2019 Fall Class • Strengthening the Foundations for a Living Faith

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PHARISEES	SADDUCEES	ME
THE GREAT SANHEDRIN (JEWISH SUPREME COURT) **TASK: TO INTERPRET CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LAWS** The following are some behaviors and beliefs followed by the Pharisees and Sadducees. The Sadducees disappeared after the destruction of the second Temple.		The following are some behaviors and beliefs followed by ME.
Beliefs • Torah, oral law God gave Moses • God gave Moses knowledge of what the laws meant • In the afterlife, God rewarded the righteous and punished the wicked • The Messiah would usher in a time of peace • Individual prayer and assembly in synagogues • Observe ALL of the 613 points of law ***Behaviors*** • Represented the common man • Known for commitment to ritual purity, tithing, and strict interpretation of law, to include Sabbath, oaths, and divorce • Limited contact with other Jews who didn't keep laws + Gentiles, yet enjoyed popular support • Wrong motives, hearts far from God due to wanting human praise • Thought they could keep the rules and match God's standards • Put the emphasis on the wrong things. • Thought they did their best, so looked down on sinners like tax collectors and prostitutes Mark 2:16; Luke 7:39, 15:2, 18:11	***Beliefs*** • Keep the priestly caste system (hierarchy) • Hellenism, assimilation of Greek thought/ culture/ customs • Rejected oral law; Literally interpreted written law (Thus, no afterlife since Torah has no mention) • Focus: rituals of the Temple • Free will ***Behaviors*** • Elitists who emphasized priestly obligations • More political than religious • Doctrinally opposed to Jesus on many points • Re: Jesus, had a role in arrest, preliminary hearing and urged Pilate to crucify Him • Made fun of opponents by showing how beliefs led to ridiculous conclusions Acts 4:1-3; 5:17-18	***Beliefs*** ***Behaviors***

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