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Paper 2 The Four Gospels

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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
- 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.
- 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 100.
- All questions are worth 25 marks.

This document has **4** pages. Blank pages are indicated.

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) But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sad'ducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit that befits repentance ..."
(Matthew 3:7–8)
 - (b) But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able."
(Matthew 20:22)
 - (c) ... and said to him, "See that you say nothing to any one; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to the people."
(Mark 1:44)
 - (d) And he taught, and said to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers."
(Mark 11:17)
 - (e) "Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men."
(Luke 1:25)
 - (f) But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'
(Luke 18:13)
 - (g) And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him."
(John 1:32)
 - (h) I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also.
(John 14:18–19)

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) But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptising, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance." (Matthew 3:7–8)
- (b) "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"
"We can," they answered. (Matthew 20:22)
- (c) See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them. (Mark 1:44)
- (d) And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written:
'My house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations'?
But you have made it 'a den of robbers'." (Mark 11:17)
- (e) "The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favour and taken away my disgrace among the people." (Luke 1:25)
- (f) But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' (Luke 18:13)
- (g) Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him." (John 1:32)
- (h) I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. (John 14:18–19)

- 2 Examine the main purpose of Matthew's Gospel. [25]
- 3 Assess the significance of 'righteousness' in Matthew's Gospel. [25]
- 4 In what ways does Mark's portrayal of the Messiah contradict Jewish expectation at that time? [25]
- 5 'Mark was the first of the three synoptic gospels to be written.' Consider the evidence for this view. [25]
- 6 Discuss what is understood by the theme of 'joy and rejoicing' in Luke's Gospel. [25]
- 7 Discuss Jesus' teaching on wealth and possessions in Luke's Gospel. [25]
- 8 Examine how John's Gospel uses the 'signs' to reveal Jesus. Your answer should refer to at least **two** of the signs. [25]
- 9 Examine the role played by women in John's Gospel. [25]
- 10 'An understanding of the gospels is dependent upon an understanding of their Jewish context.' Discuss. [25]
- 11 Assess the significance of prayer in the ministry of Jesus. [25]
- 12 'There is a close relationship between the four gospels.' Discuss. [25]
- 13 'Jesus' true relationship with the Jewish and Roman authorities is revealed through the events of the last week of his life.' Discuss. [25]
- 14 Examine the claim that the gospels are more about theology than history. [25]

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