

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
MAIN EXAMINATION, MAY 2007

TITLE OF PAPER: GOSPEL TRADITION

COURSE CODE: T4P2/IDE-T4P2

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

MARKS : 100

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.
2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.
3. CLARITY OF ARGUMENT IS ESSENTIAL.

1. Briefly examine the nature of the Synoptic Problem and show how the two-source hypothesis has attempted to solve the Problem.
2. "None of you can become my disciple if you do not give up your possessions" (Q14:33). With examples, discuss the theology of Q.
3. Compare and contrast the Matthean and Lukan infancy narratives with specific reference to the Annunciation.
4. Comment on the Temptation of Jesus (Mt 4:1-11).
5. "Son of Man is the only title that Jesus used to refer to himself". How does the title depict Jesus' self-understanding?
6. Discuss **ONE** of the following parables:
 - (a) Labourers in the Vineyard (Mt 20:1-16)
 - (b) The Dishonest Steward (Luke 16:1-13)
 - (c) The Banquet (Q14:16-24).
7. Examine the place and role of the miracles in the Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God.
8. How counter-cultural was Jesus' attitude towards women? What is its application to the Christian communities in Swaziland?
9. EITHER (a) Analyse the different ways in which one can understand Jesus' action in the Temple and its significance for his arrest.
OR (b) Show how knowledge of the political and religious situation in Palestine contributes to our understanding of the gospel narratives of the trial of Jesus.
10. Discuss the evidence of the resurrection of Jesus as presented in the gospels and its significance for the Christian faith.