General Certificate of Education
June 2007
Advanced Level Examination

RELIGIOUS STUDIES　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　**RS08**
Unit 8　　Studies in the New Testament

Wednesday 13 June 2007　　9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

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- 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 will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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Answer **two** questions.

1 (a) Examine what is learnt about the person and work of Jesus from the following **two** signs:

The Healing of the Officer's son (John 4^{46-54}), and
The Crippled Man (John 5^{1-18}). *(20 marks)*

(b) (i) Examine the use of symbolism in John's account of **one** sign **not** discussed in part (a).

(ii) 'John was more interested in symbolism than in historical accuracy.'

Assess this claim. *(30 marks)*

2 (a) 'I am the Bread of Life.'
'I am the Light of the World.'

Explain what these sayings reveal about the person and the work of Jesus. *(20 marks)*

(b) (i) Examine the contribution of modern scholarship to the understanding of the saying 'I am the Good Shepherd'.

(ii) Assess the claim that the imagery of these **three** 'I am' sayings is irrelevant to 21st century readers. *(30 marks)*

3 (a) Examine John's purposes in writing the Resurrection Narrative. *(20 marks)*

(b) (i) Examine the ways in which John portrays Jesus as human in the Passion Narrative.

(ii) Assess the view that, in John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as purely human in the Passion Narrative, but purely divine in the Resurrection Narrative. *(30 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS