



READ JUDE

Jude was Jesus' brother. He had grown up with all the benefits and curses of having the perfect brother. I imagine it would have been hard to play hide and seek with Jesus. And forget about getting into a "whodunit?" argument when mom's favorite vase was broken. Over time, Jude had come to the realization that his brother was more than a pain, he was the promised Messiah! All sibling rivalry aside, Jude devotes his life to build the church his brother started.

The time came for Jude to sit down and write a letter. He wanted to write about the wonderful salvation that had come at the cost of his brother's life. Instead, he looked around the church and saw tons of false teaching. So he began to write (at the Holy Spirit's direction) one of the most severe books in the New Testament; a letter of warning and encouragement.

Jude starts by praying that what three things would be multiplied in the life of the readers?

How does Jude describe the false teachers?

What false messages did they teach?

What comparisons can you find between the book of Jude and 2nd Peter, Chapter 2?

Look at the three men Jude gives as examples of evil in Jude 11. What were their sins?

Cain (Gen. 4:5-7, Heb. 11:4, Jude 11)

Balaam (Num. 22-24, 2 Pet. 2:15-16; Jude 11; Rev. 2:14)

Korah? (Num. 16:1-3; Jude 11)

What is the counter-balance to these men that Jude teaches?

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