
Assessment on the Gospels

Task

Write an exegesis on one of the following passages from the Gospels:

Matthew 8:5-13

Mark 10:17-27

Luke 7:36-50

John 15:1-11

You must submit this by 4 pm on Monday 30 September 2024.

The maximum length is

- 2000 words if you are in the first year of your course (Certificate)
- 2500 words if you are in the second year of your course (Diploma)
- 3000 words if you are in the third year of the BA (English)

Advice on how to do this well

- *Do your research using the method of exegesis which we learned in class*
 - See the handouts for classes 5 and 6
 - Make careful notes on where your key ideas come from in the Bible (both in the passage you are studying, and any references elsewhere in the Bible), so that you can give precise references
- *A suggested way to present what you have learned*
 - Introduction: set the scene briefly, such as...
 - ...something that is difficult in the passage
 - ...something which is debated in the passage
 - You do not need to give a full introduction to the Gospel you are studying—keep focused on information which is necessary for your reader to understand the passages
 - The context(s) of the passage
 - How is the passage related to the passages before and after it?
 - Is this passage about a theme of the Gospel you are studying?
 - What kind of passage is this? What is its form (e.g. parable, miracle story, teaching, etc.)?
 - The structure of the passage
 - How is the passage organised? How does this organisation show the main point(s) of the passage?

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- Verse by verse discussion—this should be the biggest part of your assignment
 - For each verse (or group of verses), help your reader see how the verse(s) contribute to the meaning of the passage. Here is where you will use the answers to the seven fact-finding questions.
 - This will include commenting on some of the key words used, and where else they are used by your Gospel or elsewhere in the Bible.
 - It will include commenting on the relationships and development of characters in the passage, especially if the passage is narrative.
- Summary and conclusion
 - What is the main point(s) of the passage? Summarise clearly in your own words.
 - Give a brief outline of how you would preach on this passage as a result of your exegesis.
- References
 - If you have used books or articles to help you, give a list of them with full details (author, title, place, publisher, year)—and don't forget to mention them in the essay itself where they have helped you.