

Chapter 4
Jesus the Nazarene-The World of Jesus
Preview/Study Guide/Review Sheet
Text pp. 21-26

Vocabulary- This chapter has extensive vocabulary. You must be able to identify all of the following:

Zealots-Galilee centered, Jewish freedom fighters against Rome

Essenes-Jewish separatists who sought purity of life by going into desert.

Pharisees-Jewish middle class, overemphasized rules and regulations, belief in all OT books of Bible, angels, and resurrection of dead.

Criticized by Jesus for hypocrisy and living by "letter of the Law"

Scribes- Group within Pharisees-students of Law, religious lawyers

Saducees-Jewish priestly class. Wealthy and influential. Only priests could make sacrifices in Temple. Cooperated with Romans. Only accepted Torah and did not believe in angels or resurrection.

Samaritans- Hated by Jews and considered *heretics (followers of false religious teachings)*. Samaritans were former Jews who had intermarried with foreigners. Samaria and Samaritans were avoided by Jews.

Gentiles- Non Jews-Romans were gentiles. All gentiles were despised and avoided by Jews.

Torah- First five books of the Bible-known as "**The Law**" to Jews.

Herod "the Great"- King appointed by Romans at time of Jesus's Birth.

Rebuilt the Temple with incredible magnificence.

Aramaic- Language spoken by Jesus everyday

Sanhedrin- Jewish religious court or council of 72 men. Led by High Priest and included sadducees and pharisees.

Synagogue- Local houses of prayer for Jews in towns and villages. Torah was read and studied here.

Concepts to understand:

Beliefs of Zealots, Essenes, Pharisees, and Sadducees

Central importance fo Temple in Jewish Faith

Jerusalem as Holy City

Roman Control of Palestine

Map Identifications: You must be able to identify the following on a map.

Sea of Galilee Dead Sea Mediterranean Sea Galilee Samaria Judea

Jerusalem Nazareth Jordan River Palestine