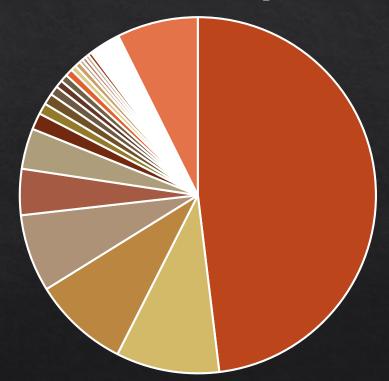
# The Scribes: Γραμματεύς

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#### What Scribes Are Not

### What Scribes Actually Did

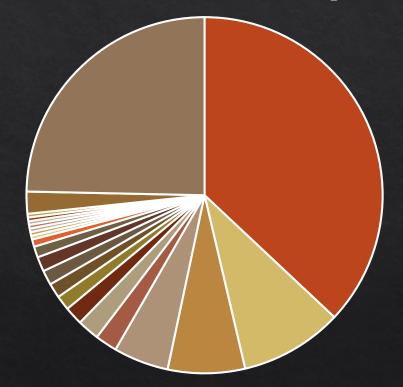
What a Scribe Spends His Time On



- Documentary Texts
- Receipts
- Letters
- Accounts
- Lists
- Contracts
- Notices
- Literary Texts
- Declarations
- Gifts
- Loans
- Sales
- Fragments

#### What Scribes Actually Did

What a Judean Scribe Spends His Time On



- Funerary Inscriptions
- Letters
- Deeds of Sale
- Labels
- Lease Contracts
- Delivery Reports
- Accounts
- Debt Contracts
- Marriage Contracts
- Inventories
- Lists
- Receipts
- Deeds

# Roman Empire

- ♦ 50,000,000 80,000,000 inhabitants
- ♦ About 1,000 cities
- $\Rightarrow$  5,000 10,000 inhabitants per city
- ♦ Each village has a scribe

### ὁ βασιλικὸς γραμματεύς (Imperial Scribe)

# Τοπογραμματεύς (Regional Scribe)

### Κωμογραμματεύς (Village Scribe)

# Scribal Opposition to Jesus

#### Jesus on Scribes

