

## Possible Questions for the First Unit Exam

### Easy

1. Explain what difference it would have made to the world if Jesus had never come.
2. Explain why we need to interpret the Bible.
3. Draw a T table and explain each of its parts.
4. What is the difference between a liberal and a conservative in theology?
5. What implications for Mark's gospel and our lives come from his inclusion of the stories of the dumb disciples?
6. What is text criticism and why do we need it?
7. How is a parable like a door?
8. What is the solution to the problem with pericope 18?
9. Why did Jesus try to hide his identity at the outset of his ministry?
10. What puzzle does Mark set us at the end of his gospel? What is the answer?
11. Why does Jesus call the woman who begs him to heal her daughter a dog?
12. What were the two major groups that opposed Jesus?
13. Given the group, explain why they opposed Jesus.
14. Given the group, explain what Jesus criticized about them.
15. Why was it odd that the Pharisees and the Herodians plotted together to kill Jesus?
16. Why was it odd that Jesus had both Matthew and Simon the Zealot among his disciples?
17. How were the Sadducees and Pharisees alike?
18. How were the Zealots and Herodians alike?

### Medium

1. What four themes summarize the message of Jesus?
2. Explain the main ideas of each of the four themes from the ministry of Jesus.
3. List three incidents which show how dumb the disciples were.
4. What does each of the following books tell us about the expected Messiah?
  - A. Genesis
  - B. Deuteronomy
  - C. 2 Samuel
  - D. Psalms
  - E. Isaiah
  - F. Ezekiel
  - G. Daniel
  - H. Micah
  - I. Zechariah
  - J. Malachi
5. To whom did Jesus reveal his identity? When?
6. On what three important occasions do we see Jesus praying? About what do we think he might have been praying each time?

### Hard

1. List the ten stages of Jesus' ministry in chronological order.
2. Associate each of the events of Jesus' ministry with the proper stage.
3. Associate each of the messages of the events of Jesus' life with the proper stage

## Possible Questions for the Second Unit Exam

### Easy

1. Why is it logically impossible that Jesus was simply a great human teacher?
2. What evidence is there that Jesus lived and died in first century Palestine?
3. How do we know Jesus thought he was God?
4. What is the latest date for the writing of the gospels?
5. To go free at his trial, what did Jesus need to do?
6. When someone is crucified, what is the cause of death?
7. What is wrong with the traditional picture of Jesus carrying his cross?
8. What question was settled at the Council in Jerusalem? Why was it important?

### Medium

1. Given the Gospel, list its characteristics.
2. Given the characteristic, name the gospel.
3. Why is there such a gap between the events and the writing of the gospels?
4. Given all the reasons for the gap between the events and the gospels, why were they ever written down?
5. What is the traditional view for the writing of the gospels?
6. What are the problems with the traditional view of the writing of the gospels?
7. What is the two-source theory for the writing of the gospels?
8. What three problems are there with the two-source theory?
9. Why do people think Mark was written first?
10. Why do people think Q existed?
11. What four elements of church life does Luke emphasize in Acts?
12. What three experiences transformed the fearful disciples into bold apostles?
13. For what four purposes did Luke write Acts? Explain how it fulfilled each purpose.
14. Why do some people question whether John wrote the fourth gospel?
15. Why do some people believe that John wrote the fourth gospel? Discuss the external and internal evidence.
16. For what two reasons do people think Peter is the source of Mark's gospel?
17. What four major needs in the ancient world did Christianity meet?
18. Given the need Christianity met, explain how it met that need.
19. Of the six different approaches to the interpretation of the Sermon on the Mount, which does the professor argue is best? What are the elements of that argument?

### Hard

1. Discuss Hume's question and its relevance to the question of Jesus' resurrection.
2. Discuss Lessing's "ugly ditch" and its relevance to the question of Jesus' resurrection.
3. Discuss the Watergate conspiracy and its relevance to the question of Jesus' resurrection.
4. Explain the stages in the writing of the Gospels, if Matthean priority is true.
5. Evaluate the internal and external evidence for Matthean priority.
6. Given the characteristic and the gospel, give one specific example of that characteristic.
7. Why do some people doubt that Q ever existed?
8. List and explain the six different approaches to the interpretation of the Sermon on the Mount.

### Possible Questions for the Third Unit Exam

1. What is significant about pericope 1, where Luke explains his purpose for writing the gospel?
2. What is significant about pericope 2, John's prologue?
3. What is significant about pericope 3, Matthew's record of the genealogy of Jesus?
4. What is significant about pericope 12, where it says Jesus was laid in a manger because there was no room in the inn?
5. What is significant about pericope 13, where the shepherds are the first outside witnesses to Jesus' birth?
6. What is significant about pericope 14, where Jesus is presented in the Temple and his parents offer two birds?
7. What is significant about pericope 17, where the Magi visit Jesus?
8. What is significant about pericope 23, where Luke uses synchronized dating?
9. What is significant about pericope 28, where Jesus is tempted in the wilderness?
10. What is significant about pericope 31, where Jesus meets Nathaniel?
11. What is significant about pericope 32, where Jesus turns the water into wine?
12. What is significant about pericope 39, where Jesus talks to the woman at the well?
13. What is significant about pericope 47, where Jesus meets Andrew and Peter, and James and John in Galilee and calls them to be his disciples?
14. What is significant about pericope 51, the fishy cure for envy?
15. What is significant about pericope 76, where Jesus rebukes the towns where he had done most of his miracles for not repenting?
17. What is significant about pericope 82, where Jesus starts to speak in parables?
18. What is significant about pericope 86, where Jesus talks about the mustard seed?
19. What is significant about pericope 110, where people call what Jesus says a "difficult statement"?
20. What is significant about pericope 119, where Jesus calls Peter "Satan"?
21. What is significant about pericope 124, where the disciples can't cast out the demon?
22. What is significant about pericope 129, where Jesus tells us to rebuke as sinning brother?
23. What is significant about pericope 140, where Jesus tells the disciples to rejoice that their names are in heaven?
24. What is significant about pericopes 153-157, where Jesus heals the man born blind?
25. What is significant about pericope 158, where Jesus says, "I am the door"?
26. What is significant about pericope 158, where Jesus claims to be the good shepherd?
27. What is significant about pericope 172, where the Sanhedrin plans to put Jesus to death?
28. What is significant about pericope 178, where Jesus asks, "Why do you call me good"?
29. What is significant about pericope 188, where Jesus curses the fig tree?
30. What is significant about pericope 219, where Jesus talks about the vine?
31. What is significant about pericope 221, where Jesus says the Spirit will convict the world of sin, righteous, and judgment? (Explain what he means.)
32. What is significant about pericope 221, where Jesus promises the Spirit will guide the apostles into all truth?
33. What is significant about pericope 224, where Jesus talks about unity?
34. What is significant about pericope 232, where Judas hangs himself?