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The Roman Leaders:

- The Three Herods:

- Herod the Great

He was the ruler at the time of Jesus birth who confronted the Magi and later had the male infants killed.

- Herod Antipas (Herod the Great's son)

He was the 'King' appointed by Rome in power during the life and ministry of Jesus.

- Herod Agrippa I (Herod Antipas' son)

He persecuted the early church. He had James put to death and imprisoned Peter. His death is attributed to the wrath of God in the New Testament.

- Pontius Pilate

The Governor of Israel who ordered that Jesus be crucified



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The Jewish Leaders:

- Pharisees

- *Believed all of the OT was scripture*
- *Believed that relationship with god was maintained through obeying the law*
- *Believed in bodily resurrection after death*
- *Believed in the reality of angels and demons*
- *Objected to roman authority*
- *Attached to the synagogues*

- Sadducees

- *Priestly aristocracy were based at the temple in jerusalem.*
- *They rejected the oral law or "traditions of the elders" held by the pharisees, and held rather to the torah (first 5 books of the ot) itself.*
- *They denied the resurrection, and perhaps angels or spirits.*
- *Most of jesus' conflicts were with the pharisees rather than the sadducees.*



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The Jewish Leaders:

- **Scribes**

- *Teachers of the law*
- *Might belong to either the Sadducee party or the Pharisee party*
- *Were often poor and depended on gifts from their students, funds from the distribution to the poor, or the temple treasury.*

- **High priests**

- *High priests were powerful figures in first century Jerusalem.*
- *Had a vested interest in the religious status quo*
- *Probably gained financially from moneychanging and sales of sacrifices in the temple*
- *In Jesus' day the high priest was appointed by Herod, and served at the pleasure of the Roman Governor*
- *Often closely aligned with Roman interests.*



