

FACTS about PHARISEES...

1. Pharisees were the religious Jewish Leaders during the time of Herods temple.
2. Paul the apostle was a Pharisee.
3. There were about 6,000 pharisees at this time.
4. They were a type of spiritual lawyer.
5. They knew the letter of the law but not the spirit of the law.
6. They often manipulated the law to suit their needs at the time.
7. they often burdened others to strictly adhere to the law in order to benefit themselves.
8. Josephus was a famous historian and a Pharisee
9. Gamaliel was a Pharisee considered sympathetic to Christians
10. Nicodemus was a curious seeker of real truth who met with Jesus at night
11. they were the authorized interpreters of all Jewish laws.
12. The word "Pharisee" is derived from Ancient Greek word meaning "set apart"
13. They grew into a feeling of superior elitists or separatists.
14. They were a popular democratic type of leader who sought people's approval.
15. They were spiritually blind and rejected Jesus as messiah.
16. they held an illegal trial at night to condemn Jesus.
17. Predestination and Resurrection beliefs separated Pharisees and Saducees.
18. Their law considered you an apostate if a Jew did not follow traditions and customs.
19. Belief was irrelevant, only adherence to the law mattered.
20. According to Josephus, the Pharisees held that only the soul was immortal and the souls of good people would be reincarnated and "pass into other bodies," while "the souls of the wicked will suffer eternal punishment".