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Course Code : TRS 403
Title of Paper : Gospel Tradition II
Duration : 2 (Two) Hours

Instructions:

- a. Answer three (3) questions.
- b. Your answer to each question must be structured and consistently focused on the subject matter at hand.
- c. Indicate on the front cover page of your answer script the name of your programme of study and whether you are studying full time or through the Institute of Distance Education.

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Question 1

Explain ways in which the birth stories of Jesus are influenced by the stories in the Hebrew Bible.

Question 2

Identify and discuss those leads in the gospel tradition revealing that antagonism towards colonialism was characteristic of the first century CE.

Question 3

Identify and discuss the how Jesus demonstrated his authority and power as the Son of God.

Question 4

Discuss what makes scholars think the view that Jesus performed miracles out of compassion is editorial.

Question 5

Point out what makes the swoon theory hardly tenable by taking into account all possible explanations.

Question 6

Write a critical commentary of this extract taken from John 5:1- 18.

5 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Beth-za'tha, ^[a] which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed. ^[b] ⁵ One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" ⁷ The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." ⁸ Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." ⁹ And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. ¹⁰ So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." ¹¹ But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" ¹² They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?'" ¹³ Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. ¹⁴ Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. ¹⁶ And this was why the Jews persecuted Jesus, because he did this on the Sabbath. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working still, and I am working." ¹⁸ This

was why the Jews sought all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the Sabbath but also called God his own Father, making himself equal with God.
