
RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

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Paper 1 The portrayal of the life and teaching of Jesus

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1 hour 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

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)** Give an account of
- (i)** Jesus' baptism by John, **and**
 - (ii)** Jesus' reply to John's question from prison when he asked him whether he was the one who was to come. [6]
- (b)** Explain Jesus' view of the importance of John the Baptist. [6]
- (c)** 'Jesus' understanding of the term 'Messiah' was similar to that of the Jews of his time.'
- 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 Jesus' healing of the man with a withered (**NIV** shrivelled) hand. [6]
- (b)** Explain Jesus' teaching about the Sabbath. [6]
- (c)** 'The keeping of the Sabbath is no longer relevant.'
- To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 3 (a)** 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to (**NIV** is like) a man who sowed good seed in his field.' How does Jesus continue this parable of the weeds? [6]
- (b)** Explain Jesus' interpretation of this parable. [6]
- (c)** 'The only parables of Jesus that can be understood are those which Jesus explained.'
- 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 preparation for, and the events of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem in the last week of his life. [6]
- (b)** Explain what this event could teach about the person and work of Jesus. [6]
- (c)** 'Jesus made very clear his claim to be the Messiah.'
- To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

- 5 (a) Jesus accused the Pharisees of being hypocrites. Describe **four** ways in which he said they were hypocrites. [6]
- (b) Explain why the Pharisees opposed Jesus during his ministry. [6]
- (c) 'It was the Roman authorities, not the religious authorities, that were the main opposition to Jesus.'

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 what happened from the time that Jesus was taken to Pilate up until Pilate's wife sent Pilate a message. [6]
- (b) Explain what can be learnt from the Gospel of Matthew about Pilate's character. [6]
- (c) 'Having a knowledge and understanding of the historical setting of the Gospel of Matthew is of very little help in understanding it.'

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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