

Conflict between Jesus and The Sanhedrin

There are two main groups within the Sanhedrin, the Sadducees and the Pharisees. Both of these groups came into conflict with Jesus for different reasons. The Sadducees and the Pharisees were charged with the duty of maintaining Jewish law given to them by God. These laws were called the 10 commandments.

But which commandments did Jesus break? It may come as a shock to realize that Jesus broke any commandments. But He did. And knowing which commandments He broke and why He broke them is important for you to understand.

Breaking with Sabbath

One Jewish law states that a person cannot work on the Sabbath day (Jewish holy day and a day of rest). The Pharisees were angry at Jesus because he picked corn from a field and used to it feed people. This they considered to be working and therefore breaking one of the commandments. Jesus also broke the Sabbath when he went into a synagogue and began to teach the people worshipping there.

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem

When Jesus arrived into Jerusalem the Sadducees became very nervous and anxious because the people in the town began to listen to the message Jesus was teaching. The crowds listening to Jesus became bigger and bigger, this angered the Sadducees as they believe Jesus was disrespecting their authority and knowledge about the Jewish laws.

One day Jesus got angry because the Sadducees had agreed to let people have a market in the Temple. The Sadducees allowed the people to buy and sell goods. Jesus challenged the Sadducees and said that this was a building of worship and not a place where money should be made.

Socializing with Samaritans

As was custom during Jesus' time, Jews did not interact or associate with Samaritans.. However, as described in the New Testament, Jesus broke with this tradition: "The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans). Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water,'" (John 4: 7-10).

The sadducees and the pharisees began to grow anxious and nervous about Jesus. He challenged their authority, broke jewish law and they worried this would cause unrest in Palestine, so they made plans to get rid of Jesus.