



JUDE—THE STORY THAT HAD TO BE WRITTEN

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Greetings from Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James...³ Dear friends, I wanted very much to write to you about the salvation we all share together... **Jude 1, 3a** (ERV)

- There are some messages that God's servants _____ to deliver.

...But I felt the need to write to you about something else: I want to encourage you to fight hard for the faith that God gave his holy people. God gave this faith once, and it is good for all time. **Jude 3b** (ERV)

➤ THE MESSAGE JUDE REVEALS ABOUT “THE FAITH.”

1. “The faith” is the systematic teaching found in scripture.

- The Islamic faith derives its teaching in the _____.
- The LDS faith derives its teaching from the Book of _____.
- The Christian faith derives its teaching from the _____.

2. God delivered “The faith” to us, _____.

I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. **Jude 3b** (ESV)

...If anyone adds anything to what is written, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book.¹⁹ And if anyone removes any of the words from this book of prophecy, God will remove that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book. **Revelation 22:18, 19** (NLT)

3. Satan is determined to _____ “the Faith.”

For some godless people have slipped in unnoticed among us, persons who distort the message about the grace of our God in order to excuse their immoral ways, and who reject Jesus Christ our only Master and Lord. Long ago the Scriptures predicted the condemnation they have received. **Jude 4** (GNB)

His (Apostle Paul's) letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction. **2 Peter 3:16b** (NIV)

4. Jude calls me to _____ between the truth and error.

But you... must remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ said.¹⁸ They told you that in the last times there would be scoffers...¹⁹ These people...are creating divisions among you. They follow their natural instincts because they do not have God's Spirit...²⁰ But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith... **Jude 17-20** (NLT)

My dear friends, many false prophets are in the world now. So don't believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God. **1 John 4:1** (ERV)

5. Jude calls me _____.

Dear friends...I must write...urging you to defend the faith that God entrusted once for all time His holy people. **Jude 3b** (NLT)

➤ DEFENDING THE TRUTH REQUIRES THAT...

1. I _____ about _____.

He will use every kind of evil to trick those who are lost. They will die, because they refused to love the truth. (If they loved the truth, they would be saved.)¹² So all those will be judged guilty who did not believe the truth, but enjoyed doing evil. **2 Thessalonians 2:9-12** (NCV)

I love your commands more than gold, more than pure gold,¹²⁸ and because I consider all your precepts right, I hate every wrong path. **Psalms 119:127, 128** (NIV)

2. I _____ to _____.

The people in Berea were better than the people of Thessalonica. They were glad to listen to Paul's words. Every day they studied the holy writings to see if what Paul said was right. **Acts 17:11** (WE)

Study and do your best to present yourself to God approved, a workman [tested by trial] who has no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling and skillfully teaching the word of truth. **2 Timothy 2:15** (AMP)

3. I _____ with the _____.

Dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith... **Jude 20** (NLT)

I want you to know how people who are members of God's family must live. God's family is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. **1 Timothy 3:15** (GW)

4. I _____ to _____.

“And you know the way to where I am going.”⁵ “No, we don't know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where You are going, so how can we know the way?”⁶ Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me. **John 14:4-6** (NLT)