

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 3 An introduction to the New Testament

RS03

Thursday 9 June 2005 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.

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

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

“In his Passion narrative, Mark not only described what actually happened at the crucifixion, but also wanted to give his readership a clear understanding of the significance of the events. For Mark, there was a strong link between who Jesus was and what Jesus did.”

(a) Explain what Mark’s Passion narrative reveals about the person of Jesus. *(10 marks)*

(b) Explain what the events in Mark’s Passion narrative reveal about the significance of Jesus’ death. *(10 marks)*

2 (a) Explain what John’s Prologue (John 1¹⁻¹⁸) teaches about the person of Jesus. *(15 marks)*

(b) Explain how Luke’s Birth narrative portrays Jesus as being truly human and of humble birth, and assess the view that this was the main purpose of Luke’s Birth narrative. *(25 marks)*

3 (a) Explain what the parable of the Tenants in the Vineyard teaches. *(15 marks)*

(b) “The parables in the gospels are creations by the Early Church.”

With reference to a different parable that you have studied, explain this view and assess how far you agree with it. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS