Christian Scriptures Midterm Exam Review Sheet

This is an **inexhaustive** study guide. Please do not limit your preparation to the items on this sheet! You are responsible for all of the material we have covered at this point in the semester. The best thing you can do is read all assigned texts, and review lecture notes and class handouts. Studying with a partner is highly encouraged.

**Know these terms:**

Pericope Eisegesis

Synoptic Exegesis

Redaction criticism Diatesseron

Form criticism Marcion

Source criticism Syncretism

Theophilus Hellenization

Gospel L source

Q source M source

Literary criticism Textual criticism

Logos “we” passages

Farewell discourse Docetism

Markan sandwich Historical Criticism

Gnosticism Canon

Diaspora Gematria

Monotheism Polytheism

Dualism Apocalyptic

Pharisees Sadducees

Essenes Zealots

Hermeneutics Codex

**Know these concepts:**

Distinct aspects and themes of each of the synoptic gospels. You should be able to recognize a specific gospel from a quote from that gospel with a distinctive element in it.

**Be prepared to discuss:**

The tools of Hellenism and how empire effected the culture of the writings of scripture

Describe the process and challenges of scribal transmission

The synoptic problem: how do scholars explain the existence of so many gospels? What is the common understanding of how the gospels were developed? What are other theories?

Narrative gaps in Mark

Messianic secret in Mark

The role of the disciples in the gospel of Mark. What was meant in Mark 16: 1-8 when the writer told the reader to “return to Galilee”? What did it mean within the gospel? What was it’s meaning for the intended audience?

Discuss key themes of Matthews gospel using Matthew 1: 1-17

Discuss key themes in Luke’s gospel using Luke 2: 25-35.

Discuss how the writer of the two-volume work, Luke/Acts uses a geographical structure? What is the point of this structure?