



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 the occasion when the future birth of Jesus was announced to Mary. [6]
- (b) Explain why the writer of Luke's Gospel might have included this account. [6]
- (c) 'Luke kept his promise to Theophilus to "write an orderly account".'
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 what happened when Jesus visited the synagogue in Nazareth. [6]
- (b) Explain why the people of Nazareth might have been angry with Jesus on this occasion. [6]
- (c) 'It was easier to believe in Jesus during his lifetime than it is 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:
- (i) the actions of the sinful woman when she anointed Jesus **and**
- (ii) how Jesus compared her actions to those of Simon the Pharisee. [6]
- (b) Explain why this is a significant event in the gospel story. [6]
- (c) 'Luke's Gospel might also be known as the gospel of women.'
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 miracle when ten were healed of leprosy. [6]
- (b) Explain what this story might show about the work and ministry of Jesus. [6]
- (c) 'God heals those who have 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) In the parable of the Ten Minas (**RSV** Ten Pounds), what happened when the servant said that he had safely kept his one mina (**RSV** pound)? [6]
- (b) Explain the meaning of this parable. [6]
- (c) 'The treatment of the servant makes Jesus's teaching in this parable hard to understand.' 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 the conversation between Jesus and those who were crucified with him. [6]
- (b) Explain why Judas might have betrayed Jesus. [6]
- (c) 'For Christians, knowing why Jesus died is more important than knowing how he died.' 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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