THE RESURRECTION & ASCENSION

Christianity Beliefs and Teachings

- 1. What day did Jesus resurrect? [1 mark]
 - A) Saturday B) Sunday C) Monday D) Tuesday
- 2. Give two reasons the disciples thought that Jesus had risen from the dead. [2 marks]

 They saw him/he spoke to them/he ate with them/he said he would/there were lots of eyewitnesses
- 3. Explain two ways that Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection. [4 marks]

 Easter: Painting eggs/ paschal candle/ sunrise service/ church service: hymns/ Bible verses/prayers
- 4. Explain two reasons why the resurrection is important to Christians. [5 marks]

 Shows God's power/ Shows Jesus' teaching can be trusted/ life after death/ hope for bereaved/ Christians do not have to fear death/ BIBLE: "Death where is your sting."

 Christians can pray to Jesus today/ women are important to God (first to hear of resurrection)

5. 'The ascension of Jesus did not happen.'

[12 marks]

Some Christians agree:

Impossible > Goes against laws of nature > No one has done this before or since. Metaphor > included in the Bible to teach us > like a parable that Jesus told > symbolises that Jesus is in Heaven / was the Son of God

Some Christians disagree:

Fundamentalists would believe it did> Bible Word of God> literal interpretation> "all scripture is God-breathed". Lots of eyewitnesses> reliable sources> no reason to make it up. After Jesus' resurrection he was able to appear in a locked room> no longer bound by laws of nature. Jesus was the Son of God> nothing impossible for him> e.g. miracles

POTENTIAL WEAK ARGUMENT: Metaphor: Not written as a metaphor in the Bible, written as historical event