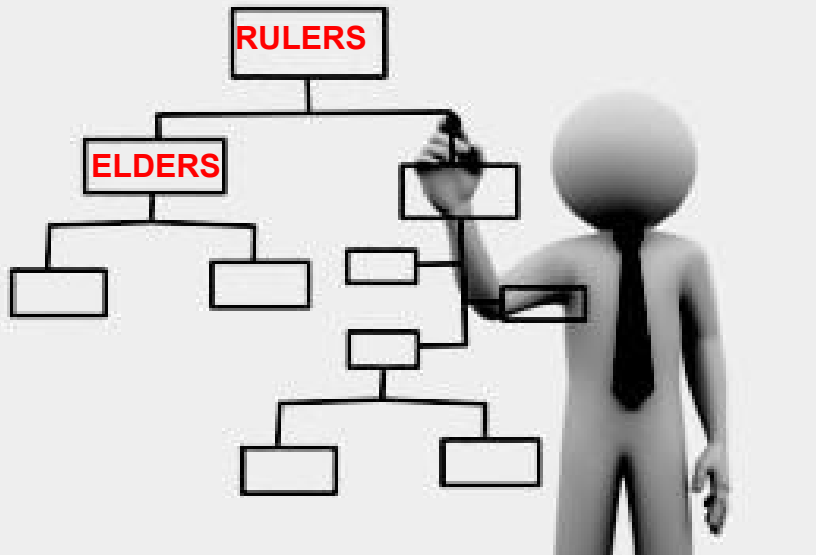


JEWISH SOCIETY ORGANIZATION



➤ RESURRECTION:

➤ Sadducees: NO

➤ Pharisees: YES

➤ Essenes: YES

➤ POLITICAL/RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:

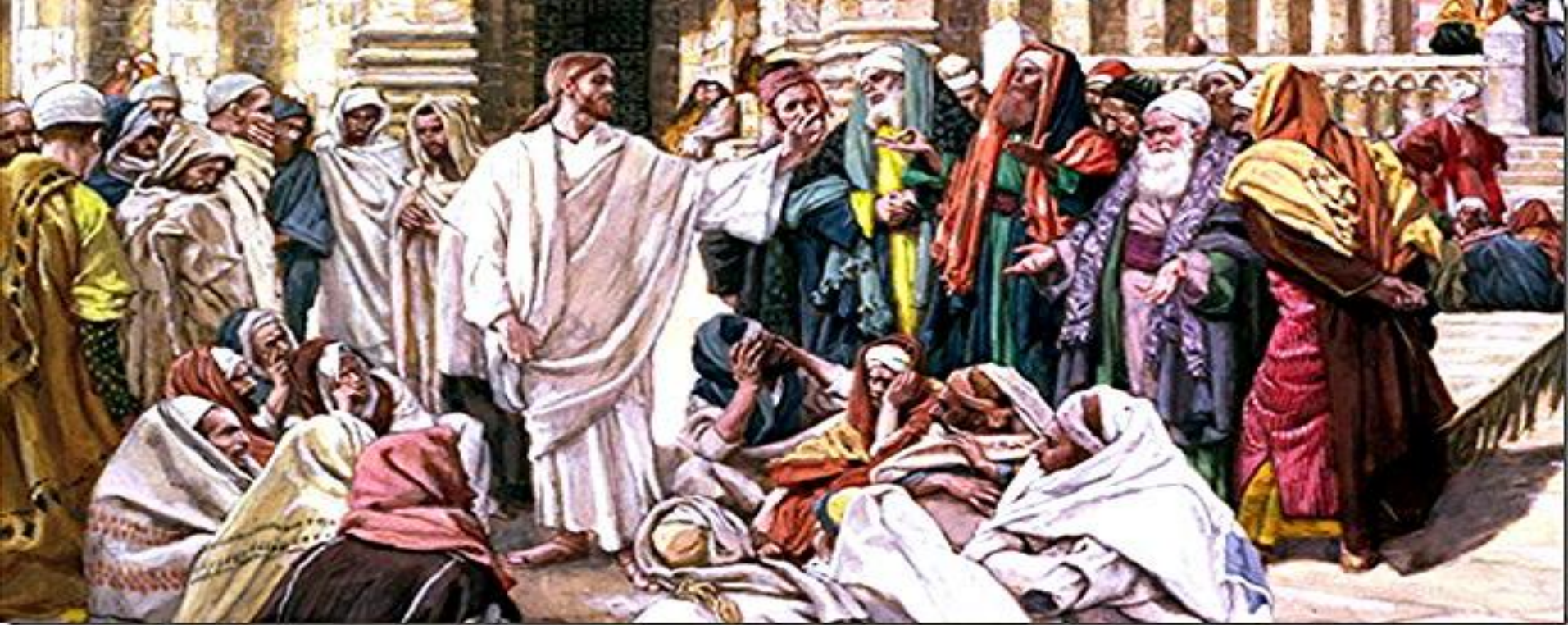
➤ Sadducees: Temple

➤ Pharisees: Synagogue

➤ Essenes: Neither

For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.

—Acts 23:8



- Pharisees created Oral Torah (Tradition)
- Yeshua criticized the Pharisees over Tradition of the Elders
Matt. 15:1 – 3
- Sadducees shunned Tradition, followed only the written Laws of Moses (Torah)
- Synagogue and Temple were rival systems with separate leadership structures
- After destruction of Jerusalem Sadducees lost their power and Pharisees became Rabbis who ruled Judaism until our times

SANHEDRIN: THE JEWISH SUPREME COURT



- This is where Peter and John were being examined
- High Priest was the President of the Sanhedrin
- Not a Biblically ordained legal body
- Did not exist until 160's B.C.
- Terminated 70 A.D.
- Annas "High Priest" was an honorary title
- Sitting High Priest was Caiaphas

“By what name did you do this?”

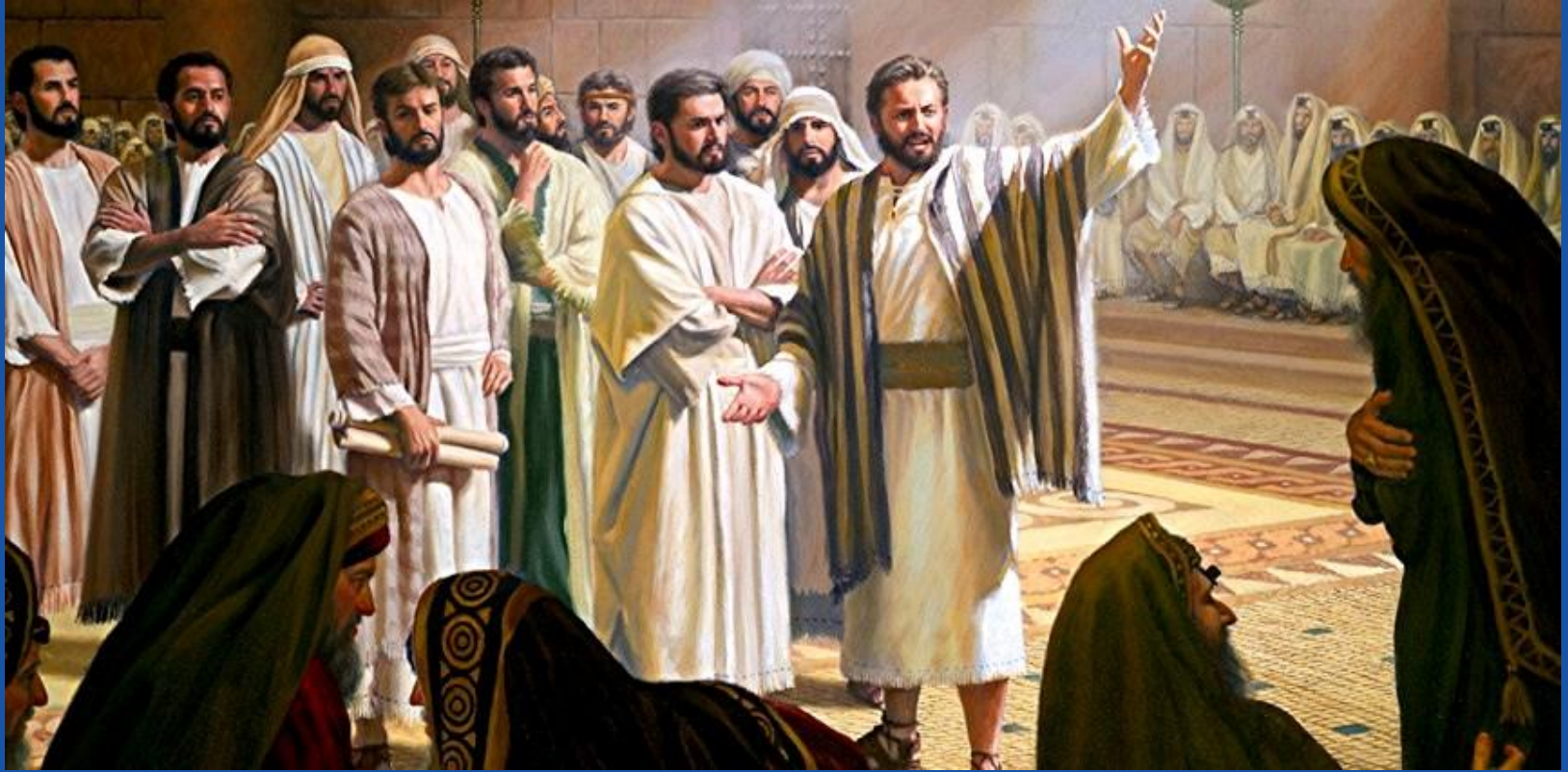
- Jailed overnight
- Court didn't dispute that the healing was real
- The issue for the Sadducees was theology
- “Filled with the Holy Spirit” = special divine inspiration
- Matt. 10:18 – 20
- Yeshua not saying that we are not to prepare



12 DISCIPLES TAUGHT BY YESHUA

- In an intense teaching environment for up to 3 years !
- Higher learning for Jews was religious training
- Yeshua and Disciples didn't have Bibles to carry around
- After Salvation, immersion
- After immersion, study of God's Word
- Am Ha'eretz = people of the land, a derogatory term meaning no systematic education





- Peter questions their motives for this examination
- Using Yeshua's name caused fear because only weeks earlier they had Yeshua killed and created a martyr
- Peter turned the tables, and went from defense to offense
- Peter uses this opportunity to preach the Gospel and begins with the well known Psalm 118

✠ THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE ✠ OLD TESTAMENT

- Gospel of Salvation is given in the Old Testament
- Yeshua taught the Gospel from the Old Testament
- Disciples taught the Gospel to Jews from the Old Testament
- Paul taught the Gospel to the gentiles from the Old Testament
- There would not be a New Testament until nearly 2 centuries after the Cross
- The New Testament is an irreplaceable part of the Bible
- Venerable Bede 700's A.D., early Church Father
- His Commentary on Acts of the Apostles chapter 4
- ***“....so that from two Testaments and from two peoples there might rise up a building of one and the same faith”***

“The very rock the builders rejected has become the cornerstone...”



**TWO WALLS JOINED
TOGETHER BY THE
CORNERSTONE**

- Psalm 118 is part of the Hallel
- Agreed by Christians and Jews as Messianic
- Yeshua used it of Himself Mark 12:10
- Peter's use of the "rock" was appropriate but inflammatory
- The same Sadducees who wanted to arrest Yeshua, are who Peter and John stand before

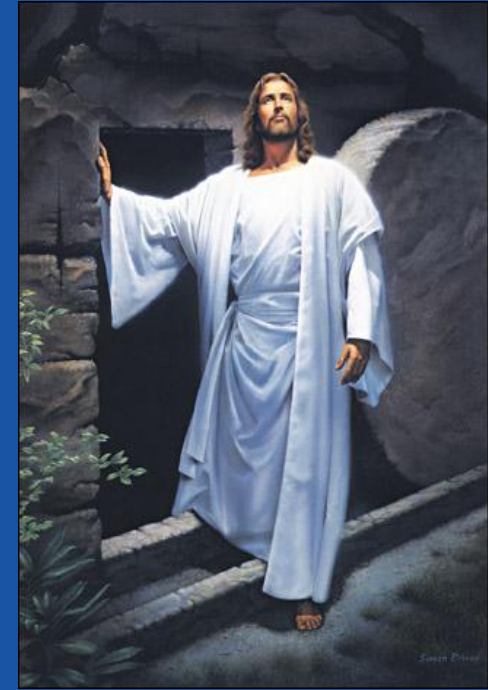
TWO-COVENANT THEOLOGY



FOR
JEWS



FOR
GENTILES



- ***“...salvation in no one else...no other name under heaven...by whom we must be saved...”***
- Two (Dual) Covenant Theology says 1 path to salvation for Jews, another for gentiles
- Peter was speaking to Jews, at the Sanhedrin, when he spoke those words (no gentiles were present)

THE SANHEDRIN DELIBERATES



- Their accents gave away the Disciples as Galileans
- Rabban Gamaliel II
- “...*uncultured person not sin-fearing....ignorant person not pious...*”
- Sanhedrin admits a miracle healing happened through Peter and John
- Sanhedrin reaction?
Don't do it anymore!!

IGNORANCE OF THE LAW CAN BE AN EXCUSE

- Acts 3:17 “...you did not understand the significance of what you were doing...”
- But now that the crowd understood, their only avenue was to repent
- Peter and John broke no law, so they couldn't be punished
- But, Sanhedrin made new law and explained they cannot use Yeshua's name anymore
- Next time they could be punished, because they knew the law



PSALM 2



- Peter and John returned to their friends, they all rejoiced and prayed
- Prayer began with Psalm 146, then Psalm 2
- ***Pesher*** = interpreting Bible as applied to current events
- Psalm 2:9 “***break them with an iron rod***”
- Rev. 2:26 -27 “***rule with a staff of iron...***”