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**2048 RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)**

**2048/21**

Paper 2 (Luke and Acts (1–21:15) Essay Questions),  
maximum raw mark 60

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## SECTION A

### The Life and Teaching of Jesus as Portrayed in Luke's Gospel

#### 1 Luke 1:8–23

**(a) Key Points:**

Angel appeared on right side of altar

Feared. Don't fear for your prayers answered – have son – call him John – many rejoice at his birth. Great before Lord/He will drink no wine and be filled with Holy Spirit/Turn many of Israel to Lord their God. He will go before him in spirit/power of Elijah/Will prepare people for the Lord

How shall I know? I am an old man. Wife old

I am Gabriel – you will be unable to speak until these things happen because you did not believe

Was unable to speak [7]

- (b)** Forerunner/preparing way/more than a prophet/prophet in tradition of Elijah/call to repentance and baptism/baptised Jesus/announcing arrival of Messiah/his social emphasis of gospel/his denunciation of wrong (and subsequent death) [5]

**Notes:**

Maximum level 3 if only discussed fully one aspect.

Level 4 possible by depth or breadth.

#### 2 **(a)** Luke 6:27–36

**Key Points:**

Do good to those who hate you

Bless those who curse you

Pray for those that ill-treat you

Turn other cheek – don't retaliate/cloak/tunic/take own belongings

Do to others what you would have them do to you

Even sinners do good to those who do them good

Lend without expecting it back

Great reward – will be sons of the Most High

Be merciful – as your Father is merciful [7]

**Notes:**

Be flexible. Not all points are required to be covered in order to gain a level 4.

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**(b) Luke 10:25–37**

**Examples:**

Relate events to attitude towards enemies –  
 Samaritan background – hated  
 The one who cared was outcast  
 Whilst those expected to care – did not  
 Illustrate practical care  
 All in need are neighbours – no exclusions

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**Notes:**

A simple response about loving your neighbour and a reference to parable is likely only to gain a lower level 2. There needs to be a fuller treatment of aspects of the parable and some background understanding about Samaritans to be awarded a level 4.

**3 Luke 8:4–15**

**(a) Key points:**

The four soils  
 What happened to each seed  
 Explanation by Jesus – seed/word of God/the four soils

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**Notes:**

All 4 soils and what happened to the seeds required for maximum marks.  
 Maximum level 2 for retelling of the parable only.  
 Level 4 does not require retelling of the parable.

**(b) Examples:**

To illustrate the meaning of spiritual truths  
 To stimulate people to think  
 To help them remember  
 Stories people could relate to  
 To fulfil Isaiah's prophecy  
 Jewish tradition

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4 Luke 17:11–19; 18:35–43

(a) Ten Lepers

Jesus travelling along Samaria and Galilee border/ten lepers/they stood at distance/Jesus, Master, have pity on us/Go show yourself to priests/As they went, they were cleansed/One returned praising God/threw himself at Jesus' feet/thanked him/a Samaritan/Jesus said – where are the other nine?/No one but foreigner returned to praise God?/Your faith has made you well

Blind man

Sitting by roadside/heard crowd going by and asked what was happening  
 Jesus of Nazareth is passing by. He called out “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me”  
 Those who led the way rebuked him. He shouted all the more  
 Jesus stopped/ordered man to be brought to him/“What do you want me to do for you?”  
 “Lord, I want to see”  
 Receive your sight. Your faith has healed you  
 Healed, followed Jesus, praising God

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**Notes:**

Maximum level 2 if only one account given  
 Not all details required for maximum marks

(b) **Examples:**

Faith turns into action – lepers/blind man approach Jesus  
 Faith has results – healings  
 Faith in Jesus' power and his word – they believe Jesus  
 Faith recognises who Jesus is – Lord/Son of David  
 Faith rewarded – healed

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5 Luke 23:1–25

(a) **Key Points:**

Charges of treason of various forms/Are you King of the Jews?  
 No basis to charge/assembly insisted – says started in Galilee  
 Pilate realises Galilean and sends to Herod  
 Mocked and dressed him up and sent back to Pilate  
 Pilate – no charge found/will punish and release  
 Release Barabbas  
 Pilate again appealed for release  
 Crucify him  
 No grounds for death penalty/crowd strong  
 Pilate relents

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**Notes:**

Not all required for level 4.

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**(b) Examples:**

How:

Blasphemy → treason (subverting nation/opposing tax payment/claiming to be king)

Why:

Religious → political

Pilate needed for death penalty judgement/Romans disinterested in Jewish religious squabbles [5]

**Notes:**

Both aspects needed for level 4.

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## SECTION B

### The Birth of the Church as Portrayed in the Acts of the Apostles Chapters 1–21:15

#### 6 Acts 1:12–26; 6:1–6

**(a) Key points:**

- (i) Reason for election – Judas suicide  
Quote from Psalms  
Criteria for selection  
Two candidates  
Prayed  
Selection by lot following traditional Jewish/OT custom
- (ii) Reason for election – increasing numbers and demands  
The Twelve stated needs and priorities  
The criteria for selection  
Selection – presented to the apostles who prayed for them and laid hands on them [7]

**Notes:**

Level 2 maximum if only one account given.  
Not all details required for level 4.

- (b) Discussion about needs for selection reflecting life of early church  
Growth of ministry of word  
Growth of Christian community meant more help needed  
Roles and hierarchy of tasks (ministry of word/prayer versus waiting on tables) – yet had to be full of the Spirit and wisdom  
Authority structure (The Twelve/the disciples)  
To continue the symbolism of the Twelve [5]

#### 7 (a) Acts 4:5–21

**Key points:**

- By what power
- Peter's speech about Jesus, his resurrection and salvation
- Discussion by Sanhedrin
- Could not deny miracle happened
- Ordered to speak no more in name of Jesus
- Judge for yourself if it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God
- Can't but speak of what we have heard
- Threatened but released [7]

Credit will also be given for material from Acts 5:27–42.  
Maximum level 2 (4 marks) for conflation between the two accounts.

**Notes:**

Peter's reply to Sanhedrin needs to be included for a level 4 answer.

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**(b) Acts 4:1–22**

**Examples:**

Teaching resurrection from dead against beliefs of some of Sanhedrin (Sadducees)

By what power or name do you do this?

Attack on Jews – you crucified – stone you builders rejected

Salvation nowhere else

Attracted large following

Teaching contrary to leaders

Challenged authorities

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**Notes:**

Not all mark scheme required for level 4 answers. Need to explain why particular events led to persecution if level 3–4 answer. If just listed events then level 2.

**8 Acts 9:1–9**

**(a) Key points:**

Why travelled

Seeking to arrest followers of Jesus

Letters from high priest to synagogues in Damascus – authority to take prisoners to Jerusalem

What happened

Light/fell to ground/heard voice

Saul, why persecute me?

Who are you? Jesus whom you persecute

Get up and go to city – be told what to do

People with him speechless

Heard but saw nothing

Blinded/and led by hand to Damascus

[7]

**Notes:**

Level 2 if narrative only and no reference to what was said/heard.

Level 4 must have both parts (why/what).

**(b) Examples:**

Saul's calling by God confirmed by Ananias

Obedience

Had to convince people (argue against opposition)

Confirmed as God's chosen instrument for mission (this man is chosen to carry my name to Gentiles and Jews)

Power/danger (had to escape over wall)

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9 (a) Acts 10:1–23

Expect discussion of being prepared by Spirit through supernatural events.

Peter had vision

Heaven opened/large sheet/4 legged animals etc./kill and eat/no – impure  
 Not eaten anything impure/do not call anything impure that God made clean  
 Three times this happened  
 Sheet taken back into heaven

Cornelius has angel appear

Told to send men to Joppa to bring back Peter/staying with Simon the tanner by sea  
 Men from Cornelius arrive soon after Peter has vision. Spirit tells Peter of people coming and how he must go with them [7]

**Notes:**

Both events of preparation required for level 4.

(b) Acts 10:25–11:18

**Examples:**

A Gentile – Gentile mission in Acts  
 One of the first Gentile converts – outward spread of gospel from then on  
 Received the Spirit as at Pentecost – amazed the Jews that gospel was clearly for Gentiles also  
 Problems raised by Gentile mission – Jewish-Gentile controversy in Acts [5]

10 (a) Acts 19:1–16

**Key points:**

Baptism

Met some disciples – Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?  
 No – not heard of Holy Spirit  
 John's baptism – baptism of repentance. John told about Jesus  
 Paul placed hands on them/Holy Spirit came/spoke in tongues and prophesied

Burning scrolls

Jews/drove out evil spirits using name of Jesus/whom Paul preaches  
 Spirits – I know Jesus/Paul/but who are you?  
 Man with evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them  
 Beat them – they ran out naked and bleeding  
 All people seized with fear/name of Lord Jesus held in high honour  
 Believed/openly confessed evil deeds/burnt scrolls [7]

**Notes:**

For level 4 need both aspects.



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(b) Acts 19:1–20:1

Success

Miracles/preaching/baptism of Holy Spirit clarifying difference from John's baptism  
All Jews and Greeks in province heard the word  
The word spread with power and people rejected sorcery

Not complete

Limited conversion/met opposition  
Large crowd still following Goddess Artemis

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