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**NTBS512 MAJOR THEMES IN THE STUDY OF THE GOSPELS AND ACTS**

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**DURATION: 5 HOURS**

***INSTRUCTIONS***

1. Do not write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Answer **ALL** the questions.
3. Marks for each question are indicated.
4. Credit is given for neat, well explained and illustrated concepts.

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1. Several New Testament scholars who belong to the New Quest for the Historical Jesus (New Questers) agree in principle that there has to be some form of identity and continuity between the historical Jesus who lived in time and space and the proclaimed Christ of the Gospels.
  - a) Demonstrate your understanding of the reasons why the New Questers abandoned the Old Quest for the historical Jesus and advocated for a New Quest. **[40]**
  - b) Assess the significance of the identity and continuity between the historical Jesus and the proclaimed Christ of the Gospels to the Christian faith today. **[60]**
2. One of the main themes in the Gospels is Christology, that is, the person or Identity and work of Jesus.
  - a) Demonstrate your understanding of the use of Christological titles, Son of Man, Son of God and Messiah, in the Synoptic Gospels. **[40]**
  - b) Examine the validity of the claim that the Christological titles enable believers to understand fully the person and work of Jesus. **[60]**
3. The Doctrine of Salvation (Soteriology) is central in New Testament studies as it is linked to the mission of Jesus Christ.
  - a) Compare and contrast the theme of Salvation in the Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel of Luke. **[40]**
  - b) Using what you have learnt about the soteriology of each of the four canonical Gospels and Acts, formulate your own theory about salvation that explains the relationship between the concepts of grace, salvation and the law. **[60]**

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