

General Certificate of Education
June 2008
Advanced Level Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 8 Studies in the New Testament

RS08

Friday 6 June 2008 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- 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 black ink or black 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.
- 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 **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Examine the nature of signs with reference to the following **two** signs:

Water into Wine (John 2¹⁻¹¹), **and**
The Feeding of the Five Thousand (John 6¹⁻¹⁵). (20 marks)

- (b) 'The signs in John's Gospel show Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God and the giver of life.'

(i) With reference to other signs that you have studied in John's Gospel, examine this statement.

(ii) Assess the claim that the main purpose of the signs in John's Gospel was to show who Jesus was. (30 marks)

- 2 (a) Examine the nature and significance of discourses with reference to:

'I am the Door of the Sheep' (John 10¹⁻¹⁰), **and**
'I am the Resurrection and the Life' (John 11¹⁻⁴⁴). (20 marks)

- (b) Examine the concept of judgement in John's Gospel, and assess the view that John's Gospel is more concerned with present salvation than with future judgement. (30 marks)

- 3 (a) Examine what can be learnt about the person and work of Jesus from John's Passion narrative. (20 marks)

- (b) Outline John's teaching on the work of the Paraclete, and assess how far you agree with the claim that the Paraclete is Jesus returned. (30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS