



Cambridge O Level

RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

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Paper 1 The Portrayal of the Life and Teaching of Jesus

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- Where there are differences in quotations from the Bible:

NIV indicates New International Version

RSV indicates Revised Standard Version

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Answer any **four** questions.

1 (a) Give an account of Joseph and his family's escape to Egypt, including their return to Nazareth. [6]

(b) Explain why it is thought that Matthew might have been writing his gospel for Jewish Christians. [6]

(c) 'It is essential to have an understanding of the political background to Matthew's Gospel.'

To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

2 (a) Describe the teaching in the Sermon on the Mount about revenge and love for enemies. [6]

(b) Explain ways in which Christians today might follow this teaching. [6]

(c) 'Jesus' teaching about loving your enemies is too difficult.'

To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

3 (a) Give an account of:

(i) Jesus' reply to the question sent by John the Baptist from prison **and**

(ii) what Jesus then said about John the Baptist. [6]

(b) Explain what Jesus' answer to John the Baptist might teach about the person and work of Jesus. [6]

(c) 'The work of Jesus and John the Baptist was completely different.'

To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

4 (a) Describe the healing of a demon-possessed (**RSV** epileptic) boy. [6]

(b) Explain the significance of Jesus being able to cast out demons. [6]

(c) 'Miracles happen only because of faith.'

To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

5 (a) Give an account of the parable about a wedding banquet (**RSV** marriage feast). [6]

(b) Explain Jesus' teaching in this parable. [6]

(c) 'The teaching in Jesus' parables was not meant for everyone.'

To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

6 (a) Give an account of what happened when Peter said that he did not know Jesus. [6]

(b) Explain how the character of Peter is shown in Matthew's Gospel. [6]

(c) 'The disciples followed Jesus but failed to understand him.'

To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

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