

General Certificate of Education  
June 2003  
Advanced Level Examination



**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
**Unit 8 Studies in the New Testament**

**RS08**

Tuesday 10 June 2003 Morning Session

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

an 8-page answer book.

You are permitted to use a Bible, which may include the Apocrypha.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

**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 RS08.
- Answer **two** questions.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- 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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- 1 (a) Examine the interpretation of the Healing of the Crippled man (John 5<sup>1-18</sup>). *(20 marks)*
- (b) “The signs in John’s Gospel are full of symbolism.”
- Examine this statement and assess the extent to which the signs can be regarded as historical. *(30 marks)*
- 2 (a) Examine the meaning of the claims made of Jesus as “the Bread of Life” and “the Door of the Sheep” in John’s Gospel. *(20 marks)*
- (b) “The purpose of the discourses in John’s Gospel is to reveal the work of Jesus.”
- With reference to material not so far discussed in part (a), explain this statement and assess the view that this is the main purpose of John’s discourses. *(30 marks)*
- 3 (a) Examine the main features of John’s Passion narrative. *(20 marks)*
- (b) “The eschatology in John’s Gospel is concerned with present salvation not future judgement.”
- Explain this statement and assess the extent to which it is true. *(30 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**