

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS  
General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES/BIBLE KNOWLEDGE**

**2040/01**

Paper 1 The Life and Teaching of Christ as contained in the  
Synoptic Gospels

May/June 2003

**2 hours 30 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.  
Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.  
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.  
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **five** questions.

Answer **Question 1** and **four** other questions.

Answer Question 1 in **one** version only.

Revised Standard Version of Question 1 is printed on page 2.

New English Bible Version of Question 1 is printed on page 3.

Questions 2–10 are printed on pages 4 and 5.

You are advised to spend no longer than 40 minutes on Question 1.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

This document consists of 6 printed pages and 2 blank pages.



## REVISED STANDARD VERSION

1 Choose **five** of the passages (a) to (i) and answer the questions which follow.

(a) “He has put down the mighty ...” (Luke 1:52)

Complete this saying of Mary. What did she go on to say about those of low degree, the hungry, and the rich? Explain why Mary said these things. [6]

(b) When Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph ... (Matthew 2:19)

Where was Joseph? What did the angel tell him to do? Why did Joseph go to Galilee? [6]

(c) “Is it lawful on the sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?” (Mark 3:4)

Describe briefly the circumstances in which Jesus asked this question. Explain carefully to which persons the question refers. [6]

(d) “Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye?” (Matthew 7:3)

Complete what Jesus said about things in eyes. What lesson was he teaching? [6]

(e) ... the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” (Luke 7:14)

Why did the bearers stand still? Where did this happen? What happened next? [6]

(f) “... the seed should sprout and grow, he knows not how.” (Mark 4:27)

Give an account of this brief parable, and explain its meaning. [6]

(g) “The queen of the South will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it.” (Matthew 12:42)

Complete what Jesus said about the queen of the South and add what he had just said about the men of Nineveh. [6]

(h) “I have five brothers ... warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.” (Luke 16:28)

Give the rest of the conversation between Abraham and the rich man. Explain the meaning of this parable. [6]

(i) “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” (Luke 24:18)

Who said this? When Jesus asked them, “What things?”, what did they say? [6]

## NEW ENGLISH BIBLE

1 Choose **five** of the passages (a) to (i) and answer the questions which follow.

- (a) 'He has brought down monarchs...' (Luke 1:52)

Complete this saying of Mary. What did she go on to say about the humble, the hungry, and the rich? Explain why Mary said these things. [6]

- (b) The time came that Herod died; and an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph ... (Matthew 2:19)

Where was Joseph? What did the angel tell him to do? Why did Joseph go to Galilee? [6]

- (c) 'Is it permitted to do good or to do evil on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?' (Mark 3:4)

Describe briefly the circumstances in which Jesus asked this question. Explain carefully to which persons the question refers. [6]

- (d) 'Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye?' (Matthew 7:3)

Complete what Jesus said about things in eyes. What lesson was he teaching? [6]

- (e) ... the bearers halted. Then he spoke: 'Young man, rise up!' (Luke 7:14)

Why did the bearers halt? Where did this happen? What happened next? [6]

- (f) '... the seed sprouts and grows – how, he does not know.' (Mark 4:27)

Give an account of this brief parable, and explain its meaning. [6]

- (g) 'The Queen of the South will appear at the Judgement when this generation is on trial, and ensure its condemnation.' (Matthew 12:42)

Complete what Jesus said about the Queen of the South and add what he had just said about the men of Nineveh. [6]

- (h) "I have five brothers ... warn them, so that they too may not come to this place of torment." (Luke 16:28)

Give the rest of the conversation between Abraham and the rich man. Explain the meaning of this parable. [6]

- (i) 'Are you the only person staying in Jerusalem not to know what has happened there in the last few days?' (Luke 24:18)

Who said this? When Jesus asked them, 'What do you mean?', what did they say? [6]

Answer **four** of Questions **2–10**.

- 2 (a) (i) Outline carefully what happened at John the Baptist's circumcision. [6]  
(ii) When filled with the Holy Spirit, what did his father, Zechariah, prophesy about John? [6]
- (b) Comment on **three** significant remarks made about John on this occasion. [6]
- 3 (a) Describe in detail what happened when Jesus met Levi (Matthew) and went to his house. [6]
- (b) Relate the parable of the Lost Sheep, which Jesus told on a similar occasion. [6]
- (c) What do we learn from these occasions about the attitude of Jesus to people, and the effect he had on others? [6]
- 4 (a) What teaching did Jesus give in the Sermon on the Mount about:  
(i) fasting, [7]  
**and** (ii) those who say, "Lord, Lord"? [5]
- (b) Mention **briefly** and explain **three** other examples Jesus gave of insincere religion. [6]
- 5 (a) Give an account of the action Herod took against John the Baptist and the fate John suffered at Herod's hands. [12]
- (b) Comment on aspects of Herod's character which these events reveal. [6]
- 6 (a) Tell the story of Jesus' meeting with the man possessed by devils among the tombs, as narrated by Mark and Luke. [12]
- (b) Comment on:  
(i) the destruction of the pigs,  
(ii) the attitude of the local people,  
**and** (iii) what Jesus said to the man after he had been cured. [6]

- 7 (a) Narrate the healings of:
- (i) the woman who had a spirit of infirmity (**RSV**) or was possessed by a spirit that had crippled her (**NEB**) for eighteen years, [6]
- and (ii) the man with dropsy at a Pharisee's house. [4]
- (b) Comment on what happened after both these miracles. [8]
- 8 (a) Recount the conversation between Jesus and the Sadducees about the resurrection, and Moses' law about remarriage to provide children. [12]
- (b) Comment on the traps they laid for Jesus, and how he, in turn, trapped them by his reply. [6]
- 9 (a) Describe the events in the garden of Gethsemane from Jesus' entry with his disciples up to, but **not** including, Judas' actions. [12]
- (b) Write about **three** significant aspects of Jesus' praying on this occasion. [6]
- 10 (a) At his trials what was said to Jesus by:
- (i) the High Priest, [4]
- and (ii) Pilate? [3]
- (b) (i) What did false witnesses say about Jesus at his trials? [2]
- (ii) What did the Jewish religious leaders say about Jesus to Pilate? [3]
- (c) Comment on the significance of **any three** of these things said at Jesus' trials. [6]





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