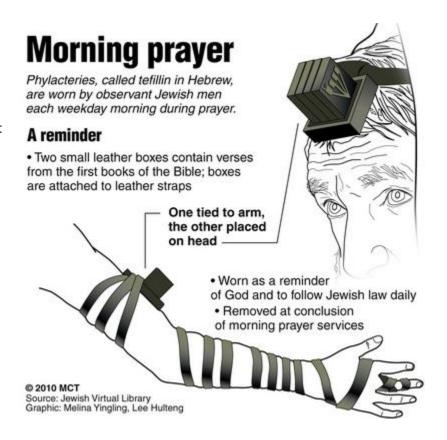
40—Woe to You Hypocrites! Matthew 23:1-39; Mk 12:38-44; Lk 20:45-21:4

1. What, typically, is the perception of Jesus held by the typical person walking down the street? Scan through Matthew 23 and what traits of Jesus catch your eye upon a cursory reading of the text?

- 2. What role, according to Jesus, did the "scribes and Pharisees" hold (Matthew 23:2)? What does he encourage his audience to do with regard to their teaching (23:3)?
- 3. On the other hand, what did Jesus warn His audience about with regard to this same group (Matthew 23:3)? What were some of the flaws of these men Jesus points out in Matthew 23:4-11?



4. Read Matthew 23:13-15; Mark 12:38-40; Luke 20:45-47. What were the Pharisees doing to "shut up the kingdom?" What, specifically, does Jesus condemn about the proselytes of the Pharisees? What is a "proselyte?"

10. According to Matthew 23:37, what was the real problem with these Pharisees? What was the

"house" of the Jews and what does Jesus say would happen to it (Matthew 23:38-39)?