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Paper 2 The Four Gospels

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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

**3 hours**

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.  
Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.  
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.  
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer any **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.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

## 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):
- (a) But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 1:20)
  - (b) Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. (Matthew 25:32)
  - (c) And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for people were saying, "He is beside himself." (Mark 3:21)
  - (d) And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another, that will not be thrown down." (Mark 13:2)
  - (e) It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found. (Luke 15:32)
  - (f) Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, and said, "Certainly this man was innocent!" (Luke 23:47)
  - (g) The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. (John 1:9)
  - (h) This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." (John 3:2)

## 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):
- (a) But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 1:20)
  - (b) All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. (Matthew 25:32)
  - (c) When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." (Mark 3:21)
  - (d) "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down." (Mark 13:2)
  - (e) But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. (Luke 15:32)
  - (f) The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." (Luke 23:47)
  - (g) The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. (John 1:9)
  - (h) He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no-one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." (John 3:2)

- 2 Examine the importance of the Sermon on the Mount for the way Matthew presents his gospel.
- 3 To what extent can Matthew be referred to as 'the Gospel for the Church'?
- 4 Discuss the theory that Mark's gospel was written by someone who knew Peter.
- 5 Explain the importance of the account of Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi, and of Jesus' transfiguration, for Mark's gospel.
- 6 To what extent is it accurate to describe Luke as 'the Gospel for the Gentiles'?
- 7 Examine the importance of the part played by John the Baptist in Luke's gospel.
- 8 Why was John's gospel written?
- 9 Discuss the teaching about the Spirit in John's gospel.
- 10 Explain the importance of the accounts of the Last Supper in the Gospels.
- 11 To what extent can the miracles be called 'active parables'?
- 12 'Jesus made it very difficult to follow him.' Discuss this view of the teaching of Jesus on discipleship and commitment.
- 13 Explain why many scholars doubt the historical accuracy of the resurrection accounts in the Gospels.
- 14 Explain what we can learn from the Gospels about the politics of Palestine in the first century AD.

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