, and returns to, the two great commandments: Love God completely, and love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37–39).

Commands About Entering the Kingdom

#	Command	Scripture
1	Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near	Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:15
2	Follow Me	Matthew 4:19; Mark 1:17
3	Enter through the narrow gate	Matthew 7:13–14
4	You must be born again	John 3:7
5	Choose to be a servant, not a lord	Matthew 20:25–28
6	Deny yourself and take up your cross daily	Luke 9:23–24
7	Make Jesus your first love above all relationships	Matthew 10:37–38

Commands About Love

#	Command	Scripture
8	Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind	Matthew 22:37–38
9	Love your neighbor as yourself	Matthew 22:39
10	Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you	Matthew 5:44
11	A new commandment: Love one another as Christ has loved you	John 13:34–35; 15:12, 17
12	Invite the poor, crippled, lame, and blind to your table	Luke 14:12–14



Commands About Prayer

#	Command	Scripture
13	Persist in prayer — ask, seek, and knock	Matthew 7:7-8
14	Pray in faith	Matthew 21:22; Mark 11:22-24
15	Pray for laborers in the harvest	Matthew 9:37-38
16	Pray in secret, not to be seen by others	Matthew 6:1-6
17	Pray this way (the Lord's Prayer)	Matthew 6:9-13
18	Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation	Matthew 26:41; Mark 14:38
19	Ask in My name	John 15:16; 16:24



Commands About Character and Inner Life

#	Command	Scripture
20	Let your light shine before others	Matthew 5:16
21	Be perfect (complete) as your heavenly Father is perfect	Matthew 5:48
22	Take sin seriously — deal radically with what causes you to sin	Matthew 5:29-30
23	Do not worry about tomorrow	Matthew 6:34
24	Seek first God's kingdom and righteousness	Matthew 6:33
25	Store up treasures in heaven, not on earth	Matthew 6:19-21
26	Beware of covetousness — life doesn't consist in possessions	Luke 12:15
27	Rejoice and be glad when persecuted for Christ	Matthew 5:11-12
28	He who has ears to hear, let him hear	Matthew 11:15
29	Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me	Matthew 11:28-30
30	Do not let your heart be troubled — believe in God and in Me	John 14:1
31	Abide in Me	John 15:4-5

Commands About Relationships

#	Command	Scripture
32	Be reconciled with your brother before bringing your offering	Matthew 5:23–24
33	Turn the other cheek / Go the second mile	Matthew 5:39–42
34	Keep your word — let your yes be yes and no be no	Matthew 5:37
35	Do unto others what you would have them do to you (The Golden Rule)	Matthew 7:12
36	Do not judge harshly	Matthew 7:1–5
37	Go to those who sin against you — confront gently and privately	Matthew 18:15–17
38	Forgive those who sin against you — seventy times seven	Matthew 18:21–22
39	Honor your father and mother	Matthew 15:4–6
40	Honor God's design for marriage	Matthew 19:4–6
41	Do not despise the little ones / children	Matthew 18:10
42	Do not sin anymore (to those he healed)	John 5:14; 8:11

Commands About Spiritual Vigilance

#	Command	Scripture
43	Beware of false prophets	Matthew 7:15
44	Beware of false teaching (the leaven of the Pharisees)	Matthew 16:11–12
45	Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves	Matthew 10:16
46	Fear God, not those who can only kill the body	Matthew 10:28
47	Practice discretion — don't cast pearls before swine	Matthew 7:6
48	Keep watch, for you don't know when your Lord is coming	Matthew 24:42–44



Commands About Community and Worship

#	Command	Scripture
49	Honor God's law	Matthew 5:17-19
50	Practice your righteousness in secret (giving, prayer, fasting)	Matthew 6:1-18
51	Honor Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper	Matthew 26:26-28; Luke 22:19
52	Make the house of worship a house of prayer	Matthew 21:12-13
53	Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's	Matthew 22:21
54	If you love Me, keep My commandments	John 14:15
55	Shepherd God's people with care	John 21:15-17



Commands About the Great Commission

#	Command	Scripture
56	Go and make disciples of all nations	Matthew 28:19
57	Baptize disciples in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit	Matthew 28:19
58	Teach disciples to observe all that I have commanded	Matthew 28:20
59	Receive God's power (the Holy Spirit)	Luke 24:49
60	As the Father has sent Me, so I send you	John 20:21

Note: Commands are drawn from all four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John). Parallel passages across multiple Gospels are noted; the primary citation listed is the clearest or most complete expression of the command. The total count of 60 reflects distinct commands; some have multiple Gospel witnesses.

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