

General Certificate of Education
June 2004
Advanced Level Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 8 Studies in the New Testament

RS08

Wednesday 23 June 2004 Morning Session

In addition to this paper you will require:

a 12-page answer book.

You are permitted the use of 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.

Answer **two** questions.

1 (a) With reference to any **two** signs in John's Gospel, examine the nature of signs. (20 marks)

(b) "These signs are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God."

Explain this statement and assess the extent to which it is an adequate summary of the main purpose of the signs in John's Gospel. (30 marks)

2 (a) "I am the Good Shepherd."

"I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life."

Examine what these claims reveal about the work and person of Jesus. (20 marks)

(b) Explain how the work of Jesus is continued in the work of the Paraclete, and assess the view that the main work of the Paraclete is to oppose the world. (30 marks)

3 (a) "The Jesus presented in John's Resurrection Narrative is neither truly human nor truly divine."

Examine the evidence for this statement. (20 marks)

(b) "John's Resurrection Narrative cannot be regarded as an accurate historical account of events because it is full of symbolism and contradiction."

Explain why this statement might be made, and assess how far it is true. (30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS