
RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

2048/12

Paper 1 The Portrayal of the Life and Teaching of Jesus

October/November 2019

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 any **two** of the temptations of Jesus in the desert (**RSV** wilderness). [6]
- (b) Explain what the temptations might show about the type of Messiah Jesus would be. [6]
- (c) 'Christians should use the temptations of Jesus as a guide to resisting temptations in their own lives.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 2 (a) Describe the miracle involving the centurion's servant (**RSV** slave). [6]
- (b) Explain possible reasons for the actions of Jesus on this occasion. [6]
- (c) 'Miracles were not the most important part of Jesus' ministry.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 3 (a) Give an account of the parable of the Sower, including Jesus' explanation. [6]
- (b) Explain how the teaching in this parable might be relevant for Christians today. [6]
- (c) 'Jesus' parables are too difficult to understand.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 4 (a) Give an account of the parable of the Friend at Midnight. [6]
- (b) Explain what this story might teach about prayer. [6]
- (c) 'Prayers that make personal requests should be private.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 5 (a) Outline what Jesus said **and** did with the bread and wine at the Last Supper. [6]
- (b) Explain why the Last Supper was such a significant event for Jesus and the disciples. [6]
- (c) 'Christianity began at the Last Supper.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 6 (a) Give an account of what happened on the road to Emmaus, before the arrival at the village. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of the events at Emmaus as proof of the resurrection. [6]
- (c) 'The resurrection did not change anything about Jesus.'
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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