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QUESTIONS:

1. What are two obvious facts when interpreting the Gospels?
2. In terms of hermeneutical skills when are they needed in pertaining to the Gospel?
3. What are the three principles at work in the composition of the gospel?
4. Describe the principle of adaptation?
5. What are the three strands of Jesus public ministry that are of special interest to Mark?

ANSWERS:

1. The two facts are (1) Jesus himself did not write the gospels; they were written by other and therefore did not come directly from him and (2) there are four gospels, three of which have remarkable similarities - Gospel of John does not.
2. Hermeneutical skills are needed to understand the parables no less than we need them for appreciating other parts of scripture. Jesus's use of parables reflects certain theological concerns that cannot be ignored.
3. Three principles are: selectivity, arrangement, and adaptation.
4. The principle of adaptation explains most of the discrepancies that could be found in the gospels.
5. Three strands of Jesus's public ministry that Mark should interest are popularity with the crowds, discipleship with the few and opposition from authorities.

TERMS:

Literary Context- has to do with the place of a given pericope in the context of any one of the gospels.

Eschatology - has to do with the end times when God brings this age to its close.

Historical Context - the information about the period, the place, and the events that created, influenced, or formed the backdrop to the historic resources.

SUMMARY:

In chapter 7 Fee and Stuart take us through the four gospels to explain not only their similarities but their differences as well. Examination of Matthew, Mark and Luke show that these gospels although written for different audiences that they each speak of the same parables but how they chose to indicate those stories make them unique. There are technical approaches for example the study of literary sources which can raise important questions regarding the Gospel. It should be explicitly stated that these questions cannot be ignored rather a more advanced examination of the text in question is needed. The examination of these documentations would allow us to get a fuller and more focused understanding of not only the documents but of the context in which they are conveyed. By having a proper and expert understanding of the Gospels will allow you to have deeper

knowledge and understanding of God's word.