

# Short Letters, Big Issues

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## Jude

# Philemon

[15] For perhaps he was for this reason separated from you for a while, that you would have him back forever, [16] no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

# 2 John

[9] Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

# 3 John

[9] I wrote something to the church; but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not accept what we say.

# The Story of Jude



# Jude 1-2

**[1] Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,**

**To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ: [2] May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.**

# Luke 6:14-16

[14] Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James and John; and Philip and Bartholomew; [15] and Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot; [16] Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

# Matthew 13:55

[55] “Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?”



# The Story of Jude



- The author of Jude is probably the brother of Jesus.

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➤ Jude encourages them to contend for the faith.

# Jude 3-4

**[3] Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.**

# Jude 3-4

**[4] For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.**

# The Story of Jude



➤ Jude says there are false teachers who God will judge.

# Jude 5-16

**[5] Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe.**

# Jude 5-16

**[6] And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,**

# Jude 5-16

[7] just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.



# Jude 5-16

**[8] Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties.**

# Jude 5-16

[9] But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

# Jude 5-16

**[10] But these men revile the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed.**

# Jude 5-16

**[11] Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.**

# Jude 5-16

**[12] These are the men who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted;**

# Jude 5-16

**[13] wild waves of the sea, casting  
up their own shame like foam;  
wandering stars, for whom the  
black darkness has been reserved  
forever.**

# Jude 5-16

[14] It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones,

# Jude 5-16

**[15] to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”**



# Jude 5-16

**[16] These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts; they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of gaining an advantage.**

# Jude 17-25

**[17] But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

# Jude 17-25

[18] that they were saying to you,  
“In the last time there will be  
mockers, following after their own  
ungodly lusts.”

[19] These are the ones who cause  
divisions, worldly-minded, devoid  
of the Spirit.

# Jude 17-25

**[20] But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,**

**[21] keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.**

# Jude 17-25

**[24] Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,**

# Jude 17-25

**[25] to the only God our Savior,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, be  
glory, majesty, dominion and  
authority, before all time and  
now and forever. Amen.**

# Impressions from Jude



1) Two extra-biblical examples.

# Jude 9

**[9] But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”**



# Jude 14

[14] It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones,

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➤ You can use an example without agreeing with everything in it.

# Acts 17:28

[28] for 'in Him we live and move and exist,' as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.'

# Impressions from Jude



2) The challenge of false  
teachers vs. incorrect  
understandings.

# Jude 16

**[16] These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts; they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of gaining an advantage.**

# Jude 19

**[19] These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.**

# Impressions from Jude



3) We must pray for the wisdom to treat people appropriately.

# Jude 22-23

**[22] And have mercy on some,  
who are doubting;**

**[23] save others, snatching them  
out of the fire; and on some have  
mercy with fear, hating even the  
garment polluted by the flesh.**



# 1 Thessalonians 5:14

[14] We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

# A Final Encouragement



# Jude 24

**[24] Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,**

# A Final Encouragement



➤ God will punish and reward!