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SHG2650 The Gospels

Mon 28 May 2007

15.30 – 17.30

• **ANSWER BOTH SECTIONS**

SECTION I: THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

- Answer SIX (6) questions from Section I, and answer all six questions on a single answer booklet: 10 minutes for each question.

1. Which are the three stages of Gospel Tradition or Formation? (the Instruction of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, *The Historicity of the Gospels*, 21 April 1964, #2, calls them the *tria tempora traditionis*)
2. What in a few words is the Modified Two-Source Hypothesis?
3. Redaction underlines an author's theological intention. Explain.
4. Where does Mark's foundational contribution to Christian faith lie?
5. Mark's Gospel is a Theology of the Cross. How does he show this with regards to the Christological title of Son of Man?
6. Which are the three levels on which Matthew's Gospel, written from a "Jewish" perspective, is developed?
7. For Matthew *teacher and master* are important categories for understanding Jesus Messiah. How would Matthew's gospel structure underline this?
8. Can Luke be considered a historian?
9. Who are the beneficiaries of salvation according to the Gospel of Luke?
10. Why does the Church need four Gospels, and not just one?

SECTION II: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

- Answer ONE (1) question from Section II, and answer this question on a separate answer booklet: one hour for this question

11. What is the relationship between revelation, life, and the death of Jesus in the Fourth Gospel? How does the crucifixion of Jesus fit into this relationship?
12. Show how the theme of Jesus as God run throughout the Fourth Gospel.
13. What are some of the numerous differences between the Fourth Gospel and the Synoptic Gospels?