



Queensland Theological College
NT301 Jesus and the Gospels
Semester 1, 2015

Time allowed: 90 minutes, plus 10 minutes perusal time.

An unmarked English Bible is allowed.

This exam is worth 50% of the total marks for the semester.

You must answer: SIX questions from Section A

ONE question from Section B

Section A (66% of Exam Paper)

Students must answer 6 questions (10 minutes per question).

1. List some ways in which Greek culture caused offence for pious Jews.
2. What were the three symbols of Jewish national identity and how did Jesus challenge these three?
3. How did the Pharisees and Sadducees respond differently to Greek and Roman occupation of Israel?
4. How did the Essenes and Zealots respond differently to Greek and Roman occupation of Israel?
5. Explain the historical and cultural reasons that may have motivated Jesus and later Mark to repeat Jesus' prophecy of his death and resurrection three times (Mk 8:31-32; 9:31-32; 10:32-34).
6. What evidence is there in the gospels that the disciples were expecting Jesus to lead a Maccabean type revolt?
7. What insight does knowledge of the history and culture of first century Palestine add to understanding Mark 12:13-17?
8. What insight does knowledge of the history and culture of first century Palestine add to understanding Mark 9: 33-37?
9. What insight does knowledge of the history and culture of first century Palestine add to understanding Mark 8:31-9:1?
10. How does interpreting the Last Supper against its Passover background illumine this event?

Section B (33% of Exam Paper)

Students must answer 1 question (30 minutes).

11. What is a gospel and how suitable is the title "gospel" for Mark's work?
 12. Outline the distinctive features of Luke's gospel.
 13. Choose two gospels and compare and contrast how those authors present Jesus' resurrection?
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