

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 3 An introduction to the New Testament

RS03

Thursday 7 June 2007 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

For this paper you must have:

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

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- 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.

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

1 Read this passage and answer parts (a) and (b) which follow.

‘There are a number of critical approaches used to study the New Testament. For example, source criticism attempts to identify which sources have been used by the gospel writers. Redaction critics concentrate on establishing the particular interests of each of the gospel writers.’

- (a) Outline what is suggested by source criticism about the sources used by the writers of the Synoptic Gospels (i.e. the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke). *(10 marks)*
- (b) Identify and explain the particular interests of Matthew in his account of the miracle of Calming the Storm (Matthew 8²³⁻²⁷). *(10 marks)*

2 (a) Explain what may be learned about the person of Jesus from Matthew’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 Matthew presents in his Birth narrative.
- (ii) Assess the view that such differences between the Gospel writers show that nothing can be known about the real Jesus. *(25 marks)*

3 (a) Examine the teaching about the person and work of Jesus in Luke’s Resurrection narrative. *(15 marks)*

- (b) (i) Outline the reasons why many people would claim that the Resurrection narratives are **not** historically accurate.
- (ii) ‘Jesus’ crucifixion is more of a problem for 21st century readers than his resurrection.’

Assess this view. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS