

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 the idea that the disciples purposefully kept Jesus' identity quiet. It potentially could have been to help him fulfill the prophecies that were set out in the old testament.

The messianic secret is argued to be a later addition made by the early church to show Jesus' divinity. Therefore it is not a part of the historical Jesus. It helps to show who Jesus was as a person.

On the other hand, the messianic secret could have been a historical truth as when Jesus calms the demons out of the demons, he demands that they don't speak of his name.

The messianic secret could have been a form of protection for Jesus. It could have helped to protect his identity from religious authorities making sure that Jesus wasn't presented before his time.

(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)

