

General Certificate of Education  
June 2008  
Advanced Level Examination



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

**RS08**

Friday 6 June 2008 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

**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 black ink or black 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.

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- 1 (a) Examine the nature of signs with reference to the following **two** signs:

Water into Wine (John 2<sup>1-11</sup>), **and**  
The Feeding of the Five Thousand (John 6<sup>1-15</sup>). *(20 marks)*

- (b) ‘The signs in John’s Gospel show Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God and the giver of life.’

- (i) With reference to other signs that you have studied in John’s Gospel, examine this statement.
- (ii) Assess the claim that the main purpose of the signs in John’s Gospel was to show who Jesus was. *(30 marks)*

- 2 (a) Examine the nature and significance of discourses with reference to:

‘I am the Door of the Sheep’ (John 10<sup>1-10</sup>), **and**  
‘I am the Resurrection and the Life’ (John 11<sup>1-44</sup>). *(20 marks)*

- (b) Examine the concept of judgement in John’s Gospel, and assess the view that John’s Gospel is more concerned with present salvation than with future judgement. *(30 marks)*

- 3 (a) Examine what can be learnt about the person and work of Jesus from John’s Passion narrative. *(20 marks)*

- (b) Outline John’s teaching on the work of the Paraclete, and assess how far you agree with the claim that the Paraclete is Jesus returned. *(30 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**