

**The
Gospels**

**JEWISH
OPPOSITION**

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Jesus told His disciples to guard “against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”
— Matthew 16:11-12

“Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”
— Matthew 5:20

<p>Sanhedrin:</p>	<p>The highest Jewish political power in Judea, outside of the Roman empire, who ruled over civil and religious affairs in Judea under the scrutiny of Rome. It consisted of 71 men, including the High Priest.</p> <p>Their problem with Jesus: Jesus was gaining too much power; claimed to be the Son of God; they were worried that gatherings of multitudes would concern Rome. (John 11:47-48)</p>
<p>Pharisees:</p>	<p>Lay movement that had a deep devotion and commitment to the law and attempted to keep the 300+ laws of the Pentateuch. At times, they functioned as a sort of moral police in the land. In the New Testament, the Pharisees are often portrayed as legalistic and religious, but not very spiritual. (Luke 18:9-14)</p> <p>Their problem with Jesus: Jesus constantly broke certain laws of the Old Testament (such as Sabbath restrictions), as well as many other traditions of the elders.</p>
<p>Sadducees:</p>	<p>Aristocrats who were in charge of and controlled the affairs of the temple in Jerusalem. They also were the main influence regarding the selection of the high priest. They did not believe in angels, demons, miracles, or the resurrection of the dead.</p> <p>Their problem with Jesus: Jesus spoke often of heaven, the resurrection of the dead, angels, and the spiritual world. (Mark 12:18)</p>
<p>Zealots:</p>	<p>Political extremists who strove to rid Israel of Roman rule, even willing to resort to violence. Thirty years after Jesus died (66 A.D.), the zealots led an armed rebellion against Rome. Nero sent a large army under General Vespasian (soon to be the new Roman emperor), and then his son, Titus. They destroyed many Jewish towns, including Jerusalem with its temple, and killed thousands.</p> <p>Their problem with Jesus: Jesus did not work toward Israel's independence from Rome. (John 18:36)</p>

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**THE ABCs OF THE
GOSPEL STORY**

**A - Z
Review**

- A** Annunciation
- B** Birth
- C** Coronation
- D** Desert Temptations
- E** Evening Encounter
- F** Full-Time Followers
- G** Galilean Ministry
- H** Healings
- I** I Am
- J** Jewish Opposition
- K** Kingdom Teachings (parables)
- L** Lost Son
- M** Mountain Messages
- N** Nain Miracle
- O** Open Mouths Filled
- P** Peter's Confession
- Q** Questions of Divinity
- R** Raising of Lazarus
- S** Sunday of Palms
- T** Temple Cleansing
- U** Unhappy Night (Maundy Thursday)
- V** Vanishing Acts (Garden of Gethsemane)
- W** Whips and Witnesses (trial)
- X** EXecution
- Y** Yells at the Cross
- Z** Zenith of ~~Our~~ Life - The World's Hope