

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 3 An introduction to the New Testament

RS03

Wednesday 17 January 2007 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.

‘The gospel writers selected and shaped their material with a particular community in mind. They included material that would be relevant and meaningful to that community. For example, Matthew wrote his gospel for Jews, so he included references to the Jewish Scriptures.’

(a) Outline the evidence to support the view that the Parable of The Great Feast in Matthew was written for Jews. *(10 marks)*

(b) Explain what the Parable of The Great Feast in Matthew teaches about the Kingdom of God. *(10 marks)*

2 (a) Examine the teaching about the person of Jesus in Matthew’s and Luke’s accounts of the healing of the Centurion’s Slave. *(15 marks)*

(b) Outline the teaching on the work of Jesus in the miracle of Legion, and assess the claim that, when the gospel writers describe miracles, they focus chiefly on the person of Jesus. *(25 marks)*

3 (a) Examine the distinctive features of Luke’s account of Jesus’ crucifixion and death. *(15 marks)*

(b) (i) Explain why Mark’s account of Jesus’ crucifixion and death is different from Luke’s.

(ii) Assess the view that the accounts of Jesus’ crucifixion and death have no relevance for 21st century readers. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS