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BIBLE KNOWLEDGE 2

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Time: 2:30 Hours

ANSWERS

Year: 2010

Instructions

1. This paper consists of sections A , B and C with a total of twelve (16) questions. Section A consists of
2. questions from the Gospel according to Matthew, Section B from the Gospel according to Luke and
3. Section C from the Acts of the Apostles.
4. Answer three (3) questions from either section A or B ; and two (2) questions from section C .
5. Question 1 is compulsory for candidates who choose to answer questions from section A and question 5
6. is compulsory for candidates who choose to answer questions from section B .
7. 4. Each question carries twenty (20) marks.
8. 5. All communication devices, Bibles and any other unauthorized materials are not allowed in the
9. examination room.
10. 6. Write your Examination Number on every page of your answer booklet(s).

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1. "A voice was heard in Ramah; wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more" (Mt. 2:18).

What was the incidence which fulfilled this prophecy?

This prophecy was fulfilled when King Herod ordered the massacre of all male children aged two years and below in Bethlehem and its vicinity in an attempt to kill the infant Jesus.

2. "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood" (Mt. 27:4).

Briefly describe the occasion which led to this statement to be spoken.

This statement was spoken by Judas Iscariot after he betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. Realizing the gravity of his actions and feeling remorse, Judas tried to return the money to the chief priests and elders, confessing his guilt.

3. "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest" (Mt. 21:9).

(a) Who said these words?

The crowd that welcomed Jesus during His triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

(b) Describe the incidence.

This event occurred on Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The crowd spread their cloaks and palm branches on the road, praising Him as the Messiah and shouting "Hosanna." This fulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9.

4. Identify the following people:

(a) Stephen and Philip

Stephen and Philip were among the seven deacons chosen to serve in the early church. Stephen became the first Christian martyr, while Philip was an evangelist who preached in Samaria and baptized the Ethiopian eunuch.

(b) Joseph of Arimathea

Joseph of Arimathea was a wealthy disciple of Jesus who provided his tomb for Jesus' burial.

(c) Barnabas

Barnabas, also called the "Son of Encouragement," was an early church leader who accompanied Paul on his missionary journeys and supported the believers in Antioch.

(d) Theophilus

Theophilus was the recipient of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, addressed to him by Luke.

5. "How is it that you have agreed together to tempt the spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those that have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out" (Acts 5:9).

(a) Who said these words?

Peter.

(b) To whom were they spoken?

To Sapphira.

(c) What were the outcomes?

Sapphira fell down dead, just as her husband Ananias had earlier, and they were both buried.

(d) Describe the event briefly.

Ananias and Sapphira sold a piece of property but kept back part of the proceeds while pretending to give all of it to the apostles. Peter confronted them about their deceit and lying to the Holy Spirit, leading to their deaths as divine judgment.

6. "But we believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are" (Acts 15:11).

(a) Who said these words?

Peter.

(b) What was the major issue behind this statement?

The major issue was whether Gentile converts to Christianity should be required to follow Jewish customs, particularly circumcision, to be saved.

(c) Where was the discussion held?

The discussion was held at the Council of Jerusalem.

(d) What was the outcome?

The council decided that Gentile believers did not need to follow the Law of Moses or be circumcised to be saved. They were only required to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, blood, meat of strangled animals, and sexual immorality.

(e) Explain how the church handles issues that cause division among Christians today.

The church handles divisive issues through dialogue, prayer, and guidance from Scripture. Church leaders and members seek unity by focusing on common faith in Christ and relying on the Holy Spirit for wisdom. Councils and discussions are often held to resolve disputes, emphasizing love and respect for differing opinions.

7. Match the items in List A with the responses in List B by writing the letter of the correct response beside the item number.

List A

(i) These men are the servants of the Most High God.

(ii) Tell us if you are the Christ, Son of God.

(iii) Hail, King of the Jews.

(iv) Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.

- (v) If this plan is of men, it will fail, but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them.
- (vi) The angel spoke of him that he would be called a Nazarene.
- (vii) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- (viii) After Peter's speech on the day of Pentecost, this happened.
- (ix) This is the reason why Peter baptized Cornelius.
- (x) This Jesus, who I proclaimed to you, is the Christ.

List B

- A. Gamaliel spoke the words to the council members.
- B. All the congregation asked Ananias and Sapphira.
- C. Philip the evangelist spoke these words.
- D. The soldiers mocked Jesus.
- E. Stephen's words.
- F. Jesus' warning to the evildoers.
- G. Herod said to Jesus as he tried him.
- H. Nathaniel spoke these words.
- I. The shepherds asked Herod.
- J. The two men who were crucified with Jesus mocked Him (Jesus).
- K. Words of a slave girl with a spirit of divination who followed Paul and his fellows.
- L. Nazarene refers to John the Baptist.
- M. Those who were present mocked Jesus' disciples that they had drunk wine.
- N. He and his people spoke in tongues.
- O. He and his people spoke in tongues.
- P. The context of the words is the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.
- Q. He gave generously to God.
- R. The Nazarene was Jesus.
- S. The multitude shouted at Jesus as they cursed Him.
- T. This is Paul's statement at Thessalonica.

Answers

- (i) K
- (ii) G
- (iii) D
- (iv) E
- (v) A
- (vi) R
- (vii) P
- (viii) N
- (ix) Q
- (x) T

8. Give an account of the conversion of Lydia at Philippi (Acts 16:11-15).

Lydia was a seller of purple goods from Thyatira and a worshiper of God. Paul and his companions met her at a place of prayer by the river in Philippi. As Paul spoke, the Lord opened Lydia's heart to respond to his message. She and her household were baptized, and she invited Paul and his companions to stay at her house, expressing her gratitude and hospitality.

9. The Gospel of St. Luke has several sub-themes (or descriptions) on which the writer bases his materials. Mention and explain five of them.

- (i) The universality of salvation: Luke emphasizes that salvation is for all people, including Gentiles, women, and outcasts.
- (ii) The work of the Holy Spirit: The Gospel highlights the role of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' ministry and the lives of believers.
- (iii) Compassion for the poor and marginalized: Luke often portrays Jesus caring for the poor, sinners, and socially excluded.
- (iv) Prayer and worship: Luke records numerous occasions of Jesus praying and teaching about prayer.
- (v) The joy of salvation: Luke emphasizes the joy that accompanies repentance, forgiveness, and the coming of God's Kingdom.

10. Mention the outstanding political rulers and religious leaders during the ministry of John the Baptist (Lk. 3:1-3). What did John insist in this message?

The political rulers included Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, and Lysanias. The religious leaders were Annas and Caiaphas. John insisted on repentance, baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and the need to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah.

11. According to the Gospel of St. Luke, Jesus was criticized on four different occasions for eating with the wrong kind of people (sinners). Briefly describe each incidence.

- (i) Jesus ate with Levi, a tax collector, and was criticized by the Pharisees for associating with sinners.
- (ii) At the house of Simon the Pharisee, Jesus was criticized for allowing a sinful woman to anoint His feet.
- (iii) Jesus ate with Zacchaeus, a chief tax collector, prompting criticism for associating with a sinner.
- (iv) At a meal with Pharisees, Jesus criticized their hypocrisy and lack of compassion for sinners.

12. Identify the following people:

a. Stephen and Philip

Stephen was one of the seven deacons chosen by the apostles to serve the early church. He became the first Christian martyr after boldly proclaiming the Gospel before the Sanhedrin.

Philip was also one of the seven deacons and later became an evangelist. He preached in Samaria and baptized the Ethiopian eunuch.

b. Joseph of Arimathea

Joseph of Arimathea was a wealthy disciple of Jesus who provided his own tomb for Jesus' burial after His crucifixion.

c. Barnabas

Barnabas, whose name means "Son of Encouragement," was a Levite from Cyprus. He was an early church leader who accompanied Paul on missionary journeys and supported believers in Antioch.

d. Theophilus

Theophilus was the recipient of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, both written by Luke. He is thought to have been a person of high status or a believer seeking assurance in his faith.

13. How is it that you have agreed together to tempt the spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those that have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out (Acts 5:9).

a. Who said these words?

Peter.

b. To whom were they spoken?

Sapphira, the wife of Ananias.

c. What were the outcomes?

Sapphira immediately fell down dead, just as her husband Ananias had earlier, and she was buried alongside him.

d. Describe the event briefly.

Ananias and Sapphira sold a piece of property and deceitfully kept back part of the proceeds while pretending to give all of it to the apostles. When Peter confronted Ananias about lying to the Holy Spirit, he fell down dead. Later, Sapphira came in and confirmed the lie, leading to her death as well. This event instilled great fear among the early church members.

14. But we believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are (Acts 15:11).

a. Who said these words?

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The issue was whether Gentile converts to Christianity needed to follow Jewish customs, such as circumcision, to be saved.

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The council decided that Gentile believers did not need to be circumcised or follow the Mosaic Law. Instead, they were asked to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, blood, meat of strangled animals, and sexual immorality.

e. Explain how the church handles issues that cause division among Christians today.

The church addresses divisive issues through dialogue, prayer, and consultation with Scripture. Leaders often convene councils or assemblies to seek collective wisdom and reach a consensus. Emphasis is placed on unity, mutual respect, and focusing on shared beliefs rather than differences.

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- L. Three thousand men were baptized.
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