

# The Life & Ministry of Christ



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## His Followers

### ***Three kinds of “followers” ...***

- **The Twelve Disciples**
- **Other Disciples**
- **The Multitudes / The Crowds**

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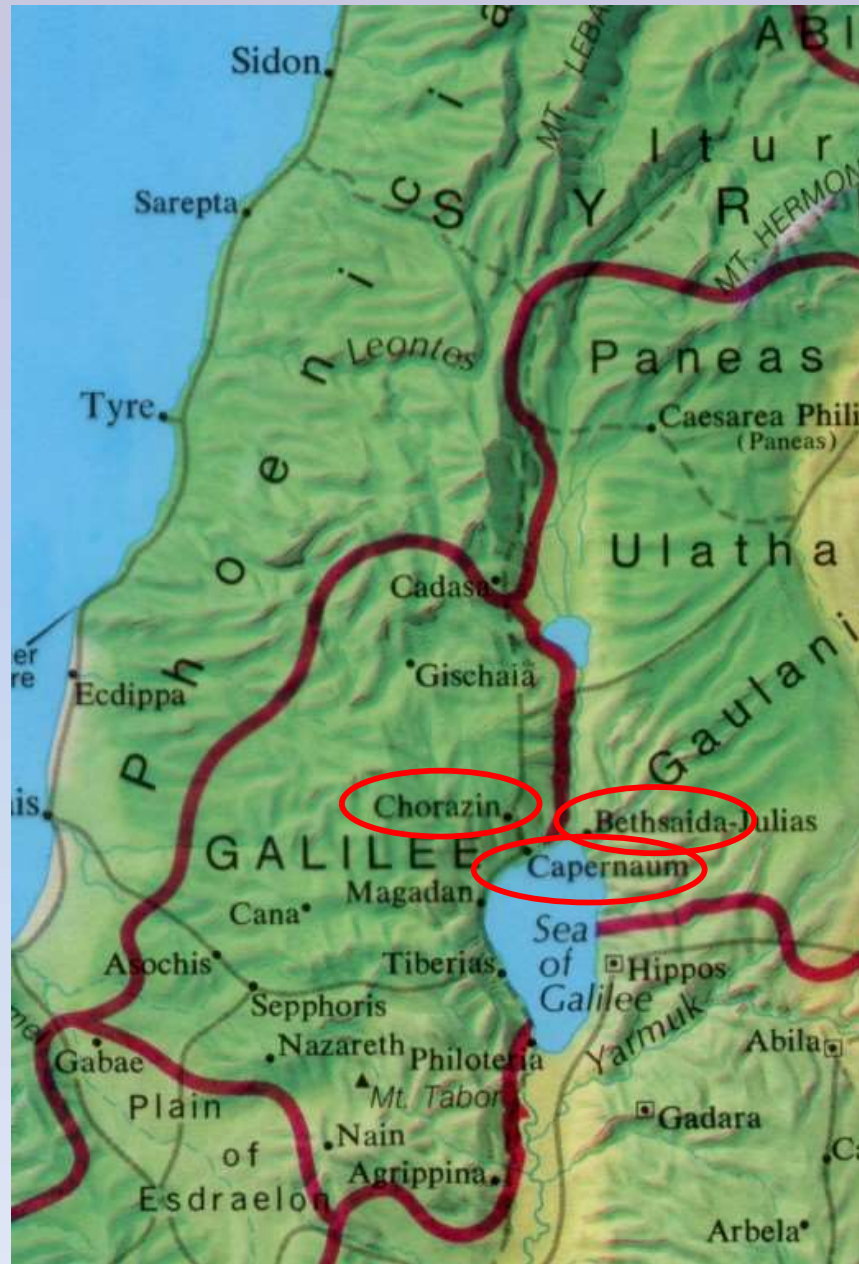
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- by Israel's leaders.**

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### Pharisees:

Aimed to keep Jews “separate” from pagan ways and influence.

Influential in the synagogaogues more than the temple.

Observed both the written and the oral (spoken) law.





**Babylonian Empire 605 - 535 BC**



**Persian Empire 535 - 333 BC**



**Ptolemies / Seleucids 323 – 165 BC**



**Roman Empire - 63 BC onwards, for centuries**



**Pharisees** aimed to keep Jews living under foreign rule “**separated**” from pagan ways and influence.

“**pharisee**” - from the Hebrew word *paras* (divided – Leviticus 11:3) and/or the Aramaic words *upharsin* (Daniel 5:25) and *peres* (Daniel 5:28).



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### Sadducees:

Wealthy, influential.  
Closely tied to the temple and involved with its maintenance.

Observed the written law, but (unlike the Pharisees), not the oral traditional law.



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### Scribes:

Copiers of the Law,  
and “experts” of the Law,  
sometimes called  
“lawyers” in the Bible.

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### “Teachers of the Law”

A general term for anyone who taught about the Law of Moses as an official.



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### The Sanhedrin

The council and supreme court of justice among the Jews was comprised of Jewish elders and usually included several Pharisees, Sadducees and Scribes.



The Sanhedrin  
*(photo taken from the movie "The Passion of the Christ".)*

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Several passages speak of the roles, nature, teaching and behaviour of these groups.

### For example ...

Matthew 3:1,2 ... 5-9

5:20

7:28,29

16:1-12

22:23-29

23:1-14 (13 NIV) ... 23-26

Luke 11:14,15

12:1,10-12

Acts 4:1-8 ...15



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## ***Christ's Public Ministry – a summary:***

- **Before age of 30 – no preaching or miracles.**
- **Baptized at age 30. Spirit comes upon Him.**
- **Based in Galilee 3 years, with regular trips to Jerusalem.**
- **Preached “Repent, for Kingdom of Heaven is near!”**
- **Performed miracles – showed authority and Messiahship.**
- **Believed by some, rejected by most.**
- **After 3 years, went to Jerusalem to be handed over.**