



# 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 main characteristics of Matthew's Gospel. [6]
- (b) Explain why some scholars think that not all of Matthew's Gospel was written by Matthew the apostle. [6]
- (c) 'Matthew's Gospel was not written to be an accurate historical account.'  
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 visit of the Magi (**RSV** wise men) to the infant Jesus. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of the visit by the Magi (**RSV** wise men) in the birth story in Matthew. [6]
- (c) 'Jesus was not the type of Messiah that the Jews expected.'  
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 Jesus' teaching about prayer in the Sermon on the Mount. [6]
- (b) Explain what the prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane reveals about Jesus. [6]
- (c) 'Christians should pray for others, not for themselves.'  
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 healing of two demon-possessed men (**RSV** two demoniacs) in the region of the Gadarenes. [6]
- (b) Explain what this story might show about the person of Jesus. [6]
- (c) 'Demon possession does not happen 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 the parable when Jesus compared the kingdom of heaven to ten virgins (**RSV** maidens). [6]
- (b) Explain the teaching in this parable. [6]
- (c) 'Parables made Jesus' message clear to everyone.'  
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 6 (a) Describe what happened:
- (i) at the the burial of Jesus, **and**
- (ii) on the following day. [6]
- (b) Explain why Matthew included some guards in his account of what happened after the resurrection. [6]
- (c) 'The disciples were not expecting to see Jesus alive after his crucifixion.'  
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

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