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BIBLICAL STUDIES**9484/12**

Paper 1 The Four Gospels

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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **five** questions in total:
 - Section A: answer **three** questions.
 - Section B: answer Question 5.
 - Section C: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A

Answer **three** of the following four questions.

Answers should refer to the context of the passage wherever possible. Answers should **not** retell the story from which the passage is taken.

- 1 Outline points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

Matthew 26:39–40, NRSVA

And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?' [5]

- 2 Outline points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

Mark 4:10–13, NRSVA

When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. And he said to them, 'To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; in order that "they may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven."' And he said to them, 'Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables?' [5]

- 3 Outline points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

Mark 8:27–30, NRSVA

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. [5]

- 4 Outline points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

John 11:28–31, NRSVA

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. [5]

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Section B

Answer Question 5.

- 5 Read the following passage and then answer the question below:

Luke 24:13–21, NRSVA

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.'

Analyse the significance of the resurrection appearances for the early Christians. Refer to the passage above and other passages you have studied. [10]

Section C

Answer **EITHER** Question 6 **OR** Question 7.

Either

- 6 (a) Examine Jesus' teaching on forgiveness given to Peter, with reference to the parable of the unforgiving servant. (Matthew 18:21–35). [10]

- (b) 'Forgiveness of sin is the main message of Jesus' teaching.' Evaluate this claim. [15]

Or

- 7 (a) Examine the birth narrative in Luke's Gospel. [10]

- (b) 'Inclusion of the marginalised is central to the ministry of Jesus in Luke's Gospel.' Evaluate this claim. [15]

[Total: 25]

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