
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) ... and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” (Matthew 2:8)
 - (b) He said to them, “What man of you, if he has one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out?” (Matthew 12:11)
 - (c) ... and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.” (Mark 1:15)
 - (d) Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time ...” (Mark 10:29–30a)
 - (e) And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. (Luke 1:11)
 - (f) He said to them, “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” (Luke 20:25)
 - (g) He said, “I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” (John 1:23)
 - (h) Then after the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.” (John 13:27)

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) He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." (Matthew 2:8)
 - (b) He said to them, "If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out?" (Matthew 12:11)
 - (c) "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15)
 - (d) "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no-one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age" (Mark 10:29–30a)
 - (e) Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. (Luke 1:11)
 - (f) "Caesar's," they replied. He said to them, "Then give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." (Luke 20:25)
 - (g) John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the desert, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" (John 1:23)
 - (h) As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.
"What you are about to do, do quickly," Jesus told him ... (John 13:27)

- 2 Examine how Matthew portrays Jesus as the Davidic Messiah expected by the Jewish people. [25]
- 3 Examine what the parables in Matthew teach about the character of God. [25]
- 4 Assess the significance of the theme of suffering in Mark's Gospel. [25]
- 5 'Mark conveys a sense of urgency in his Gospel.' How far do you agree? [25]
- 6 'In his Gospel, Luke portrays Jesus as a figure with divine authority.' Examine the evidence for this view. [25]
- 7 Luke has been known as the 'evangelist of prayer'. Assess this claim. [25]
- 8 Consider the significance of the theme of betrayal in John's Gospel. [25]
- 9 Examine the meaning of 'truth' in John's Gospel. [25]
- 10 Discuss the use of the term 'kingdom of God' in the gospels. [25]
- 11 Examine the significance of the disciples' role in Jesus' ministry. [25]
- 12 'Jesus' greatest opponent was the religious establishment of the day.' Discuss. [25]
- 13 Compare Jesus' teaching about possessions in the synoptic gospels. [25]
- 14 'Prepare the way of the Lord.' To what extent did John the Baptist achieve this? [25]

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