

# The Life of Jesus Christ, Part 11

## Setting the Stage, Part 10

### The Pharisees and Sadducees, Part 2

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#### **Biblical references:**

Note: Essenes not in NT

#### Pharisees and Sadducees:

- Matthew 3:7-8: "But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance'"
- Matthew 16:1, 6-12
- Acts 23:1-9: Sanhedrin

#### Pharisees:

- Matthew 5:20: "For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."
- Matthew 19:3: Asked Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce
- Matthew 22:15-22
- Matthew 23:1-7: scribes (teachers of the Law) and Pharisees, some overlap
- Eight woes: Matthew 23:13-33, see vv. 16-22, 23-24 (perhaps over-scrupulous in tithing (grain, wine, and oil, Deut. 14:23), gnat, camel both unclean), 25-26, 27-28
- Mark 3:6: After Jesus healed the man with the withered hand on the Sabbath: "The Pharisees went out and immediately began conspiring with the Herodians against Him, as to how they might destroy Him." As well as other times...
- Mark 7:1-13: Tradition vs. the word of God
- Luke 18:9-14
- Acts 15:5: "But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, 'It is necessary to circumcise them [Gentile converts] and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses.'"
- John 3:1 tells us Nicodemus was a Pharisee
- Paul was a Pharisee: Philippians 3:5

#### Sadducees:

- Less central in the gospels, possibly because their influence was less in Galilee
- Matthew 22:23-32: Note how Jesus uses the Pentateuch (Ex. 3) to answer the Sadducees (and mentions angels)
- Acts 4:1ff.: Jailed Peter and John
- Acts 5:17ff.: Jailed the apostles