



# Cambridge O Level

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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)****2048/22**

Paper 2 The Portrayal of the Birth of the Early Church

**May/June 2020****1 hour 30 minutes**

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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**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.

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**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 reasons to support the argument that Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles are connected. [6]

(b) Explain why Matthias became an apostle. [6]

(c) 'The Holy Spirit is the reason for the spread of the early church.' 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 stoning of Stephen. [6]

(b) Explain why the early Christians were persecuted. [6]

(c) 'It is easier to be a Christian today than it was during the time of the early church.' 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 healing of Tabitha (Dorcas) in Joppa. [6]

(b) Explain what might be learned about life in the early church from the incident with Ananias and Sapphira. [6]

(c) 'The work of women in Acts suggests that women today should have more of a role in the church.' 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) Outline what is known about Cornelius from the Acts of the Apostles. [6]

(b) Explain why Peter's vision in Joppa was important for the development of the early church. [6]

(c) 'Gentiles were more important to the development of the early church than Jews.' 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 what happened following the healing of the lame man in Lystra. [6]

(b) Explain why performing healings helped the apostles in their mission. [6]

(c) 'People are not miraculously healed today.'  
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) Describe what happened in Thessalonica with Paul and his companions. [6]

(b) Explain why Paul faced opposition from the silversmiths in Ephesus. [6]

(c) 'Paul's missionary journeys would not be so successful today.'  
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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