

General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
**Unit 3 An introduction to the New Testament**

**RS03**

Monday 17 January 2005

Morning 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.

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

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

“The Early Church would have been interested to learn details of Jesus’ birth and childhood. It is not surprising that, in response to this interest, Matthew included information and comments about Jesus’ birth in his gospel.”

(a) Explain what may be learned about the person of Jesus from Matthew’s Birth narrative. *(10 marks)*

(b) Explain why some readers see Matthew’s Birth narrative as historically unreliable. *(10 marks)*

**2** (a) Explain the teaching about the Kingdom of God that is found in the healing of the Centurion’s Slave. *(15 marks)*

(b) (i) Outline the ways in which critical approaches, such as form and redaction criticism, help an understanding of the miracle stories.

(ii) Assess how far such approaches are essential to understanding these stories. *(25 marks)*

**3** (a) Explain what may be learned about the person and work of Jesus from Luke’s Resurrection narrative. *(15 marks)*

(b) “Luke clearly believed that Jesus actually rose from the dead and physically appeared to people.”  
Outline the evidence for this view, and discuss how far you agree with it. *(25 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**