

For the Love of an Imperative Verb Matthew 22:34-46

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, Year A, RCL

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²"What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴The Lord said to my Lord,

"**Sit** [κάθου, **káthou**] at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

[NRSV89]

22:44

κάθου, **káthou**; *vb*: *pres mid / pass imperative 2nd pers sg* from κάθημαι:

translations: **sit** [NRSV89, ESV, NAB, NGEINT, NIV11, NKJV, NRSVue, Albright & Mann, Filson], also **take . . . seat** [NJB], **siéntate** [IAAdNT]

Albright & Mann: "The quotation is from Ps. 110:1, but not in the LXX translation.

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