

## SECTION A

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1 Explore key ideas about the messianic secret.

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The Messianic Secret is an ideology proposed by Wilhelm Wrede that states that Jesus hid his identity as the Messiah. Wrede proposed that as he saw Jesus silencing demons that acknowledged the title, told people he healed to keep the miracle a secret and he never claimed the title himself. On the one hand, ~~people~~ <sup>Scholars</sup> believe that Jesus hid his identity as the Messiah as he did not want to take away or distract from his message, moreover, he didn't want to confuse his followers as his mission was different from the Jewish interpretation of the Messiah, which was a literal King who would lead an army to destroy the Romans and recover Israel through Military action. Other Scholars state that the idea of the Messiahship was a later theological addition added by the writers to clearly clarify Jesus' identity and purpose, however the historical Jesus never claimed the title. This would explain why Mark's gospel includes the Messianic secret, because Jesus later gospels do not include it. or people who knew him rejected the title, whereas

(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)

