



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) Outline reasons for the traditional view of Matthew as author of Matthew's Gospel. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of Matthew's Gospel beginning with the genealogy of Jesus.' [6]
- (c) 'It is more important to know what Jesus did than who his ancestors were.'

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) Outline the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount. [6]
- (b) Choose **three** of the Beatitudes and explain why Christians might think that these are teachings that cause happiness. [6]
- (c) 'New Beatitudes are needed today.'

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) Describe the miracles where:
- (i) Jesus healed a leper and
- (ii) Jesus calmed a storm. [6]
- (b) Explain what **one** of these miracles shows about the person and work of Jesus. [6]
- (c) 'The nature miracles provide better evidence of Jesus' identity than the healing miracles.'

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) Give an account of the Parable of the Sower. [6]
- (b) Explain Jesus' teaching about the meaning of this parable. [6]
- (c) 'The parables of Jesus are confusing for readers today.'

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) Describe the occasion when Peter declared that Jesus was the Messiah (**RSV** the Christ). [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of this event for both Jesus and Peter. [6]
- (c) 'Christians should always say what they believe even if others disagree.'

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 the occasion when Jesus was asked about paying tax to Caesar. [6]
- (b) Explain why Jesus' answer to the question avoided the attempt by his enemies to trap him. [6]
- (c) 'Jesus was right to deal with his enemies in different ways.'

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

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