



Queensland Theological College
NT501 Jesus and the Gospels
Semester 1, 2015

Time allowed: 2 hours, 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: THREE questions from Section A
TWO questions from Section B

Section A (33% of Exam Paper)

Students must answer 3 questions (13 minutes per question).

1. Why are the documents from the Jewish Inter-testamental literature significant for the study of the NT?
2. Why is it too simplistic to see the Pharisees as the 'bad guys' who always opposed Jesus?
3. Outline the similarities and differences between the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and the Essenes.
4. What evidence do we find in the gospels that the Maccabean revolt and dynasty influenced the expectations of the Jews of Jesus time?
5. How does knowledge of the history and culture of first century Palestine impact our understanding Mark 12:13-17?
6. What insight does knowledge of the history and culture of first century Palestine add to understanding Mark 5: 1-20?
7. What insight does knowledge of the history and culture of first century Palestine add to understanding Mark 6:14-29?

Section B (66% of Exam Paper)

Students must answer 2 questions (40 minutes per question).

1. Mark's gospel has been called a presentation of Jesus' passion with an extended introduction. Critique this comment.
 2. Outline the structure of Luke's gospel and explain how understanding this helps us interpret individual passages.
 3. Choose two gospels and compare and contrast the distinctive features of their presentations of Jesus?
 4. To what degree was the idea of resurrection a uniquely Christian one, arising out of Jesus' resurrection?
 5. Choose two titles of Jesus and outline what they explain about who he is and his ministry.
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