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Cambridge Ordinary Level

RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)**2048/12**

Paper 1 The portrayal of the life and teaching of Jesus

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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer any **four** questions.

Where there are differences in quotations from the Bible,

NIV indicates New International Version,

RSV indicates Revised Standard Version.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Answer any **four** questions.

- 1 (a) Describe what is known about Luke, the traditional author of Luke's Gospel. [6]
- (b) Explain the possible reasons why Luke's Gospel was written. [6]
- (c) 'Luke's Gospel is relevant for everyone, not just Christians.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the shepherds visit to the infant Jesus. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of the shepherds in the birth story. [6]
- (c) 'The birth story adds nothing important to an account of the life of Jesus.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 3 (a) Describe the event when Jesus calmed the storm. [6]
- (b) Explain why this is called a nature miracle **and** what it shows about the identity of Jesus. [6]
- (c) 'Nature miracles are unbelievable.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

- 4 (a) Give an account of the healing of a boy with an evil spirit (**RSV** a boy with a demon). [6]
- (b) Explain what this miracle teaches about faith. [6]
- (c) 'Religious faith alone will not cure illness.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 5 (a) Relate the parable of the Good Samaritan. [6]
- (b) Explain what this parable teaches about prejudice. [6]
- (c) 'Parables are more about what you should do rather than what you should believe.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 6 (a) Give an account of the arrest of Jesus. [6]
- (b) Explain why events had reached a stage when the arrest of Jesus was sure to happen. [6]
- (c) 'Christians should always obey authority without question.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

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