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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.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

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

## 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) The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.  
(Matthew 1:1)
  - (b) And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it.  
(Matthew 16:18)
  - (c) And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."  
(Mark 1: 10–11)
  - (d) For the Son of man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born. (Mark 14:21)
  - (e) ... and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.  
(Luke 8:2–3)
  - (f) And Pilate said to the chief priests and the multitudes, "I find no crime in this man." (Luke 23:4)
  - (g) Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."  
(John 4:13–14)
  - (h) When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee."  
(John 17:1)

## 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) A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham. (Matthew 1:1)
  - (b) And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. (Matthew 16:18)
  - (c) As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:10–11)
  - (d) The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born. (Mark 14:21)
  - (e) ...and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; Joanna, the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means. (Luke 8:2–3)
  - (f) Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man." (Luke 23:4)
  - (g) Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13–14)
  - (h) After Jesus said this, he looked towards heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you." (John 17:1)

- 2 What is distinctive about Matthew's presentation of the parables of Jesus?
- 3 Explain Matthew's use of sources in the writing of his gospel.
- 4 'Mark shows Jesus as purposely keeping his messiahship a secret.' Discuss.
- 5 Analyse and discuss the miracle stories found in Mark's gospel.
- 6 'Luke is the most historically accurate of all the gospels.' Discuss.
- 7 Examine and comment upon Luke's teaching concerning discipleship and Christian commitment.
- 8 To what extent does the first chapter of John's gospel introduce themes found in subsequent chapters?
- 9 Assess the arguments for and against apostolic authorship of John's gospel.
- 10 To what extent can it be said that Jesus set out to fulfil the role of the suffering servant found in Isaiah?
- 11 How far do the gospels present the kingdom of God as a future event?
- 12 Examine and comment upon Jesus' teaching in the gospels about retaliation and violence.
- 13 Analyse the resurrection accounts of any **two** gospels, commenting particularly on areas of similarity and difference.
- 14 Which was the first gospel to be written? Explain your answer.

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