

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 idea developed by scholar Wrede. It concerns Mark's gospel, in which Jesus reveals his messianic identity in private and secretive moments. Wrede theorises that this is a method employed by Mark because at the time it was written Jesus' friends and family would not have known him as the Messiah, so Mark made it look like Jesus did identify as the Messiah but only told select people in secret to prove Mark's point about his messianic identity. This theory relies on Markan priority - the theory that Mark's gospel was written first as opposed to Matthew's - due to the timings and attitudes in those times.

(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)

