



Cambridge O Level

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

Paper 1 The Portrayal of the Life and Teaching of Jesus

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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- Where there are differences in quotations from the Bible:
 - NIV** indicates New International Version
 - RSV** indicates Revised Standard Version

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Answer any **four** questions.

- 1 (a) Give an account of the birth story of Jesus as recorded in Matthew's Gospel. Do not include the visit of the Magi (**RSV** wise men). [6]
- (b) Explain what this account shows about the special nature of the birth of Jesus. [6]
- (c) 'Matthew was writing his Gospel for Jewish Christians.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 2 (a) Describe the teaching about adultery and divorce in the Sermon on the Mount. [6]
- (b) Explain why the Jews might have been surprised at Jesus's teachings on adultery and divorce. [6]
- (c) 'These teachings are too difficult for Christians to follow today.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 3 (a) Give an account of the occasion when Jesus healed two blind men and then a man who could not speak. [6]
- (b) Explain what this occasion shows about the person and work of Jesus. [6]
- (c) 'Believing in healing miracles is not difficult for Christians.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 4 (a) Give an account of the following parables:
(i) the mustard seed and the yeast (**RSV** leaven), **and**
(ii) the hidden treasure (**RSV** treasures) and the pearl. [6]
- (b) Explain possible reasons why Jesus used parables in his teaching. [6]
- (c) 'Jesus's parables are not practical guides to life today.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 5 (a) Give an account of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem, including the instructions to the disciples about the colt. [6]
- (b) Explain possible reasons why Jesus entered Jerusalem in this way. [6]
- (c) 'The titles of Jesus provide no help in understanding the person of Jesus.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 6 (a) Give an account of the arrest of Jesus up until the disciples run away. [6]
- (b) Explain why, according to Matthew's Gospel, Pilate did not want Jesus to be killed. [6]
- (c) 'Jesus's death was more important than his resurrection.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

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