The title of ‘Greater Love’ comes from a quote in the Bible. Read the quote below in its correct context and then answer the questions to help with your understanding of the poem.

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

John 15

As an ex-curate, Wilfred Owen would have been very familiar with the Bible and the quote from John 15:13 that was often stated at the beginning of the First World War.

Answer the following questions on this extract from the Bible.

- Why would verse 13 have been commonly quoted at the outset of the war?
- Do you think verse 12 was often quoted at the beginning of the war? Explain your answer.
- What do you think about verse 14, in the context of the First World War?
- Why did Owen give his poem the title ‘Greater Love’? Explain your answer in the context of all of the biblical quotes above.