



# Cambridge O Level

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## RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

2048/12

Paper 1 The Portrayal of the Life and Teaching of Jesus

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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### 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) Describe the Jewish expectations for a Messiah at the time of Jesus. [6]
- (b) Explain why the Roman occupation and government at the time of Jesus caused conflict. [6]
- (c) 'Jesus never claimed to be the Messiah.'  
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]
- [Total: 20]
- 2** (a) Outline the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness. [6]
- (b) Explain why it might be significant that the temptations took place before Jesus began his ministry. [6]
- (c) 'The childhood and early life of Jesus are not important to the gospel story.'  
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 the paralytic. [6]
- (b) Explain what this miracle might show about the person and work of Jesus. [6]
- (c) 'The opposition to Jesus increased because he performed miracles.'  
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 what happened on the mountain at the Transfiguration. [6]
- (b) Explain what the Transfiguration might teach about the person of Jesus. [6]
- (c) 'The main weakness of the disciples was a lack of faith.'  
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]
- [Total: 20]

- 5** (a) Describe what happened in Jesus' parable when the servant whose debt had been cancelled met another servant who owed him money. [6]
- (b) Explain the meaning of this parable. [6]
- (c) 'Forgiveness is only important to religious people.'  
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 6** (a) Outline Matthew's account of what happened when the women visited Jesus' tomb. [6]
- (b) Explain the purpose of Matthew's resurrection accounts. [6]
- (c) 'The resurrection is not the most important part of Matthew's Gospel for Christians today.'  
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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