

Sadducee- fundamentalists, temple ceremonies, personal resurrection

Pharisees- dominant version, personal resurrection and other new ideas

Essenes- know from dead sea scrolls. like monks. waiting for the Messiah to come

Zealots- convinced that they should be friends with Romans. voted to overthrow Rome

Origins of Christianity

- Jesus wrote nothing in his lifetime

- preacher and rabbi to get followers

- preached kingdom of God and moral transformation and repentance

- preached in Aramaic, accounts written in Greek

- Romans were angry with his teachings. It was a threat. They executed him by the cross.

- community under James and Peter

 - Peter- leader, James- Jesus brother

Paul (A Hellenized Jew)

- From a persecutor of Christians to the "Apostle of the Gentiles"

- Paul's main point was resurrection. Proceeded to Gentiles and Jews

- Oikoumene- There is a united sense of what the religion is like. world community

- Separates Christianity and Judaism

 - do not follow Jewish laws and circumstances

 - after fall of temple all four gospels were written

Appeals

- mostly started with women and slaves

- Christianity led and emotional appeal

- emotional and intellectual content

- strong sense of personal responsibility

Distinctions between Christian ideals and those of Classical antiquity

- women were equal, everyone plays the same role and everyone is equal.