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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

Can we, with greater certitude, say that the gospel accounts are not reliable simply because they were written late? [20]

Question 2

Why is it difficult to understand the original meanings of the stories of and about Jesus of Nazareth? [20]

Question 3

When the gospel writers describe Jesus as the Son of God what actually do they mean? [20]

Question 4

With reference to specific cases in point in the Passion narratives, illustrate how those stories expose anti-Semitism. [20]

Question 5

Can you trust what the gospel writers tell us of the events surrounding the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth? [20]

Question 6

Attempt a critical reading of the given passage taken from John 10:1-10. [20]

10 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; <sup>2</sup> but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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