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Who was Jude?

- First of all, Jude, short for “Judah” or “Judas” was a common Jewish name; there are several guys with this name in NT
- This Jude is probably the one listed in Matthew 13:55 (Mark 6:3) as a son of Mary and Joseph—one of Jesus’ little “half brothers”

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Jude Josephson

Epistle of _____

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Jude

Epistle of anti-Sin

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Martin Story:
Yu Koizumi's Right



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Date Written:

- Probably after Pauline Epistles and before John's Letters
- Clearly similar to II Peter, but which was first?
- Either 65?, if Peter copied Jude, or 75? If Jude copied Peter

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Type of Book

- General Letter

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Author:

- 1:1
- Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ, and a brother of James
- See Matthew 13:55

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Recipients:

- 1:1
- “To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ...”ESV

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Original Purpose:

- Combats a particular gnosticism which said that the more you sin, the more grace of God you gain

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You May Turn Here For:

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Key Verse:

- 1:4
- “For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly, people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ...”ESV
- “If you truly love God, you won’t purposefully sin” –SB

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Key Chapter (Required Reading):

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- there’s only one

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TCF #1

- Writes to combat gnosticism
- Again, the main belief of gnosticism was that flesh is evil, spirit is good; Jesus was only spirit, not man
- Here, Jude battles a form of gnosticism which offered a “license for immorality”--the more you sin, the more grace you get

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TCF #2

- Again, this was written by a “little brother” of Jesus; James was Jude’s older brother
- Notice, too, that he’s “a SERVANT of Jesus Christ” and “a BROTHER of James”
- It was typical to compare yourself to the famous people in your family--James was famous

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TCF #3

- V. 5-16
- Nice attack of gnosticism using OT quotes and OT heroes
- V. 11, “Woe to them! (these gnostic preachers) They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam’s error; they have been destroyed by Korah’s rebellion”NIV

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TCF #4

- V. 20-23
- Pretty little passage about faith, mercy, and love
- 20: “But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith, and pray in the Holy Spirit...”

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TCF #5

- Luther, “No one can deny that it is an extract or copy of St. Peter’s second epistle, so very like it are all the words...therefore, though I value this book, it is an epistle that need not be counted among the chief books which are supposed to lay the foundations of faith” (LW 35:397f.) (CSSB 1937)

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TCF #6

- How is Jude similar to II Peter?
- Find some examples.
- Yes, you.
- In the blue. And the white.

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Activity to Remember

You Teach the Class

Build Up the Faith,
instead of Tearing it Down

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Life Lessons from Jude

- “The letter admonishes its readers to resist the appeal of false doctrine and to contend for the Christian truth as God’s final revelation”. --ITBOTB
- What false doctrines does Satan put in your path? How do you know what God wants for you, and how do follow that path even when your body tells you to follow another path?

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