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QUIZ #1
Rel 211: New Testament Gospels
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After studying, complete this quiz to the best of your ability without using your notes or referring to your scriptures. Remember that its primary purpose is as a diagnostic to ensure that you are mastering the right material for the exam.

I. IDENTIFICATIONS (2 points each): Identify each of the following names, events, and terms as specifically as you can, indicating why it is important for the gospel text.

1. Gospel, meanings of
2. Christology
3. "Marcan sandwich"
4. Maccabean Revolt, what it was and significance of for NT
5. authentic discipleship
6. Infancy Narratives
7. Rahab
8. Annunciation
9. Hermeneutics
10. "Messianic Secret"

II. SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY (5 points each): Explain the original context of the passage (author and situation, not necessarily chapter and verse), making sure to address its basic historical, literary, and theological questions.

1. "And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation."

2. “. . . they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?”

III. SHORT ANSWERS (10 points each): In a carefully thought-out paragraph, address each of the questions below and reflect on its importance to our understanding of the gospels and their messages.

1. Briefly describe how each of the gospels begins its account of Jesus Christ. What are the arguments that scholars make about their relative Christologies, and how else can we explain their different points of departure and emphasis?

2. Lay out the major themes and the structure of Mark's gospel as studied so far. How do the healing/miracle stories and the controversy narratives address the concerns of Mark's original audience?