

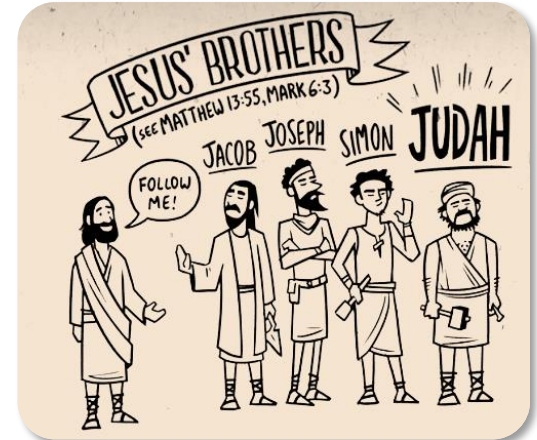


A summary of the Book of Jude

The Book of Jude: It is one of the shortest books in the bible. Has only 461 words, divided into 25 verses

Author: Brother of James, who is brother to Jesus, therefore Jude was also brother to Jesus

- Jesus had at least 4 Brothers and 2 Sisters and. See Mark 6: 1-3 and Matthew 12:46
- Bought with a price. Gr. - Duolos Adelphos – servant brother
- Well known in early Church, Church leader



Audience: Jewish Christians familiar with the Old Testament and other “Jewish” books (Enoch.)

Big points:

➤ Judgment on False Teachers (Jude 3-7)

- Gnostic=what you do with your body really doesn't matter
- Using grace as a license to sin
- They were teaching “Because God is gracious, I can do all these things I know he doesn't like.”
- Those teachers were saying wrong things about grace.
- The lie then is saying “I can do all things because of the grace that covers me.” This false statement is a way to give yourself permission to rebel.



➤ False Leader & Consequences for the teacher and the hearers (Jude 8-19)

- Disobedience will bring truth into disrepute
 - People don't care about truth when we don't live truthfully
 - Leaders who live a double life make all the news outlets
- Disobedience leads to discipline
 - Sodom and Gomorrah burned off the map
 - The way of Cain Balaam's Error Korah's Rebellion



➤ A Call for Perseverance (Jude 20-21)

➤ A Call To Be Vigilant (Jude 22-23)

➤ Doxology: a blessing, a benediction (Jude 24-25)

Application for today:

➤ Reject false teaching

- Secular Humanism
- Synchronism
- Tolerance that encourages sinfulness
- Teaching to tickle the ears

➤ Contend for the faith and Persevere in the Faith



Conclusion: We all need to be accountable and to hold others accountable

- Jude reminds us to be vigilant (Jude 20-23): Build up your faith, pray in the spirit, Remain in God until God grants you eternal life, Show mercy, God will forgive even the worst sinners if they repent.
- Jude is written for the last times.
- Jude tells us to watch out for charlatans.
- He reminds us that forgiveness is available to all.
- The letter is a reminder to all of us to study, pray and act in accordance with what Jesus taught.

Reflection Questions:

1. Who is your Paul?
2. Who is your spiritual inspiration and guide to Christlikeness?
3. Who is your Timothy?
4. Who looks to you to see what Christianity is all about?