

Series "Fixed On 66"
"Jude"
Book-65

Key Passage: Jude 3
The Author: Jude 1:1 Jude,

There are seven men named Jude (Judas) in the NT, but only one has the brother of James, The brother of James, and half brother of Jesus (Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3)

Biographical information about the Author includes:

1. He was the son of Joseph and Mary (**Matthew 13:55**)
2. He wrote in a similar style as James his brother.
3. He was a humble man: No mention of his family relationship with Jesus. No claim to apostleship; Content to call himself a "servant" of Christ.
4. He traveled with his wife on an itinerant preaching ministry (**1 Corinthians 9:5**).

When Written: About 68-70 AD. It seems that he was familiar with **2 Peter** (66 AD) **Jude 4-18; 2 Peter 2:1- 3:4**

Where it was Written: Location is Uncertain

Written To: Jude 1:1 to those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ: No formal address as found in most NT Epistles. **General Epistle:** written to believers.

Background: Jude, the brother of Jesus, began to write a letter about salvation but changed direction, encouraging his readers to hold on and defend the message that had been delivered to the saints.

Purpose:

1. To Exhort Believers To Contend For The Faith (v.3)
2. To Warn About The Danger Of False Teachers (v. 4)
3. To Remind Believers Of God's Past Judgment On Sin (vv. 5-19)
4. To Encourage Christian Compassion (vv. 20-23)

Theme: Jude *"Defending The Faith"*

Key Words: "Evil" 10 times, "God/Lord" nine times, "Judgment" – six times

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Outline:

- 1. Verses 1-4 Who They Are**
- 2. Verses 5-11 What They Do**

- 3. Verses 12-16 What They Are
- 4. Verses 17-25 What We Must Do

1. Verses 1-4 Who They Are:

Jude 1 Jude – The name **Jude** (Judah) means "*praise*"

a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, "*bind, be in bonds, knit, tie*" speaks of *being close to one's master, glad and total devotion to our master!*

and brother of James, Mark 6:3 says that Jesus had a brother named **James**. This James was the leader of the Church of Jerusalem **Acts 15:13-21; Galatians 2:9**

Three Comforting Truths Of Who The Christians Are:

1. **Christians Who Were Called: (Past) to those who are the called**, He is referring to those that are "*invited, those that have received an invitation and accepted it.*" **Act 2:21**
2. **Christians Who Are Loved: (Present) Beloved** – "*saint, sanctified, holy ones*" **in God the Father**, The great reality of being a Christian is the revelation that God loves us!
3. **Christians Who Are Kept: (Future) and kept for Jesus Christ:** The term "**keeping**" **4 times** in Jude. The moment that we were born again we are born into the family of God. We became the property of Jesus Christ.

John 10:28-29

Verse 2 Prayer: Jude 2 May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you. Note the word **multiplied** "to cause to increase" **mercy, peace, love**

God's Mercy - May mercy "*undeserved kindness to the needy and helpless*"

God's Peace - Peace "*harmony with God then to others which is salvation, the by-product of the grace and mercy of God.*"

God's Love - and love be multiplied to you. That the mercy and the peace of God equate to the love of God! **Romans 5:5-8**

Verses 3-4 Defending The Faith: Jude 3 Beloved, "*to love, to be dear.*" **while I was making every effort to write you**

Verse 3 Salvation We Share: about our common salvation, (Not Inferior) our common salvation, "The Salvation shared by all." common "all are in need of a Savior and salvation." Titus 1:4

I felt the necessity to write to you Literally "Out of distress need"

Verse 3 The Faith We Defend: appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith the word **contend** - *English word agonize*. Jude is describing a boxing match, a race in which the contestant gives every ounce of strength.

for the faith "*the body of doctrine*" Intellectual and moral truth. The Apostles Doctrine. Objective truth, Christianity, Gospel (Death, Burial, Resurrection of Jesus)

The Message Is Complete In Content: which was once for all delivered to the saints. "*to be entrusted with.*" **1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

Verse 4 A Forewarned Defense: Jude 4

Who The False Teachers Are: For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, Greeks sometimes used "*political infiltration and subversion, to slip in secretly, to steal in undercover*" subtle and deceitful action.

those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, - Jesus spoke and warned about wolves in sheep's clothing, (**Matthew 7:15-20**) Jesus warned in the Olivet discourse. (**Matthew 24**) **2 Peter 2:1-3**

ungodly persons - the word **ungodly** is used **six times:** "*no inner reverence for God, they willfully ignore Him, rejection of the moral authority of God that leads to shameless behavior.*" **Jude 1:18**

who turn the grace of our God "to change grace" licentiousness - "*wantonness, absence of moral restraint, indecency;*" a word that covers all *debauchery*. **Their irreverence (inner) now manifested in behavior (Outer).**

and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. These are not Christians! **deny** "*not to accept, to reject, to refuse something offered.*"

only Master – sovereign used in the NT for God the Father **Luke 2:29; Acts 4:24; Revelation 6:10** here it is ascribed to Jesus Christ **our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.** Jesus is declared to be deity, fully God!

2. Verses 5-11 What They Do:

Verses 5-7 Divine Judgment: Jude 5 Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, - The reality is we do forget and need to be reminded.

Verse 5 Unbelieving Israel Rejected God's Authority: the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe. God Delivered: God Destroyed: Numbers 14:11, 29.

Verse 6 Angels In Rebellion Against God's Authority: Jude 6 And angels who did not keep their own domain, "positions of authority."

the rebellion of Lucifer with other angels (**Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19**)

Sexual sin is implied – **Jude 7 since they in the same way as these** (angels and the Sodomites) Revolt of the angels against God, but also an invasion of earth by these fallen angels. They point to **Genesis 6:1-4 "the sons of God" 2 Peter 2:4**

Jude 7 indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, Homosexuality, **Romans 1** called unnatural function. **Genesis 19**

are exhibited as an example, in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire. Application - God's judgment is inescapable to the highest positions even though it might be delayed.

Verses 8-9 Display Of Arrogance: Jude 8 Yet in the same way (Unbelief, Reject Authority, Gross Immorality) **these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, "polluting their own bodies"** Speaks of sexual immorality including homosexuality.

and reject authority, "human or divine authority, lordship." The sin overrides everything! That no matter what man says, no matter what nature reveals, no matter what God says, we are going to practice what we desire. **Genesis 19:11**

and revile "speak evil of" angelic majesties. "celestial beings, glorious ones, angels" Angels embody the glory of God.

Jude 9 But Michael the archangel, "who is like God?" The chief angel. Only other time in NT **Revelation 12:7** He is associated with the people of Israel. In Daniel, we see him battling for Israel.

when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, Jude uses Michael as an example of self-restraint. This is taken from the **Apocryphal Assumption of Moses** (Only partial text survives today).

did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" Michael the archangel which was a chief angel does not by his own authority speak against the devil.

Verses 10-11 Delighting In Corruption: Jude 10 But these men revile the things which they do not understand; *"They pour out abuse on things they do not understand."*

by these things they are destroyed. Consequences to their sin.

Jude 11 Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, The "way of Cain" rejecting the righteousness of God that comes through faith in Christ (**Romans 10:1-4; Philippians 3:3-12**).

and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, Numbers 22-24 The "way of Balaam" deceiving Israel into sin

and perished in the rebellion of Korah. Korah (family 250 leaders) rebelled against God's authority in service, denying God's appointed servants Moses and Aaron and attempting to usurp his authority. **Numbers 16:1-35,**

3. Verses 12-16 What They Are:

Verses 12-13 The Character Of The False Teachers: Jude 12

Hidden Reefs: hidden reefs in your love feasts unknown destruction that will cause shipwreck. **in your love feasts – 1 Corinthians 11:20-22**

Selfish Shepherds: caring for themselves; Instead of laying down their life, they care for self.

Empty Clouds: clouds without water, In a parched land how disappointing this is.

Unstable and Unpredictable: carried along by winds; We say, *"the person goes anyway the wind blows."*

Dead Trees: autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted; **Matthew 7:16** Not only are they fruitless, but they are also rootless ("plucked up by the root").

Jude 13 Wild Waves: wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; Waves make a lot of noise and destruction follows. **Isaiah 57:20**

Wandering Stars: wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever. He was referring to meteors, falling stars.

Verses 14-16 The Judgment Of The False Teachers: Jude 14 Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam - He also ministered as a prophet and announced the coming judgment. **Genesis 5:24**

prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, - Bible scholars tell us that this quotation is from an apocryphal book called **The Book of Enoch.**

Jude 15 God's judgment is predictable, God's judgment is just, God's judgment is holy!

Verse 16 Grumblers/Fault Finders: Jude 16 2 Peter 2:3

4. Verses 17-25 What We Must Do:

Verse 17 Remember The Words: Jude 17 Remember – *"to remember so as to respond."*

apostles - *"one who is sent with a commission."*

2 Peter 3:1-2

Remember What They Said: Jude 18 that they were saying to you,

"In the last time there shall be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts." Driven by their passions, all they want to do is satisfy themselves.

Remember Why They Said It: Jude 19 These are the ones who cause divisions, *"these men are habitually divisive."*

worldly-minded, *"instinct"* Men who are governed by the natural earthly life. *"those who live life-based on the external physical aspects."*

devoid of the Spirit. Without God. Non-believers.

Verses 20-21 Stand Fast: Jude 20

Growing In The Faith: building yourselves up - literally *"keep on building yourselves up."* If we are not growing as a Christian we are digressing and backsliding.

Keep Praying: praying in the Holy Spirit; as the Spirit leads, This agrees with **1 John 5:14-15.**

Verses 21-23 Keep Loving: Jude 21 John 15:10

waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. But we also need hope: "looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

Jude 22 And have mercy on some, who are doubting; *"be merciful show pity to those that are wavering, whose faith is giving way, asking questions, their commitment is compromising."*

Jude 23 save others, snatching them out of the fire; This is a group that has yielded to false teaching. (Playing With Fire)

Mercy On Wayward Unbelievers and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

Verses 24-25 Praise Him:

Verses 24-25 Benediction:

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, Romans 16:25

and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, - *"without fault, irreproachable;" Used of animals that had been inspected and approved for sacrifice (Ephesians 1:6,12,14).*

Jude 25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, There is no hint of tolerance, **John 14:6**

Application:

1. Both OT & NT Warns The Believer Of The Coming Wickedness And God's Judgment.
2. The Believer Must Be Both Defensive And Offensive. The Believer Who Is Not Growing Becomes A Target For False Teaching.
3. The Growing Believer Is Merciful To The Doubting, Willing To Rescue Those Playing With Fire, Careful And Merciful To The Unsaved.
4. Believers Are Preserved And Will Stand Blameless Through The Only God Our Savior, Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.