

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 3 An introduction to the New Testament

RS03

Friday 11 June 2004 Afternoon Session

In addition to this paper you will require:

an 8-page answer book.

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

Time allowed: 1 hour

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 RS03.
- Answer **two** questions: **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate. The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

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

1 Read the passage and answer questions (a) and (b) which follow.

“The Early Church preached that Jesus was the Messiah, anointed by God to bring in the Kingdom of God. The miracles that Jesus performed were seen both as part of this message of the coming of the Kingdom, and as a revelation of Jesus’ relationship with God and man.”

(a) Explain what the miracle of Calming the Storm teaches about Jesus’ relationship with God and man. *(10 marks)*

(b) According to the Kerygma in the Book of Acts, what did the Early Church preach about Jesus? *(10 marks)*

2 (a) Explain what may be learned about the person of Jesus from Luke’s Birth narrative. *(15 marks)*

(b) (i) Explain how the Jesus that John presents in his Prologue (John 1¹⁻¹⁸) differs from the Jesus that Luke presents in his Birth narrative. *(10 marks)*

(ii) Assess the view that such differences between the Gospel writers show that nothing can be known about the real Jesus. *(15 marks)*

3 (a) Explain what Luke shows about the person and work of Jesus in his account of Jesus’ crucifixion and death. *(15 marks)*

(b) “For 21st century readers Jesus’ crucifixion is more of a problem than his resurrection.”

Explain why this statement might be made, and assess how far it is true. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS