

The Book of Jude: Called, Beloved and Kept

Jude- Half brother of Jesus, brother of James (Mark 6:3)

Why would Jude be a follower of Jesus? Mark 3; 1 Corinthians 15

In this book's first verses, Jude says something special about the believers who read his letter. They were first called by God and dearly loved by Him as well as kept, guarded and protected against unbelief, which leads to destruction.

- In a letter warning us against false teachers, why does Jude focus on the Holy Spirit's work in calling us to faith and keeping believers in that faith?
- Discuss what the word "kept" reveals about God's heart, especially knowing that Satan wants to snatch us away through these false teaching. John 10:29

Vs 4 Galatians 1:6, 2 Peter 2, Romans 6 and 1 Peter 2:16

Vs 5 1 Corinthians 10

False Teachers Jude says false teachers pervert God's grace into a license for immorality; they do this by teaching that Jesus abolished the Law.

- Why do you think some Christian denominations are willing to accept lifestyles and behaviors the Bible forbids to God's children?
- How does immoral living deny Jesus as our only Master and Lord?
- Vs 6 Revelation 12:7. Why does Jude harshly compare these mistaken leaders to fallen angels?

Vs 8-9 Acts 19:13

Vs 9 Assumption of Moses or Zechariah 3

Vs 14 Apocalypse of Enoch. The *Assumption of Moses* is the likely source for Jude's description of the fight over Moses' body in verse 9 of his epistle. Jude quotes *1 Enoch*, a pseude-pigraphal (falsely attributed) work written between the third and first centuries BC. This book is based on the Enoch mentioned in Gen 5.

Jude concludes by turning his readers back to meditate on God's care and keeping.

- What reassurance do Jude's words, "to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless," give Christians who fear they may fall away or be lead astray?
- It is good to study and learn as much of God's Word as possible, but why is it important to remember that God Himself is responsible for guarding us in the true faith?