

# Attitudes in Jesus' Day

1 Imagine you are an interviewer. You are in Palestine of Jesus' day. You have the opportunity to gather people's opinions on a range of issues. The questions you ask will be the following:

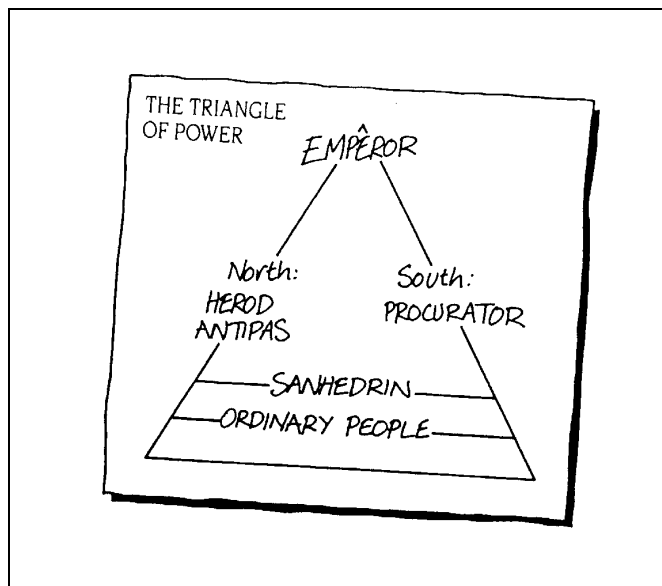
- How do you feel about the Romans being in control of Palestine?
- Does religion play any part in your life?
- To make life better, what would you like to see happen?
- Are there groups you argue with? Or avoid?

The following are prepared to give an interview.

- an ordinary Jewish farmer
- a Roman conscript
- a Sadducee
- a Pharisee
- a Zealot
- a tax-collector

Pick any **two** and for each script as realistic and revealing an interview as you can.

2 The picture below represents the 'triangle of power' in the Palestine of Jesus' time.



You are an ordinary person living in Capernaum.

- Write down the persons or groups that might have some kind of power over you.
- For each person or group suggest **one** way in which you might feel their power.