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Acts 4:6

- Annas was Caiaphas' father-in-law
- Both held the position of High Priest, and were both powerful Sadducees among the ruling Jews
- They sold items for sacrifice within the temple, which Jesus condemned
- Both tried Jesus before his death

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"Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy."
Acts 5:17

- They were a political party, of priests and aristocrats
- Denied the resurrection, angels and the spirit
- Denied the traditions of the Pharisees and upheld the written law
- Did not believe in God's direct involvement in their lives

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"The people were astonished, because Jesus taught with authority, and not as their scribes."
Matt 7:29

- Educated Israelites who studied the law and served as copyists, editors, judges and teachers of the law
- Popular with the people and similar to Pharisees
- Gamaliel and Nicodemus were scribes

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"They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men"
Matthew 15:9

- Name means separated
- Obeyed traditions more than the law
- Loved ritual, but ignored love and mercy
- Popular with the poor
- Looked down on others
- Jealous of Jesus' popularity
- Were powerful in the government of Israel

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