



GCE AS/A level

554/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS4

An Introduction to the New Testament

P.M. TUESDAY, 3 June 2008

1 hour

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book. You are permitted to use a Bible, which may include the Apocrypha.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry 20 marks. The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

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 questions.

Answer **Question 1** and **one other question**.

1.

All the miracles performed by Jesus have similar features. Usually, they can be performed only where there is faith. Some people believe that the miracle stories were made up by the early Church in order to teach faith.

- (a) Examine the *similar features* in the miracles performed by Jesus. [10]
- (b) Explain why *some people believe that the miracle stories were made up by the early Church in order to teach faith*. [10]
2. (a) Describe how Jesus' followers recognised him when he appeared after the resurrection, according to the different accounts you have studied. [10]
- (b) 'The story of Jesus' resurrection is a myth.'
Assess this statement. [10]
3. (a) Examine the key features of apocalyptic literature in the New Testament. [10]
- (b) 'Apocalyptic teaching has no relevance for us today.'
Assess this view. [10]