

General Certificate of Education
June 2006
Advanced Level Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 8 Studies in the New Testament

RS08

Wednesday 14 June 2006 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- a 12-page answer book

You are permitted the use of a Bible, which may include the Apocrypha.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is RS08.
- Answer **two** questions.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.

Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Examine the interpretation of the Feeding of the Five Thousand (John 6¹⁻¹⁵). (20 marks)

- (b) ‘The signs in John’s Gospel show the superiority of the teaching of Jesus over that of Judaism.’

With reference to other signs that you have studied in John’s Gospel, examine this statement, and assess the claim that this was the main purpose of the signs in John’s Gospel. (30 marks)

- 2 (a) “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life.”
“I am the True Vine.”

Examine what these claims reveal about the person and work of Jesus. (20 marks)

- (b) ‘John’s presentation of Jesus as the ‘eschatological judge’ contradicts the views expressed in the ‘I am’ sayings: “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life”, and “I am the True Vine”.’

Examine John’s presentation of Jesus as the ‘eschatological judge’, and assess the claim given above. (30 marks)

- 3 (a) Examine what can be learned about the work of Jesus from John’s Resurrection Narrative. (20 marks)

- (b) ‘The Paraclete has been described as “the presence of Jesus when he is absent”.’

Examine John’s teaching on the person of the Paraclete, and assess the view that this statement is an adequate summary of John’s teaching on the person of the Paraclete. (30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS