

Bible Backgrounds: Jewish Authorities

"But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than men.'
Acts 5:29 (English Standard Version)

Acts 23:5 - It's wise to _____ who the _____ are!

Various Jewish Authorities In The New Testament

A. **Elders:**

1. Exodus 3:16 - _____ was to go to these men first, to tell them of God's _____.
2. Exodus 18:21,22 - Moses chose _____ from this group to help with the task of _____ the people's disputes.
3. Matthew 15:1,2 - The _____ of the elders were highly respected by many Jews.

B. **Rulers of the synagogues:**

1. Mark 5:22 - _____ is one example. Synagogues arose during the _____ Period.
2. Luke 13:14 - One such ruler _____ a woman who came to be _____ on the _____ day.
3. Acts 13:15 - The rulers invited _____ and _____ to speak to the synagogue.

C. **Scribes:**

1. Matthew 9:3 - These thought Jesus had _____.
2. Matthew 23 - They are often associated with _____; in this chapter Jesus called them _____.

D. Acts 4:5-7 - Often these various authorities worked _____, as in this case.

The True Authority To Be Feared Most

A. Acts 4:19,20 - Peter and _____ stated that they would _____ to God more than to _____.

B. God's authority supersedes all others:

1. Romans 13:1,2 - We are generally to be _____ to the _____ authorities.
2. Acts 5:29 - "We must _____ God rather than _____."
3. John 19:10,11 - _____ would have no authority over _____ at all unless it had been given from _____.

Let us seek to understand Scripture - the ultimate _____ for our lives - with _____.

Central Church of Christ, Johnson City, Tennessee, February 25, 2018, p.m.