

A Quiz on the Jewish Sects

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Five sects (religious parties) of the Jews that existed in the first century A.D. were the Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians, Zealots and Essenes. With one of these as the answer to each question or statement, can you answer the following?

- 1. Which one is not mentioned in the New Testament?**
- 2. One of the twelve apostles had been a member of this sect.**
- 3. Nicodemus was a member of this sect.**
- 4. The sect with which most of the priests were identified.**
- 5. Paul had been a member of this sect.**
- 6. This party was concentrated at Jerusalem.**
- 7. This sect was the liberal religious party of its day.**
- 8. They tried to impress men with their righteousness and succeeded.**
- 9. They believed in cooperating with Rome.**
- 10. They were dedicated to the violent overthrow of Roman rule.**
- 11. They asked Jesus about the hypothetical case of the woman with seven sequential husbands, all brothers.**
- 12. To make trial of Jesus concerning tribute to Caesar, the Pharisees came to Jesus with members of what other party?**
- 13. One of them asked Jesus, "Which is the great commandment in the law?"**
- 14. They were supporters of the house of Herod.**
- 15. They lived to themselves and by rigid rules; some practiced celibacy.**
- 16. They believed in the resurrection, angels, and spirits.**
- 17. They did not believe in the resurrection, angels, and spirits, but should have.**
- 18. They loved the chief seats at feasts and public salutations (or greetings).**
- 19. They favored tribute to Caesar.**
- 20. They resorted to insurrections and assassinations.**

EDITOR'S NOTE: These questions will be answered in a series of five articles appearing in this bulletin today and the following two weeks. Keep this quiz handy and check your answers against the information given then.

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