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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.

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) And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" But when the Pharisees heard it they said, "It is only by Be-el'zebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons." (Matthew 12:23–24)
 - (b) At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus; and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist, he has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in him." (Matthew 14:1–2)
 - (c) And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honour, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house." (Mark 6:4)
 - (d) And they tried to arrest him, but feared the multitude, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them; so they left him and went away. (Mark 12:12)
 - (e) And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness till the day of his manifestation to Israel. (Luke 1:80)
 - (f) I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted. (Luke 18:14)
 - (g) When the people saw the sign which he had done, they said, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world!" (John 6:14)
 - (h) So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." (John 20:2)

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) All the people were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons."
(Matthew 12:23–24)
 - (b) At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the reports about Jesus, and he said to his attendants, "This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead! That is why miraculous powers are at work in him."
(Matthew 14:1–2)
 - (c) Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home."
(Mark 6:4)
 - (d) Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd; so they left him and went away.
(Mark 12:12)
 - (e) And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.
(Luke 1:80)
 - (f) "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."
(Luke 18:14)
 - (g) After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."
(John 6:14)
 - (h) So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"
(John 20:2)

- 2 'Matthew presents Jesus as condemning violence at all times.' Discuss. [25]
- 3 Assess the significance of Old Testament prophecy in Matthew's Gospel. [25]
- 4 'The Gospel of Mark was not the first gospel to be written.' Discuss. [25]
- 5 Explain why, in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' messiahship is portrayed as a secret. [25]
- 6 'In Luke's Gospel, Jesus' message relies on the miracles he performs.' Discuss. [25]
- 7 'Luke believed the Kingdom of God had arrived in the ministry of Jesus.' Discuss the evidence for this claim. [25]
- 8 Assess Jesus' relationship to God the Father in John's Gospel. [25]
- 9 Consider the significance of 'bread' and 'water' as symbols in John's Gospel. [25]
- 10 Examine the role of Mary the mother of Jesus in the gospel accounts. [25]
- 11 Analyse the way Jesus teaches in John's Gospel in comparison with the synoptic gospels. [25]
- 12 Examine the use of the title Son of Man in the gospels. [25]
- 13 'Jesus urged his followers to give up all their possessions.' Assess this statement. [25]
- 14 Analyse Jesus' conflicts with the Pharisees. [25]

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