

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 3 An introduction to the New Testament

RS03

Wednesday 16 January 2008 9.00 am to 10.00 am

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.

‘Mark’s crucifixion account was written in order to show that Jesus was the promised Messiah, whose death was part of God’s plan of salvation. Luke’s crucifixion account emphasises Jesus as both innocent and in control of events.’

(a) Explain how Mark shows that Jesus’ crucifixion and death were part of God’s plan. *(10 marks)*

(b) Explain how Luke’s presentation of Jesus’ crucifixion and death shows Jesus as both innocent and in control of events. *(10 marks)*

2 (a) Examine what the Parable of The Tenants in the Vineyard teaches about the Kingdom of God. *(15 marks)*

(b) (i) Explain how **either** redaction criticism **or** form criticism has helped in understanding Jesus’ parables.

(ii) ‘Jesus’ parables are easy to interpret and understand.’

Assess how far you agree with this view. *(25 marks)*

3 (a) Examine what the accounts of the miracle of Legion teach about the person and work of Jesus. *(15 marks)*

(b) (i) Explain why some people may claim that the accounts of the miracle of Legion are not historical.

(ii) Assess the view that the miracle stories in the gospels are of no value to the modern reader. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS