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TRS 301 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, JULY 2017

TITLE OF PAPER: STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT I

COURSE CODE

: TRS 301

DURATION

: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.

2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.

3. The paper consists of two (2) printed pages including the cover page.

4. All questions carry equal marks.

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Question 1

Discuss problems behind the Matthean priority as an alternative answer to the synoptic problem.[20]

Question 2

Explain, in detail, the portrayal of Jesus according to the Gospel of Luke. Use relevant examples to support your answer. [20]

Question 3

Discuss the centrality of the city of Jerusalem according to the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. [20]

Question 4

In your view, why does Acts of the Apostles end so abruptly? Support your answer with critical arguments? [20]

Question 5

From your reading of the Acts of the Apostles, what did you gather about the legal status of the early church and why this community was subjected to persecution? [20]

Question 6

In what ways does the author of the Acts of the Apostles emphasises Jesus' continued presence among his followers? [20]