

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 3 An introduction to the New Testament

RS03

Tuesday 17 January 2006 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 are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.

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

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

‘Mark’s Gospel is sometimes called a gospel of miracles because so much of it records miraculous events. Most scholars believe that there is a direct connection between the account of Jesus’ miracles and the announcement of the coming of the Kingdom of God.’

(a) Explain what the account of the miracle of Legion teaches about the Kingdom of God. *(10 marks)*

(b) Explain why some readers see the account of this miracle as historically unreliable. *(10 marks)*

2 (a) Identify and explain the evidence to support the view that Matthew’s Birth narrative was written for Jews and that Luke’s was written for non-Jews. *(15 marks)*

(b) ‘The main aim of John’s Prologue is to present Jesus as divine.’

Explain why this claim might be made, and assess how far it is true. *(25 marks)*

3 (a) Examine the main themes in Luke’s presentation of Jesus’ resurrection. *(15 marks)*

(b) ‘Matthew wrote his Resurrection narrative to show the role and importance of the Church.’

Explain this statement, and assess the claim that this was Matthew’s only aim in writing this narrative. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS