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FINAL EXAMINATION MAY 2010

COURSE TITLE : THE GOSPEL TRADITION

COURSE CODE : T 4 P2

DURATION : THREE (3) HRS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- a. Choose and answer four (4) questions.
- b. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.

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1. Explain how each of the following contributed to the study of the gospel tradition:
(a) source criticism; (b) redaction criticism. [25]
2. To what degree can we confidently make a reconstruction of the life of Jesus of Nazareth? In your answer, make reference to his birth, ministry and death. [25]
3. What does the term 'Kingdom of God' mean in the gospels? [25]
4. Why did tensions develop between Jesus and the Jewish leaders, and at what points? [25]
5. "... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me" (Matthew 25:35-36, RSV). In your opinion, how important is this text in providing palliative care for people affected and infected with HIV and AIDS? [25]
6. To what extent could it be argued that christological titles are post-Easter confessions? [25]
7. Did Jesus Christ rise from the Dead? [25]
8. Below are parallel passages from the synoptics. (a) Identify which of them is Matthew and indicate which characteristics indicate that. (b) Identify which of them is Luke and indicate which characteristics indicate that. (c) What features signal the remaining account as Mark? [25]

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<p>And he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. And behold, there rose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, "Save, Lord; we are perishing." And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O men of little faith?" Then he arose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. And the men marvelled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and sea obey him?"</p>	<p>One day he got into the boat with his disciples, and he said to them, Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a storm of wind came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in danger. And they went and woke him up saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; and they ceased, and there was calm. He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marvelled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even wind and water, and they obey him.</p>	<p>On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And the other boats were with them. And a great storm of wind arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on a cushion; and they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" And he woke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" And they were filled with awe, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"</p>