

# Bible Backgrounds: Jewish Sects

"Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" 1 Corinthians 1:13 (New King James Version)

## Four Jewish Sects In New Testament Times

### A. **The Pharisees** (mentioned \_\_\_\_ times in the NT):

1. Mark 2:23,24 - They often opposed \_\_\_\_\_ because He did not go along with their views of the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They identified \_\_\_\_\_ laws in the Torah, and then built a " \_\_\_\_\_ " around them by their own interpretations.
3. Matthew 23:23,24 - They carefully \_\_\_\_\_, but neglected the \_\_\_\_\_ matters of the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Matthew 23:2-4 - They made \_\_\_\_\_ burdens for others.
5. Luke 18:11 - They looked \_\_\_\_\_ on other non-Pharisees.

### B. **The Sadducees** (mentioned \_\_\_\_ times in the NT):

1. Many \_\_\_\_\_ were Sadducees, and they were the majority in the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Matthew 22:23 - They rejected the idea of the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Acts 4:1,2; 5:17,18 - They often led in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the early \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Acts 23:6-8 - \_\_\_\_\_ once used the rift between them and the \_\_\_\_\_ to bring an end to his trial.

### C. **The Herodians** (mentioned \_\_\_\_ times in the NT):

1. They supported the \_\_\_\_\_, even though they were from \_\_\_\_\_, as an alternative to \_\_\_\_\_ rule.
2. Matthew 22:15-17 - They questioned \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Mark 3:6 - They sometimes joined with the \_\_\_\_\_ in opposing \_\_\_\_\_.

### D. **The Zealots** (mentioned \_\_\_\_ times in the NT):

1. Luke 6:15 (also Acts 1:13) - \_\_\_\_\_, who was an \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, had been part of this sect.
2. They resisted \_\_\_\_\_ rule in Judea, even to the point of \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Value Of Knowing These Groups

- A. It will help our \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Matthew 22:15-40 - They were opposed to / by \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. 1 Corinthians 1:10 - They remind us of the value of \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Corinthians 1:13 - We must be centered only on \_\_\_\_\_.

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