

A-Level Christianity Bridging Work

Task 1:

Go to this link, and click 'download' on the Specification for the A-Level Religious Studies Course, it starts on Page 10 of the document:

https://www.eduqas.co.uk/ed/qualifications/religious-studies-as-a-level/#tab_overview

Read Theme 1 Part A – Jesus' Birth and look up any of the words you do not know.

Task 2:

You will be looking at Jesus' birth, and should begin to familiarise yourself with the idea that there are different accounts of Jesus' birth within the Bible.

Go to this website: www.biblegateway.com and search these two biblical passages, they are both different accounts of **Jesus' birth**, you need to familiarise yourself with these two accounts, read through them both and make notes:

- Matthew 1:18-2:23
- Luke 1:26-2:40

Watch this video and make notes:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uc7_U_mRryg

Task 3:

Make a table on a piece of A4 paper with 'Similarities in Matthew and Luke' in one column and 'Differences in Matthew and Luke' in the other column and fill it in.

Use this resource to help you: <https://catholic-resources.org/Bible/Jesus-Birth.htm>

Task 4:

Answer these questions

- 1.) Overall, do you think Matthew and Luke give contradictory messages about the birth of Jesus?
- 2.) Why do you think Matthew and Luke's accounts are different?
- 3.) Does the fact that there are different accounts of the birth story **devalue** the life of Jesus?
- 4.) Read through this link: https://www.rationalchristianity.net/jesus_infancy.html Do you think the two different accounts of Jesus' birth can be 'harmonised'?

