



BIBLICAL STUDIES

Paper 1 The Four Gospels

1 hour 30 minutes

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

- 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.

- 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 9:32–34, NRSVA

After they had gone away, a demoniac who was mute was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the one who had been mute spoke; and the crowds were amazed and said, 'Never has anything like this been seen in Israel.' But the Pharisees said, 'By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons.'

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

Luke 2:8–11, NRSVA

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.'

[5]

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

Luke 15:8–10, NRSVA

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

[5]

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

John 2:13–16, NRSVA

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!'

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Section B

Answer Question 5.

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

John 1:6–9, 14–15, NRSVA

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world...

...And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."'')

'John the Baptist successfully prepared the way for the Messiah.'

Assess the truth of this statement. Refer to the passage above and other passages you have studied. [10]

Section C

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

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- 6 (a) Examine the concept of the kingdom as given in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew. [10]
- (b) 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' (Luke 10:9b) Discuss this statement. Refer to other passages you have studied. [15]

OR

- 7 (a) Compare the accounts of Jesus' Last Supper in the Gospels of Luke and John. [10]
- (b) Analyse the part played by the disciples in the events between the Last Supper and the crucifixion. [15]

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