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TRS 403 MAIN EXAMINATION, MAY 2017

**TITLE OF PAPER : GOSPEL TRADITION II
COURSE CODE : TRS 403
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

Explain ways in which the life of Jesus is interpreted by some scholars within the framework of core narratives in Greco-Roman mythology. [20]

Question 2

Why is the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the subsequent cleansing of the Temple taken as the turning point in his ministry? [20]

Question 3

What do you understand by the following concepts in light of cultural values of the ancient Mediterranean: (a) Individual vs. Group Personality and (b) Perception of Limited Good? [20]

Question 4

“Even though Jesus may be the only miracle-working Son of God that we know about in our world, he was one of the many talked about in the first century” (Ehrman 2012:34). In light of what is known about holy persons in the world of Jesus, explain why this scholar says so. [20]

Question 5

Do you think the empty tomb is, in essence, indisputable evidence for the resurrection of Jesus? [20]

Question 6

“Why do you seek the living among the dead” (Luke 24:5). Discuss the significance of this rhetorical question within the context of the resurrection narratives. [20]