
DIVINITY

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Paper 2 The Four Gospels

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3 hours

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer **four** questions. If you choose to answer Question 1, answer in **one** version only.

Revised Standard Version of Question 1 is printed on page 2.

New International Version of Question 1 is printed on page 3.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

All questions in this paper carry 25 marks.

This document consists of **4** printed pages and **1** Insert.

REVISED STANDARD VERSION

- 1 Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following passages (wherever possible answers should refer to the context of the passage but should not retell the story from which the passage is taken): [25]
- (a) Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. (Matthew 11:4–5)
 - (b) Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’” (Matthew 26:31)
 - (c) And they were filled with awe, and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?” (Mark 4:41)
 - (d) And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. (Mark 14:35)
 - (e) For I am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it. (Luke 7:8)
 - (f) The scribes and the chief priests tried to lay hands on him at that very hour, but they feared the people; for they perceived that he had told this parable against them. (Luke 20:19)
 - (g) Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” (John 8:58)
 - (h) He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.” (John 21:17)

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

- 1 Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following passages (wherever possible answers should refer to the context of the passage but should not retell the story from which the passage is taken): [25]
- (a) Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. (Matthew 11:4–5)
 - (b) Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’” (Matthew 26:31)
 - (c) They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!” (Mark 4:41)
 - (d) Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. (Mark 14:35)
 - (e) For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it. (Luke 7:8)
 - (f) The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people. (Luke 20:19)
 - (g) “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” (John 8:58)
 - (h) The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.” (John 21:17)

- 2 Discuss how Matthew shows Jesus fulfilling Old Testament prophecies. [25]
- 3 Assess the claim that 'love' is the main ethical teaching of Matthew's Gospel. [25]
- 4 To what extent did Mark believe that the world was about to end? [25]
- 5 Examine the evidence which suggests that Mark's Gospel was the first to be written. [25]
- 6 'Luke's Gospel is the most historically accurate of all the gospels.' Assess this claim. [25]
- 7 Examine Jesus' teaching on discipleship in Luke's Gospel. [25]
- 8 Discuss the nature of the signs in John's Gospel with particular reference to the wedding at Cana and the feeding of the five thousand. [25]
- 9 'John's passion narrative contains no historical facts.' Assess this claim. [25]
- 10 Assess the claim that the actions of Jesus towards outcasts were revolutionary for that time. [25]
- 11 Consider the significance of the similarities and differences between the gospel accounts of the Last Supper. [25]
- 12 'Jesus' baptism is the most important event in his ministry.' Assess this statement. [25]
- 13 Examine Jesus' teaching on forgiveness. [25]
- 14 On some occasions Jesus was tempted to question his ministry and his destiny. Examine how Jesus responded to these temptations. [25]

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