

Surrounded: Run, Hide, Fight?

Matthew 22-23 features Jesus' interactions with all the Jewish sects of his day. Can you recognize the ideas of these sects in the modern church?

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Reference	Group	Question	Jesus' Day	Our Day	Survived 70AD?
Matthew 22:15-22	Herodians	Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?	Political & Economic	Political & Economic	Agrippa II in Acts was the last remaining prince of Herod's dynasty, born AD27, died AD92/93. Informed Josephus for his Jewish history.
<i>Josephus. The Jewish War, Book II, Chapter 8</i>	Essenes	<i>Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?</i>	Separatists, Isolationists	Monks, Mountain Men, Preppers	No. Celibate.
<i>Josephus. Antiquities, Book XVIII, Chapter 1</i>	Zealots	<i>Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?</i>	Nationalists, Militia	Patriots, Preppers	No. Defeated repeatedly.
Matthew 22:23-33	Sadducees	In the resurrection, whose wife will she be?	Progressives, Hellenism	Progressive Christians	No. The temple where they administered sacrifices was destroyed.
Matthew 22:34-40 23:1-36	Pharisees	Which is the great commandment in the Law?	Legalism	Legalism	Yes. Focus on scripture and oral teaching endured, written down four centuries later in Talmud. Preserved Jewish practice for the world.
Matthew 22:41-45	Jesus	If then David calls him Lord, then how is he his son?	Truth from eternity	Truth from eternity	

*Jesus said to them, "Watch and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Matthew 16:6
And he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." Mark 8:15*