

This is the exam from 2009. I struck out the questions that cover material that we didn't deal with in class.

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Mid-Term Exam

Put your name on your Scantron. If you make a mistake on the Scantron, please erase it well, and then put a circle around the number of the question to indicate that you erased an answer. This is a two part test, so mark your first Scantron as PART 1.

Don't puzzle over a question you don't know. Skip it and come back. You might find the answer in another question elsewhere in the test. When all else fails, guess. You have a 1 in 5 chance of being correct. Ready? Good!

BACKGROUND

1. According to Dr. Buzz's somewhat frequent rants, what is the most important thing about school? A. passing tests B. becoming educated C. making friends D. learning Bible verses E. none of the previous.

~~Read the following and then answer questions 2-4~~

~~During the first days of class we discussed the idea of the authority of the Bible in our lives. We spoke about a four act play written by Shakespeare. The play is unfinished and demands a fifth act. It is our responsibility to produce that fifth act. We gather the best actors and the best director, and we set about to produce Act Five.~~

- ~~2. We concluded that Acts 1-4 have _____ over Act 5
a. authority B. only minor influence C. major influence D. priority
_____ E. None of the previous~~

~~3. T/F: We compared the four acts of the play to the four gospels, and the fifth act to the response of the first century adherents of Judaism to the teachings of Jesus.~~

~~4. T/F: The above question is false and should read "We compared the four acts of the play to the four gospels, and the fifth act to the life of every Christian."~~

Read the following and answer questions 5-7

One could very easily be critical of the gospels because they seem to contain variations in the order of events. Also, accounts of what seem like the same things are often quite different. In fact, some argue that the gospels do not contain the words and actions of Jesus, but rather what the early church thought were the words and actions of Jesus.

- ~~5.2.~~ T/F: The above statement fails to take into account the fact that the gospels should not be evaluated the same way that modern biographies are evaluated.

6.3. Instead of seeing the gospels like a modern biography, they must be viewed as:
A. ancient poetry B. autobiographical C. significant literary works D. ancient histories E. A and D

7.4. Variations in the gospels could be best explained by the fact that A. Some of the gospel writers were NOT eyewitnesses to the words and actions recorded B. The gospel writers had a specific point that they were trying to make and used the data accordingly C. Ancient writers tended to be very random in their writing and did not have the slightest interest in accuracy D. they are not really written by their supposed author, but by others living later E. None of the previous

8.5. John 21:25 says "Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written." This indicates that the gospel writers were:
A. Irresponsible in what they recorded B. Random in what they recorded
C. Selective in what they recorded D. b and c E. None of the previous

9. When we speak of the "dual authorship" of the gospels we mean that:
A. Peter dictated to Mark as he wrote the gospel of Mark B. That James, the brother of Jesus oversaw Luke as he wrote his gospel C. That the Holy Spirit oversaw the writers as they wrote their gospels D. a and b E. None of the previous:

10. Watching a DVD using the "Scene Selection Menu" is like:
~~A. something a moron would do B. reading the gospels episodically C. reading the gospels holistically D. b and c E. reading the gospels devotionally~~

11. Watching a DVD by pressing the "play" button and letting it run from start to finish is like:
~~A. something a moron would do B. reading the gospels episodically C. reading the gospels holistically D. b and c E. reading the gospels devotionally~~

12. Which of the following is NOT something that we said one should do when analyzing a narrative? A. Identify the rising conflict B. Try to find a parallel story in the Old Testament C. Identify the climax D. See how the crisis is resolved E. Identify the following actions

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Read Luke 10:38-42 and answer questions 13-15

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

13. The *climax* of the story is found in verse:
a. 38 B. 39 C. 40 D. 41 E. 42

14. The *resolution* of the story is found in verse:
a. 38 B. 39 C. 40 D. 41 E. 42

15. The *following actions* are found in verse:
a. 38 B. 39 C. 40 D. 41 E. 42

The following choices will provide the answers for questions 16-19. The choices could be used more than once or not at all.

A. Luke 12:18-20 ¹⁸"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.' ¹⁹And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

²⁰"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

B. Matthew 5:46-47 ⁴⁶If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

C. Matthew 10:16 ¹⁶I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

D. Matthew 25:29 ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

E. No example

16. Hyperbole

~~a. b. c. d. e.~~

~~17. Irony~~

~~a. b. c. d. e.~~

~~18. Simile~~

~~a. b. c. d. e.~~

~~19. Rhetorical Question~~

~~a. b. c. d. e.~~

~~20. The greatest challenge in interpreting a parable is to:~~

~~a. Follow its logic b. Understand its historical context c. know how many details should stand for other things d. Find a meaning for each and every detail e. To find the one detail that is important and gives the parable its meaning.~~

Use the following to answer questions 21-38. Answers can be used more than once or not at all.

A. Greek B. Persian C. Roman D. Jewish Independence E. Babylonian

~~21. T/F The list above is in the proper chronological order.~~

~~22. The conquests and rule of Alexander marked the end of one period and the beginning of another period. What were those two periods?~~

~~A. a. and c. B. b. and a. C. a. and e D. a. and d. E. Mr. Baugher's tests were easier than yours (hint: E isn't the right answer)~~

~~23. Herod the Great lived during this period.~~

~~24. Archelaus, Herod Antipas and Herod Philip lived during this period.~~

~~25. The Selucids lived during this period~~

~~26. Babylonian is to Persian as Persian is to _____.~~

~~27. The Hasmoneans lived during this period.~~

~~28. The Jews had real hope that they were back in God's favor and that He would send Messiah during this period.~~

~~29. Zealots emerged during this period~~

- ~~30. Alexander the Great lived during this period.~~
31. Hellenization began during this period
- ~~32. This period brought roads, due process of law and peace to the Mediterranean world~~
- ~~33. The events described as the "Exile" took place during this period.~~
- ~~34. The Old Testament ends during this period.~~
- ~~35. Events during these two periods are not recorded in the Bible.
A. a and b — B. a and c — C. a and d — D. b and d — E. a and e~~
- ~~36. The events of the New Testament took place during this period.~~
- ~~37. The Jew's rejection of the Samaritans' offer to help rebuild the temple occurred during this period.~~
- ~~38. The "partial kingdom" was brought to a halt as this empire conquered Jerusalem.~~
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39. T/F: Sadducees were middle class people who hated any Greek influence
40. T/F: The above statement is false and should read "Sanhederin were middle class people who hated Greek influence."
41. T/F: The Pharisees were like the Sadducees in that they both supported the Hasmonean idea of a "priest/king."
42. Who remodeled the temple in Jerusalem and was known for his other building projects, as well as his cruelty? A. Alexander B. Antiochus IV C. Judas Maccabeus D. Herod E. Saint Patrick Star
43. When Jesus entered Jerusalem and the people waved the palm branches and shouted "Hosanna," it was reminiscent of the entry into Jerusalem of:
a. Alexander b. Antiochus IV c. Judas Maccabeus c. Herod e. Pompey
44. Whose conquest of Jerusalem began the Roman period?
a. Alexander b. Antiochus IV c. Judas Maccabeus d. Herod e. Pompey
45. The Greek Empire is to Alexander as _____ is to Judas Maccabeus
a. Jewish independence b. the exile c. the Roman Empire c. the Persian Empire
e. the United States

GEOGRAPHY

Use these choices for the following questions:

A. Judea B. Nazareth C. Galilee D. Samaria E. Perea

- | 46-6. _____ Which is located to the EAST of the Jordan River? BTW, east is to the right on the map.
- | 47-7. _____ Which province is the most NORTHERN?
- | 48-8. _____ Which province is the most SOUTHERN?
- | 49-9. _____ Which province is between Galilee and Judea?
- | 50-10. _____ Which of the above is a city, and in what province is it located?
A. a and c B. b and a C. b and d D. a and d E. b and c

Use these choices for the following questions:

A. Bethlehem B. Jerusalem C. Sychar D. Nazareth E. Capernaum

- | 51-11. _____ Which city is the most SOUTHERN?
- | 52-12. _____ Which city is located in Samaria?
- | 53-13. _____ Sippchoris, the Las Vegas of central Galilee, is the city that Jesus may have helped to build when, as a young man, he was working as a “tekton.” Part of why this idea is plausible is because Sippchoris is very near what city?
- | 54-14. _____ In what Judean city, just north of Bethlehem, did Jesus meet Nicodemus?
- | 55-15. _____ In what Samaritan city did Jesus meet the Woman at the Well?
- | 56-16. _____ What city “caps” the Sea of Galilee?
- | 57-17. _____ What city was the “base of operations” for Jesus ministry in Galilee during the year of Popularity? You are quite *capable* of figuring this out!
- | 58-18. _____ In what city was Jesus’ birth announced to Mary?
- | 59-19. _____ In what city was Jesus actually born? (Pleeeeeeeeeeeze don’t miss this ☺)

THE KINGDOM

- | ~~60-20.~~ ___ T/F According to our discussions, the main elements of the kingdom of God are simply understood as all people in all places under God's rule and blessing.
- | ~~61-21.~~ ___ T/F The above statement is false and should read: "According to our discussions, the main elements of the kingdom of God are simply understood as all people in God's places under his rule and blessing."
- | ~~62-22.~~ ___ T/F We learned from our discussion of the "partial kingdom" that the rule of God was to be mediated by a king.
- | ~~63-23.~~ ___ T/F We learned from our discussion of the "perished kingdom" that the rule of God can result in curse instead of blessing.
- | ~~64-24.~~ ___ T/F An important thing to remember about prophecy is that everything doesn't always fit nicely and neatly into our experience and understanding.
- | ~~65-25.~~ ___ T/F The Land of Canaan is the land that came to be known as Israel, and God's place would one day be the temple in its capital, Nazareth.
- | ~~66-26.~~ ___ T/F Jesus' life on earth did not fulfill all of the prophecies concerning the mediatorial king.
- | ~~67-27.~~ ___ T/F The "Perished Kingdom" was abolished as soon as the "Promised Kingdom" was promised.
- | ~~68-28.~~ ___ T/F The "Pattern of the Kingdom" will be improved upon once we enter into the "Perfected Kingdom."
- | ~~69-29.~~ ___ T/F During the "partial" Kingdom, God's place was in the king's palace
- | ~~70-30.~~ ___ The present kingdom ushered in a period where God's place was no longer the temple but instead, God's place was: A. The whole world B. The gathering of the early disciples C. Church buildings D. The hearts of all believers E. Rome
- | ~~71-31.~~ ___ T/F God's Kingdom plan called for the abolition of the mediatorial, dynastic king who would rule over God's people.

- | ~~72-32.~~ T/F The kingdom perished when Adam and Eve listened to an alternate interpretation of reality.
- | ~~73-33.~~ T/F Since all of human kind is plagued by the wrong view of reality, it makes sense that repentance is such an important element in the process of re-creation. As we repent, God is replacing the alternate interpretation of reality with his interpretation of reality.
- | ~~74-34.~~ T/F The above statement is false and should read: Since all of human kind is plagued by the wrong view of reality, not even spirit-directed repentance can help a person develop God's view of reality.
- | ~~75-35.~~ T/F In the beginning, God's place was in the Garden of Eden. During the promised Kingdom, his place would be in Canaan,. During the partial kingdom his place would be in the temple in Jerusalem, during the perfected kingdom, his place would be in the new temple in the new creation.
- | ~~76-36.~~ The bottom line theme of the kingdom of God is:
a. repentance b. re-creation c. rehabilitation d. re-gifting e. re-emerging

THE PROLOGUE AND THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WENT WITH IT

Use these options to answer questions 77-86. Options may be used more than once or not at all.

A. Matthew B. Mark C. Luke D. John

- | ~~77-37.~~ Which of the above is not a synoptic gospel?
- | ~~78-38.~~ Which of the above is written to Jewish point of view?
- | ~~79-39.~~ Which of the above is written to a Greek point of view?
- | ~~80-40.~~ Which of the above is written to a Roman point of view?
- | ~~81-41.~~ Which of the above presents Jesus as a servant?
- | ~~82-42.~~ Which of the above focuses on "What Jesus said?"
- | ~~83-43.~~ Which of the above focuses on "What Jesus did?"
- | ~~84-44.~~ Which book begins the story of Jesus with Israel's king David?
- | ~~85-45.~~ Which book begins by establishing the fact that Jesus was a "son of Adam" and therefore fully man?

| ~~86-46.~~ ____ Which gospel begins by establishing the fact that the story of Jesus begins with Jesus pre-existing as and with God?

| ~~87-47.~~ ____ T/F The “synoptic problem” is primarily concerned with how and why the content of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are at the same time similar and different.

| ~~88-48.~~ ____ T/F The above statement is false and should read “The ‘synoptic problem’ is primarily concerned with the stylistic differences between the first three gospels and the Gospel of John.”

Use the following to help answer questions 89- 92

The consideration of the sources of the gospels can be troubling at times. We wonder what else was written, and how can we know that we haven’t missed important material that God wants us to have. When the early church fathers poured through all the literature, they sought to recognize the inspiration of those pieces of literature that were given by the Holy Spirit, and separate them out from all of the other writings about Jesus and the Christian life..

| ~~89-49.~~ ____ This process established what came to be formally called the
a. Books of the Bible b. the New Testament Canon. c. The Accepted Books of the Bible d. The Gospels

| ~~90-50.~~ ____ Which of following was one of the measures used to recognize the inspiration of a piece of literature? a. It was interesting b. It was written by an apostle or a close associate of an apostle c. The grammar was accurate and vocabulary was used that was understandable by all d. It was brief enough to be read in one sitting e. It had to be written in Hebrew

| ~~91-51.~~ ____ Which of these does not belong with others:
a. the writing was quoted by and generally accepted by early church leaders b. the text was in good condition c. the teaching of the writing was consistent with other recognized writings d. the writing was in widespread use in the church

| ~~92-52.~~ ____ An archeologist is excited to announce the discovery of the Gospel of Jack. The media picks up the story and the headlines read “New Discovery Leads Scholars to ask “Should a Fifth Gospel be Added to the New Testament?” As a graduate of this class you should . . .

- Wonder what other important books might be missing
- Smile knowingly, because here is yet another example of the “synoptic problem.”
- You should email Mr.Baughner or Dr. Buzz and ask what they think

- d. Ignore the article, knowing that no gospel of Jack is ever quoted or mentioned in any of the early church writings.
- e. None of the above

- | ~~93-53.~~ 93-53. The appearance of the angel to Mary informing her of her of the fact that she would give birth to the Christ is called the: a. pronounciation b. denunciation b. exultation d. jubilation e. annunciation
- | ~~94-54.~~ 94-54. John the Baptist is thought to have been associated with and influenced by ultra conservative Jews known as the _____. These people were well known for having produced the _____.
a. Essenes, hit song of BCE 100 "That's Not My Scroll" b. Sadducees, Dead Sea Scrolls c. Zealots, Jordan River Scrolls d. Essenes, Dead Sea Scrolls e. Pharisees, Source Q
- | ~~95-55.~~ 95-55. John the Baptist was to Jesus as: a. Moses was to Elijah b. Moses was to Aaron c. Moses was to Joshua d. Moses was to Pharaoh e. none of the previous.
- | ~~96-56.~~ 96-56. The baptism done by John the Baptist was said to be a baptism of: a. salvation b. symbolism c. repentance d. a and b e. none of the previous.
- | ~~97-57.~~ 97-57. In our discussion, we suggested that Jesus was baptized by John in order for Jesus to commit to: a. being a good Jew b. keeping the law of Moses c. listening to the respected religious leaders d. to listening to God and adjusting his life accordingly e. being a good example for everyone else to follow
- | ~~98-58.~~ 98-58. T/F In our discussion we stressed that "Repentance is all about being sorry for our sin and turning away from it."
- | ~~99-59.~~ 99-59. T/F The above statement is false and should read "Repentance is about adjusting our thoughts and actions to whatever the Holy Spirit reveals to us."
- | ~~100-60.~~ 100-60. What was John The Baptist's middle name? a. Joshua b. George c. Isaac d. Barak e. The

OK, this is the end of the first section. Make sure your name is on the Scantron and you have marked it as Section 1. Now, get your other Scantron and mark it as section 2. The combined total of section 1 and 2 will make up your mid-term exam grade.

SECTION 2 (Start a new Scantron, put your name on it, and mark your Scantron accordingly)

Some General Questions

1. T/F When we speak of the *Kenosis*, we are speaking of Jesus emptying himself of his divinity, so that he would no longer be God, but now man.
2. T/F The above statement is false and should read “When we speak of the *Kenosis*, we are speaking of Jesus emptying himself of his humanity so that he would in fact be fully God.”

The following sentences can be used in answering questions 3- 10. Some may be used more than once, and some not at all.

- A. The hard-to-comprehend relationship of Jesus’ humanity and divinity
 - B. Jesus did not use his divine power to manipulate or control his circumstances, keeping that divine power in his backpack (so to speak!).
 - C. The same Holy Spirit that led Jesus and enabled him to do God’s will is the same Holy Spirit that leads us and enables us to do God’s will
 - D. A true member of the Kingdom of God will be hearing from the Holy Spirit and adjusting his or her thoughts and actions accordingly
 - E. The opportunity to think about something differently than God does.
3. The world, the flesh and the devil specialize in providing this.
 4. A working definition of “Temptation”
 5. The Hypostatic Union.
 6. The *Kenosis*
 7. The encouraging lesson we learn from the Holy Spirit ascending on Jesus after his baptism.
 8. This fact allowed Jesus to live his life, make decisions and take action, given the realities the Hypostatic Union, and the *Kenosis*.
 9. What statement best and most completely explains why Jesus went from saying “Woman, my time has not yet come” to telling the servants to fill the water pots when he was attending the marriage feast?
 10. What statement explains what happened to Jesus after the Spirit led him into the wilderness?
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The Year of Obscurity

11. T/F Jesus was tempted to do things that God would never have permitted him to do.
12. T/F The knowledge of good and evil is not so much about what we know, but who we learned it from.
13. T/F The above statement is false and should read “The knowledge of good and evil can only be learned from experience as we see how our decisions work themselves out.”
14. T/F During our discussion about Jesus’ temptation, we concluded that when it comes to temptation, we can expect to be tempted to go after things that God would probably give us anyway.
15. T/F We should not be concerned that we are constantly tempted, because temptation provides an opportunity for repentance and a chance to experience God at a new and deeper level.
16. T/F The above statement is false and should read “We should be concerned when we are constantly tempted, because a good Christian will experience less and less temptation, especially if they frequently quote scripture to themselves.”

~~17. Our discussion pointed out that for most of us, we tend to yield to temptation because of issues of:— a. life and death— b. knowledge and ignorance— c. immediacy and identity— d. sex and passion— e. love and hate~~

~~18. T/F When Jesus cleansed the temple and spoke of his father’s house he was making what sounded to the Jewish leaders like an outrageous statement. He implied that his body was in fact “his Father’s house.”~~

~~19.17. ___ When Jesus spoke to Nicodemus about being “born again” he was pointing out that Nicodemus needed:— a. a new relationship to reality— b. a new approach to the Jewish law— c. to worship the snake on a stick— d. b and c— e. none of the previous~~

~~20. When Jesus was speaking to Nicodemus about Israel being saved by looking at the “snake on a stick” he was providing a metaphor for:— a. healing— b. Jesus’ relationship to Moses— c. salvation has always been by faith— d. salvation has always involved doing something out of the ordinary— e. c and d~~

~~21. When Jesus visited the city of Sychar, he was walking into a situation that was charged with:— a. long term religious cooperation— b. hostility dating back to the Greek empire and the excesses of the Selucids— c. hostility dating back to the events surrounding the rebuilding of the temple during the Persian period— d. hostility dating back to the time of the Hasmoneans— e. hostility because of Herod the Great.~~

~~22. Jesus basically tells the Samaritan woman that: a. the only way to truly know God is through seeking him in the right places— b. people don't seek God, but God seeks people. — c. her sin is keeping her from knowing God — d. none of the previous~~

~~23. When Jesus spoke of living water, he was speaking of something real and metaphorical. He was saying that:— a. just as living water comes from the ground, so also must Jesus come up from the ground.— b. just as living water comes up from the ground to the thirsty person, the living God comes to us.— c. just as living water is clean and pure, people who seek God in all the right places will be clean and pure.— d. none of the previous.~~

~~24. T/F At the marriage supper, Jesus reveals a new joy; with Nicodemus, Jesus reveals a new birth; and with the woman at the well he reveals a new universalism.~~

~~25. T/F The above statement is false and should read: “At the marriage supper, Jesus reveals a new joy, with Nicodemus, Jesus reveals a new birth, and with the woman at the well he reveals a new relationship to others.”~~

The Year of Popularity

~~26-18.~~ T/F When we see Jesus ministering around Galilee, he reminds us that God is always seeking, speaking, inviting and re-creating.

~~27-19.~~ T/F The Sermon on the Mount provides a list of things that we must strive to develop in our lives if we are to be good citizens of the Kingdom of God.

~~28-20.~~ T/F The Sermon on the Mount provides a list of things that the Lord, through the re-creating work of the Holy Spirit, will bring about in the lives of a kingdom citizen.

Use the following choices to answer questions 29- 32 Some choices may be used more than once or not at all.

- A. Poor in Spirit
- B. Those who mourn
- C. Peacemakers

~~29-21.~~ Those who join God in seeing and feeling the ruin and pain that sin has brought to the world.

~~30-22.~~ People who might have to wade into conflict.

31-23. The solution to feeling superior to others based on one's good behavior.

32-24. The recognition that we have nothing to offer to God

33-25. According to our discussion, one of the clear messages from the Sermon on the Mount is "the reason we do what we do is . . ." a. because we want to be better people. b. we don't want to sin. c. because we are afraid of spiritual death d. because we are what we are. e. a and c.

~~34. Traditionally, we think about salvation as being either in the kingdom or out of the kingdom. Perhaps Jesus is suggesting that we think about it in terms of: a. sinning and not sinning b. movement toward or movement away c. life or death d. happiness or sadness e. none of the previous.~~

~~35. If we say that we should not judge, we take away the basis for _____ and the authority to _____. a. happiness, on problems b. love, give c. confronting, punish other d. moral opinion, take moral action e. moral outrage, seize the moral high ground.~~

Before turning your Scantrons in, please make sure your name is on BOTH of them, and that each is appropriately marked Part 1 and Part 2. Thank you.

