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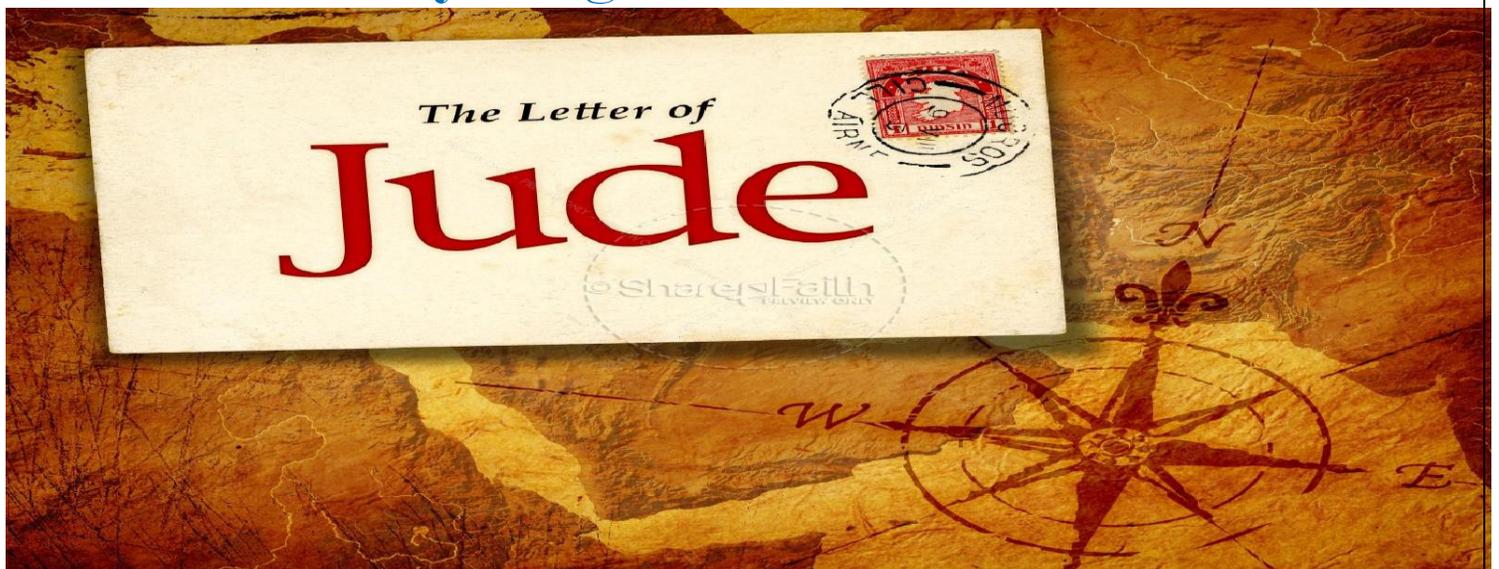
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“Almost” Everything You Need to Know About...



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Online Bible Study

I. WHO WAS JUDE (JUDAH, JUDAS. JUDE OF JAMES, JUDAS OF JAMES, THADDEUS, JUDAS THADDEUS, LEBBAEUS)

- Not Judas Iscariot
- Judas the Apostle (not Iscariot) – John 14:22; Acts 1:13
- This Jude:
 1. Half-brother of Jesus (they had the same father and mother, Mary and Joseph)

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples.

² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. “Where did this man get these things?” they asked.

“What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? ³ Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?”

And they took offense at him. – Mark 6:1-3

2. Brother of James
 3. Not one of the 12 apostles, but a leader in the early church
- Had something in common with James; neither of them INITIALLY believe Jesus’ claims to be the Messiah.

After this, Jesus went around in Galilee. He did not want^[a] to go about in Judea because the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill him. ² But when the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near, ³ Jesus’ brothers said to him, “Leave

Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do. ⁴ No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world.” ⁵ **For even his own brothers did not believe in him.** – John 7:1-5

- They thought Jesus was crazy...

²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ **When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”** –

Mark 3:20-21

II. LET'S READ THE LETTER

- Jude is the 65th book of the Bible, shortest New Testament book.
- Vss. 1-2
- Vss. 3-4
- Vss. 5-7
- Vss. 8-10
- Vss. 11-13
- Vss. 14-16
- Vss. 17-19
- Vss. 20-23
- Vss. 24-25 (The well-known **“Benediction”**)

²⁴ Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, ²⁵ To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. - KJV

III. WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

1. Salvation is important, but...
2. Underlying concepts to understand in Jude

her·e·sy

belief or opinion contrary to orthodox religious (especially Christian) doctrine.
opinion profoundly at odds with what is generally accepted.

a·pos·ta·sy

the abandonment or renunciation of a religious or political belief.

Gnos·ti·cism

1. a prominent heretical movement of the 2nd-century Christian Church, partly of pre-Christian origin. Gnostic doctrine taught that the world was created and ruled by a lesser divinity, the demiurge, and that Christ was an emissary of the remote supreme divine being, esoteric knowledge (gnosis) of whom enabled the redemption of the human spirit.

2. Jude writes about the need of believers to “**protect the church**” and “**defend the Word.**”
 - a. What does that mean?
3. There are people who intentionally and actively fight the church and its teachings. Why?
4. There are “false teachers” who intentionally distort the Bible to suit their own needs and desires.
5. At the end of the day, understand the teachings of the Bible is all about:

her·me·neu·tics

1. the branch of knowledge that deals with interpretation, especially of the Bible or literary texts.

15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

1 Peter 3:15-16

IV. LESSONS FROM JUDE

1. We must not be afraid to call out and root out bad **teaching**.
2. We must not be afraid to call out and root out bad **teachers**.
3. Knowing **about** Jesus is different than **knowing** Jesus. Don't count on your familiarity with Jesus to get you over.
4. People can change (Jude, James).
5. Never leave before the benediction. You might miss your blessing!

V. BIBLE PROJECT VIDEO ON JUDE

For Next Week: Please read The Book of Micah

VI. FOR NEXT WEEK – PLEASE READ NAHUM

- Bible Study 2.0

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