

Chief Priests- A leading official of the priesthood in Jerusalem. A chief priest had a rank similar to aristocracy

Scribes- A member of the learned class in biblical times with responsibilities for studying the Hebrew Scriptures who served as copyist, editor, teacher, or jurist.

Elders: Leaders in the synagogue who helped guide people in the traditions of the religion.

Pharisees: An important Jewish sect at the time of Jesus that was devoted to exact observance of the Jewish religion

Herodians: The partisans of the house of Herod Antipas. (political party favoring the Herodian rule)

Sadducees: One of the three main Jewish schools of thought during the Hellenistic and Roman eras. The Sadducees were noted for strict adherence to the Law of Moses and a rejection of both the notions of resurrection and spirits