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- s. Fisherman A
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- u. Leper X
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- x. Prostitute X
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- z. Unmarried Woman +
- aa. Governor
- bb. Emperor
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THE KEY

Roman Officials = The Enemy

Ostracized/shunned/rejected from Jewish Society

Religious Elite

Traditional Jewish Family Structure

Outside “accepted Jewish Society ...on “the fringe”

X – Jesus ministered to, “lauded as exemplary,” used as positive examples, welcomed, defended

+ - In Jesus’ “close entourage” (including “disciples”)

A – Jesus’ twelve chosen apostles

~ - Jesus’ specifically criticized repeated

Personality	ANSWERS “Who am I?”
a. High Priest	a. I am the highest Jewish religious authority. Only I may enter the Holy of Holies, and only on the Day of Atonement. I am powerful, respected—and closely connected to Jerusalem's ruling elite.
b. Sadducee	b. I am part of the wealthy, priestly establishment centered around the Temple. I emphasize the Torah and do not believe in resurrection of the dead.
c. Pharisee	c. I take God's Law very seriously and want ordinary Jewish life to be holy. I value both written Torah and inherited interpretations of it, and I believe in resurrection.
d. Levite	d. I belong to the tribe of Levi and serve in duties connected with the Temple. I assist the priests, but I am not necessarily a priest myself.
e. Roman Soldier	e. I serve Rome, the occupying power. My presence reminds everyone that Judea is not free . Many Jews resent or fear me.
f. Rabbi/Teacher	f. I teach and interpret Scripture. People may gather around me as students or disciples to learn how God's Law should shape their lives.
g. Barren Woman	g. I have no children in a culture where motherhood is enormously important. My barrenness may bring grief, shame, or even suspicion that God has withheld blessing.
h. Demon-Possessed Person	h. People believe I am controlled or tormented by an evil spiritual power. I may be feared, avoided, or excluded from ordinary community life.
i. Beggar	i. I cannot support myself adequately and depend upon the generosity of others. Begging may be my only means of survival.
j. Father/Husband/Man	j. I am the recognized head of my household and carry significant legal and social authority. I am responsible for protecting and providing for my family.
k. Mother/Wife/Woman	k. My life is largely centered in household and family. I have fewer public and legal privileges than men, although my work is essential to the household.
l. Son	l. My identity is strongly tied to my father and household. I am expected to continue the family name, responsibilities, and traditions.
m. Daughter	m. I belong first to my father's household and normally later to my husband's. Marriage will greatly determine my social and economic future.
n. Firstborn Son	n. I have special status in my family. I normally carry particular responsibilities and expectations and receive a privileged inheritance.
o. Jewish Tax Collector	o. I collect taxes connected with Roman rule. Other Jews may regard me as a collaborator, dishonest, or even a traitor. I am not popular.

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v.	Widow	v. Without a husband, I may have little economic protection or social power. Unless family supports me, I am particularly vulnerable.
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aa.	Governor	aa. I govern a territory on Rome's behalf. My job is to maintain order, collect revenue, administer justice, and—above all—prevent rebellion.
bb.	Emperor	bb. I stand at the top of the Roman political world. My authority reaches even distant Judea, and loyalty to me and to Rome is expected.
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