**2.2 Religious Groups in Palestine**

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| **Religious Group** | **Facts** |
| *Sanhedrin* | -the Jewish “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”  -an assembly of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ judges, each major city in ancient Israel would have its own Sanhedrin  -made up of Pharisees and Sadducees  -Dealt only with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  -they could not sentence anyone to death for violating Jewish religious customs - needed Roman approval (e.g. Jesus being brought before Pilate) |
| *Scribes* | -person who writes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by hand as a profession  -Scribes lost most of their importance and status with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  -They were professional lawyers and teachers of the OT law  -Most were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - devoted to the studying of God’s laws  -Pharisees were the highest percentage of scribes |

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|  | -Pharisees get their name from the Hebrew verb \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”  -They originated after the Maccabean revolt - strongly opposed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  -About 6,000 strong during the reign of Herod the Great  -Largest Jewish religious party, mostly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  -They were very intense and legalistic about keeping\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  especially on the Sabbath (which is why Jesus drove them crazy!) |
| *Sadducees* | -A smaller group than the Pharisees but were influential because of their status as the leaders of the priestly class  -Did not believe in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. resurrection of the dead, miracles, angels, spirits, etc.)  -Were mostly wealthy business leaders who had friendly relations with the Roman government - Pharisees accused them of being “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” because of this  -They controlled the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - made sure the High Priest of the synagogue was also a Sadducee - this person would be the “go-to” guy with the Roman government |