
RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

2048/12

Paper 1 The portrayal of the life and teaching of Jesus

October/November 2015

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 Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount about
- (i) fasting, **and**
- (ii) prayer. [6]
- (b) Explain the possible meaning of Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, before he was arrested. [6]
- (c) 'Religious fasting achieves very little.'
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 the healing of the centurion's servant. [6]
- (b) Explain what this healing could teach about the person and work of Jesus. [6]
- (c) 'Jesus performed miracles because he had compassion on those who were suffering.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 3 (a) Give a full account of the events at Caesarea Philippi. [6]
- (b) What does Jesus teach in Matthew's Gospel about the "Church"? [6]
- (c) 'Matthew was writing to Jewish Christians.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 4 (a) Give a full account of Jesus' entry into the Temple immediately after he had entered Jerusalem. [6]
- (b) Explain who the Sadducees were and what they believed. [6]
- (c) 'The Sadducees and Pharisees opposed Jesus only because they were jealous of his popularity with the people.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

- 5 (a) From the parable that Jesus told, give a detailed account of what followed after the servant who had been given one talent came before his master. [6]
- (b) Explain what this parable may teach about Jesus. [6]
- (c) 'Parables were obviously the best way for Jesus to get his message across.'
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 Peter's denials of Jesus. [6]
- (b) Explain what Jesus teaches about discipleship in Matthew's Gospel. [6]
- (c) 'Peter was the weakest disciple of the Twelve.'
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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