

Wednesday 16 May 2012 – Morning

AS GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

G574/01/I New Testament

QUESTION PAPER INSERT

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- This Insert is for your reference only.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **TWO** questions.

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- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **70**.
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Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Explain why, in Mark 14, the account of Jesus praying in Gethsemane is an important aspect of the portrayal of Jesus. [25]
- (b) 'In Gethsemane Jesus appears to be weak.' Discuss. [10]
- 2 (a) Explain the ways in which Matthew emphasises the reality of the resurrection in his account of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. [25]
- (b) To what extent is Matthew's account of the resurrection convincing? [10]
- 3 (a) Explain the significance of the account in Mark 11 when Jesus cursed the fig tree. [Mark 11:12-14 & 20-25] [25]
- (b) To what extent might the cursing of the fig tree be an invention by the gospel writer? [10]
- 4 (a) Explain why the Roman occupation of Palestine in the first century is an important factor in understanding the circumstances of Jesus' death. [25]
- (b) 'If it had not been Passover, Jesus might not have died.' Discuss. [10]



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