



# Cambridge O Level

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## BIBLICAL STUDIES

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Paper 2 The Portrayal of Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels

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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 **three** questions in total:
  - Section A: answer **one** question.
  - Section B: answer **two** 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 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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**Section A**

Answer **one** question. Answer all parts of the chosen question.

**EITHER**

- 1 (a) Read the following passage and then answer the questions:

**Matthew 17:4, NRSVA**

Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'

- (i) State what had happened to Jesus just before Peter made this statement. [2]
- (ii) Describe what happened while Peter was speaking **and** the disciples' reaction to this. [4]
- (b) Explain the teaching of Jesus about Elijah, as they were coming down the mountain. [6]
- (c) Discuss the claim that these events show that Jesus was the promised Messiah. [8]

[Total: 20]

**OR**

- 2 (a) Read the following passage and then answer the questions:

**Mark 6:34, NRSVA**

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

- (i) State what the disciples said to Jesus when it was late. [2]
- (ii) Describe what happened when Jesus was given five loaves and two fish. [4]
- (b) Explain what this event might show about the person and work of Jesus. [6]
- (c) 'Miracles were the most important part of Jesus' ministry.' Discuss. [8]

[Total: 20]

**Section B**

Answer **two** questions. Answer all parts of the chosen two questions.

- 3 (a)** In the account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem:
- (i)** state the instructions Jesus gave to the disciples.
  - (ii)** describe how Jesus was greeted as he approached the city. [6]
- (b)** Explain the role of the Pharisees in Jewish religious life in first-century Palestine. [6]
- (c)** To what extent was Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem the reason for Jesus' arrest? [8]
- [Total: 20]
- 4 (a)** Give an account of what happened after the prodigal son left home **and** how he was greeted by his father when he returned. [6]
- (b)** Explain the significance of the role of the elder son in the parable of the prodigal and his brother. [6]
- (c)** 'This parable teaches Christians more about behaviour than it does about God.' Discuss. [8]
- [Total: 20]
- 5 (a)** Outline the conversation between Jesus and the two disciples on the walk to Emmaus. [6]
- (b)** Explain the significance of what Jesus said and did on the walk to Emmaus **and** at supper afterwards. [6]
- (c)** 'The resurrection was a literal, historical event.' Discuss. [8]
- [Total: 20]

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