

Epistle of Jude

- Author:** Jude (also called Judas), the brother of James and the half- brother of Jesus (Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3).
- Time:** Likely between AD 65 -80
- Genre:** Letter
- Audience:** Written to Christian-Jews
- Purpose:** False teachers had crept into the church and were perverting God's grace and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, into a license to sin. Jude warns of false teachers who were infiltrating the church. He uses expressive language and examples to describe the characteristics of these false teachers and the certainty of God's judgment on them. Jude encourages Christians to fight for the faith and to live in God's love.
- Structure:** Greeting (1, 2), Contend for the faith (3, 4), Warning of false Teacher (5-16), How to stand against false teachers (17-19), Encouragement to live for God (20-23), Doxology (24, 25)
- Messages:** Characteristics of false teachers, contend for the faith, how to avoid danger of false teachings, practice mercy towards doubters of the faith