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Religious Studies

Advanced

Unit 4: Implications – New Testament

Tuesday 27 June 2017 – Morning

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Paper Reference

6RS04/1J

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Read the passage carefully.
- Answer **BOTH** part (a) and part (b) of the question.
- Answer the question in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Quality of written communication will be taken into account in the marking of all your responses
– *you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*

Advice

- The assessment of your answers will be based on your knowledge and understanding of the topic in question (for 60% of the marks) and your evaluative skills (for 40% of the marks).

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New Testament

In the Synoptic Gospels, Jesus predicts his death and resurrection three times (Mark 8:31, 9:31, 10:34 & //s), and after the Transfiguration he warns the disciples to *'tell no one until the Son of Man should have risen from the dead'* (Mark 9:9). None of the predictions attempts to explain how Jesus's resurrection will be accomplished. The evangelists were not concerned with the mechanics of God's miraculous activity, but rather with the reality of it, and the gospel accounts of the Resurrection do not attempt a description or analysis of what happened. The Resurrection is not narrated, but proclaimed.

Although all four accounts are quite distinctive, enabling the evangelists to make use of the narrative to emphasise key themes that have run throughout their gospels, there are significant links between them.

All the gospel accounts include:

- the fact of the empty tomb
- the visit of women (in John's case Mary Magdalene only) to the tomb
- information that Jesus has risen from the dead conveyed by angels or by a mysterious stranger
- motifs of surprise, lack of recognition and disbelief
- instructions or commissioning by Jesus.

Not all the gospel accounts can be said, strictly speaking, to include a resurrection appearance and in the Marcan account (the shortest, and possibly most reliable, one) the news that Jesus had been raised from the dead is not immediately believed by the disciples, male or female, although interestingly the women are more receptive than the men. The appearances of Jesus in Matthew and in John 21 appear to be of a figure that is of a more mystical and spiritual nature than in the other accounts where, for example, Thomas is invited to touch him, or where he eats broiled fish.

(Source : adapted from Reid, G. and Tyler, S., 'Life after death in the New Testament', A2 Religious Studies Synoptic Guide, (Philip Allan Updates, 2003) Edexcel Anthology)

- 1 (a) Examine the argument and/or interpretation in the passage. (30)
- (b) Do you agree with the idea(s) expressed? Justify your point of view and discuss its implications for understanding religion and human experience. (20)

(Total for Question 1 = 50 marks)

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