



User Friendly Guide to

# Jude

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**No 4**  
**A CALL TO REMEMBER**

**Key Verse:**

v20 - 21 But you dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

**Way In:** Sticking to genuine Christian beliefs can be tricky – What are your top tips for making sure you know what real Christianity is all about.

**Read:** Jude 17 – 25

**Questions to Answer:**

- v17-18 Why is it no surprise to Jude that false teachers trouble the church?
- v19 What 3 characteristics do their lives have?
- v20-21 What 4 characteristics should Christians have?
- How do you see the Trinity at work in these verses?
- v22-23 How should Jude's readers treat those people who get caught by false teaching?

**Reflection and Action:**

1. Jude writes about being kept by Jesus v1, he challenges his readers to keep themselves in God's love v21, and finally commends them, to God who is able to keep them v24. How can we tie together this concept of keeping and being kept?
2. Jude ends his letter on a glorious note. Though the false teachers are like wolves among the sheep, Jesus the Great Shepherd loves his own and will keep them. There is no reason to fear. He called us because He loves us. And because He loves us he will keep us. He wants to bring us into His holy presence and rejoice over us. We know all of this is possible because of Jesus.

Use the last words of this letter for your prayer time:

*“ To Him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us without fault and with great joy- to the only God our saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages now and forevermore! Amen. Jude 24 - 25*

**User Friendly guide to Jude**

Do you sometimes feel that you and your group are small and insignificant compared to other CU leaders and CU groups? At the end of the New Testament is a letter from Jude to the churches so short it hasn't even got chapters – just verses. But to God this letter is precious He wants His people everywhere to read it so it is in the Bible.

**Welcome to the adventure that is Jude's Letter.** Whether you are reading it for the first time or as a revisit you can be sure that you and your group will gain riches out of its treasure store. For this is God's very special message to us concerning our salvation. It is not just history; this is the living word of God, meant to achieve a purpose in our lives (check Isaiah 55 v 11 and Hebrews 5 v 12).

**WHO WAS JUDE?**

He describes himself as:

- A servant of Jesus Christ
- A brother of James

Which James would that be?

- Galatians 1 v 9- the Lord's brother?
- Jude could be the same as Judas the Lord's brother (Matt.13 v 55; Mark 6 v 3)

Why didn't Jude say he was a brother of Jesus?

1. James was one of the leaders of the church with the same authority as the other apostles. For authority Jude identifies with James whilst his relationship to Jesus is just the same as any believers – a servant/slave.
2. The brothers of Jesus were known to have opposed him while He walked the earth (John 7 v 5). Now they called Him Lord and were His servants, what an amazing change. This Jesus and His servants must be worth listening to.

**WHO WAS THE LETTER WRITTEN TO?**

v 1 To those who have been called.

v 3, 17, 20- To dear friends

v 3 To those who share the same salvation.  
Christians!

### WHY DID JUDE WRITE THIS LETTER?

v3 tells us that it certainly wasn't the letter he intended to write at all! He wanted to write about the salvation they shared.

What made him change his mind?

- False teachers had slipped into their midst
- These false teachers were dangerous
- The believers needed to contend for their faith and not be fooled.
- Jude's letter was going to tell them why and how.

### This guide is written especially for CU groups that

- Want not just to read God's word but live it.
- Want to look at a whole book of the bible in 4 weeks..
- Have only an hour or less for their meeting, which is normally at lunchtime.
- Have few people able to lead the study so need ready to use material.

You should not need to adapt these studies. However that doesn't mean you don't need someone in the group to take the initiative and read it over beforehand and lead the time you spend together. You may decide that it would be great if everyone had a copy of the studies - please feel free to photocopy them.

Remember - hearing God speak through His word is exciting, so take time to acknowledge His presence and ask for His help (generally called prayer).

If you need help – there are commentaries on Jude, try the Bible Speaks today series – the one on Jude is by Dick Lucas and Christopher Green.

Please do email us with any questions you have.

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- Jude gives 4 further examples of what false believers are like:
- a. What are they?
  - b. What sort of picture do they paint?
    - v14 What do we learn about God's judgement from Enoch's prophecy? God's judgement is not only universal it is moral and just. God will not let sin and rebellion go unpunished.

### Reflection and Action:

- Isn't it great that whilst we were still sinners Christ died for us Romans 5 v 8. Take time to think about your response to the fact that God who sorted out your salvation? If some of you are still not sure about this turn to Romans 5 v 6 – 11 and go through it together.
- Praise God together as a group for what He has done.
- Talk about how you would answer a student who wasn't a Christian who said to you "so you think I am going to hell do you?" Remember it is not your opinion someone goes to Hell but you can help people to be sure they are going to be with God!

**No 3  
GOD'S JUDGEMENT IS MORAL**

**Key Verse:** v14 "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones, to judge everyone....."

**Way in:** Jesus talked a great deal about judgement – dividing good from evil and punishing evil. How do you feel about that? Are you prepared to talk about the judgement the world faces?

**Read: Jude 11 - 16**

Jude continues to give examples of those who rebelled against God in the past and the consequences of their rebellion. Jude points out to his readers that God is justified in His judgement. Those who are being judged have lived lives to warrant this judgement.

**Questions to Answer**

These false teachers have followed the examples of three men in history

WHO WERE THESE MEN?	OT REFERENCES	HOW DID THEY SIN AGAINST GOD/ HIS PEOPLE?	WHAT DID GOD DO?
V11	GEN 4v 3-12		
V11	(NUMBERS 22-24,31) <b>READ:</b> NUMBERS 31v15-16		
V11	(NUMBERS 16v1-35) <b>READ:</b> NUMBERS 16 v1-3, AND 28 – 33.		

**No. 1  
REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE AND WHOSE YOU ARE.**

**Key Verse:**

To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ:

**Way in:**

You are on holiday in a far country and you get a letter warning you about a possible terrorist attack that carried the M16 seal. How would you react to this information? Certainly ignoring it will not be an option. What comfort will it be to you that your country's embassy is close by and ready to act on behalf of her citizens if need be?

**Read Jude 1 – 4**

**Questions to answer**

v 1 - 2

- How does Jude describe himself?
- How does he describe his readers?

Take time out to praise God because these descriptions apply to you too. Then use verse 2 to pray for each other!

v 3 - 4

- What was the Jude's reason for writing this letter?
- v4 Jude explains that these godless men have
  - a. changed some things
  - b. denied some things.

What are these things and why is this so dangerous?

**Reflection and Action:**

Jude talks about "The Salvation we share". How does knowing that there have been Christians for 2000 years, and that around the world there are millions of Christians today, encourage you to keep on believing?

Our churches and CUs are not insured against 'these men' who want to distort the truth. How can we

1. Spot people who want to change and deny the things of God?
2. Always be ready to contend for the faith?

**No..2**  
**GOD'S JUDGEMENT IS UNIVERSAL**

**Key Verse:**

v5 Though you already know this I want to remind you

**Way In:**

How well do you know your Old Testament? Share with one another which parts you know best and what you have learnt from them

**Read: Jude 5 - 10**

Jude does not pretend that the situation is not serious but reminds his readers of God's faithfulness even in judging rebellion. He did it in the past he will do it again.

**Questions to answer:**

WHO WERE THEY?	LIKELY CROSS REFERENCES	WHAT DID THEY DO OR FAIL TO DO?	WHAT DID GOD DO?
V5	Psalm 95 v 8 - 11		
V6	GEN. 6 v 1 - 3		
V7	GEN. 19 v 23 - 36		

v8 What lessons does Jude draw from these three examples?

- Is there anywhere that God's judgement does not reach? (God's judgement is universal- he will judge evil whether it is found among his people, in the heavens or among those who do not acknowledge Him as God.)
- Who does one of the top angels think is the one to judge the devil?
- v10 What are the false teachers really like?

**Reflection and Action:**

What are the challenges for us in today's world as we understand that God's judgement is universal?

Take time to pray for your friends and the college who don't know Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

Pray too for each other that when you meet with people who twist the gospel that you will not be taken in but will now how to stand firm.

