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Religious Studies

Advanced

Unit 4: Implications – New Testament

Thursday 19 June 2014 – Morning
Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Paper Reference

6RS04/1J

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **BOTH** part (a) and part (b) of the question.
- Answer the question in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Quality of written communication will be taken into account in the marking of all your responses
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*

Advice

- The assessment of your answers will be based on your knowledge and understanding of the topic in question (for 60% of the marks) and your evaluative skills (for 40% of the marks).

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New Testament

Understanding the death of Jesus is a problem that has puzzled both believers and scholars. The New Testament addresses the issue in two different ways – one that is based upon the historical events of the time that led to Jesus's death, and the other which offers religious and theological reasons for his death. The two are inevitably interlinked, as the gospel writers demonstrate how the divine plans and purposes are revealed in the working out of the political manoeuvrings in the last weeks of Jesus's life.

The Gospels show that Jesus's words and actions created unrest amongst those who encountered him, particularly the Jewish and Roman authorities. Jesus angered the Jewish religious leaders with his teachings, his healings on the Sabbath and his interpretation of the Law of Moses. He condemned the Pharisees and Sadducees as hypocritical and angered them with his claims concerning his relationship to God. In particular, the cleansing of the Temple market and the triumphal entry into Jerusalem led them to see him as a great danger, not only to their own status and position but also to the religious faith of the people – they feared that the people would accept the teachings of a false Messiah.

At the trial before the Sanhedrin, Jesus was found guilty of blasphemy – for claiming to be the Christ – and was sentenced to death for the ultimate religious crime.

(Source: adapted from Reid, G. & Tyler, S. 'Why did Jesus have to die?' in Reid, G. & Tyler, S. *Advanced Religious Studies*, Philip Allan Updates, 2002, Edexcel Anthology)

- 1 (a) Examine the argument and/or interpretation in the passage. (30)
- (b) Do you agree with the idea(s) expressed? Justify your point of view and discuss its implications for understanding religion and human experience. (20)

(Total for Question 1 = 50 marks)

Start your answer on Page 3.



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