

BTCL1313: THE GOSPELS

Answer Question **One** and any other **TWO** questions

SECTION A: Answer ALL Questions

1. List and discuss the Beatitudes, as found in Matthew's Gospel by way of application, say what would be the cultural, spiritual and political situation in Kenya if these Beatitudes were followed by most Kenyans (**20 Marks**).

SECTION B: Answer ANY TWO Questions

2. (a) Outline characteristics that are unique to the gospel of Matthew (**5 Marks**).

(b) Identify internal details which indicate that Matthew's gospel was written from a Jewish perspective (**5 Marks**).

3. (a) Identify the synoptic gospels and explain the reason for the use of the term "synoptic" to describe them (**5 Marks**).

(b) State the argument(s) used by Bible critics about the way in which each of these documents (synoptic gospels) was written (**5 Marks**).

4. Jesus' existence is highly doubted by many skeptics today. In a debate with a skeptic, explain how you would validate the existence of Jesus having taken this class (**10 Marks**).

5. Define the meaning of *the Messianic secret* and state its purpose. Use appropriate Biblical references where necessary (**10 Marks**).