

General Certificate of Education  
June 2003  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
**Unit 3 An introduction to the New Testament**

**RS03**

Thursday 5 June 2003 Afternoon Session

**In addition to this paper you will require:**

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

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate. The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

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

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1 Read the passage and answer questions (a) and (b) which follow.

“New converts to the Christian faith had to be instructed in the new faith. In the early years the converts were all Jews. One such convert was Paul, and in his writings he argued that Jesus introduced a new way of looking at the Jewish Law and rituals.”

- (a) With reference to the passages you have studied from Galatians, outline Paul’s teaching regarding the need for converts to observe the Jewish Law and rituals. *(10 marks)*
- (b) What evidence is there to support the view that Matthew’s Birth narrative was written for a Jewish readership? *(10 marks)*

2 (a) Explain the teaching about the Kingdom of God which can be found in the parable of the Sower. *(15 marks)*

- (b) (i) With reference to a parable that you have studied, explain how the parable may have been adapted by the Early Church to suit its needs.
- (ii) Assess the view that the reflections on Jesus by the Early Church and the Evangelists make it unlikely that we can know what Jesus actually taught. *(25 marks)*

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

- (b) “The Early Church placed Jesus’ resurrection, rather than his death, at the heart of their message.”
- With reference to the Kerygma in Acts, explain and assess this view. *(25 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**