

# Sunday Morning in the Word



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# One Chapter Wonders

Rediscovering the  
New Testament Books  
of

2 John, 3 John,  
Philemon, and Jude

Today thru the next Sunday – Jude



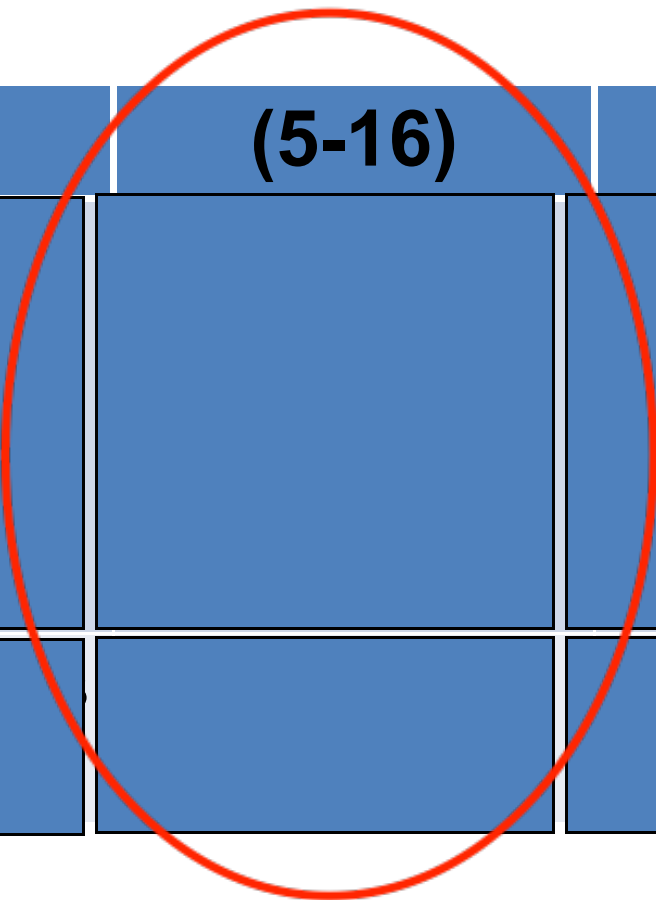
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“There are many professing Christian teachers, preachers, and scholars who see it as their business to free you Christians of your foolish beliefs of the truthfulness of the Bible, of the deity of Christ, of the claims of the gospel, of the absoluteness of the truth of God's word. And Jude is speaking precisely to that kind of thing.”

# The Structure of Jude

*(“Contend for the faith!”)*

Verses	(1-4)	(5-16)	(17-24)



### **Jude 5-16**

Now I want to remind you, although you came to know all these things once and for all, that Jesus saved a people out of Egypt and later destroyed those who did not believe; and the angels who did not keep their own position but abandoned their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains in deep darkness for the judgment on the great day. Likewise, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns committed sexual immorality and perversions, and serve as an example by undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

In the same way **these people** —relying on their dreams—defile their flesh, reject authority, and slander glorious ones. Yet when Michael the archangel was disputing with the devil in an argument about Moses's body, he did not dare utter a slanderous condemnation against him but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" But **these people** blaspheme anything they do not understand. And what they do understand by instinct—like irrational animals—by these things they are destroyed. Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, have plunged into Balaam's error for profit, and have perished in Korah's rebellion.

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For **some people**, who were designated for this judgment long ago, have come in by stealth; they are ungodly, turning the grace of our God into sensuality and denying Jesus Christ, our only Master and Lord.

Jude 5-16

For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear what they want to hear. They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to myths.

2 Timothy 4:3–4

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Then many will fall away, betray one another, and hate one another. Many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

Matthew 24:10–11

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Dear friends, although I was eager to write you about the salvation we share, I found it necessary to write, appealing to you **to contend for the faith that was delivered to the saints once for all.**

Jude 3

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# Four Truths about False Teachers

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- *The Assumption (or Testament) of Moses* – In v. 9 the reference to Michael the archangel arguing with the devil over the body of Moses may be from this first century apocalyptic book
- *The Book of Enoch* - from which Jude appears to quote from here in v. 14.

“When Jude quotes books  
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Jude 14-15 CSB

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Their foundation is wrong!

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If a prophet or someone who has **dreams** arises among you and proclaims a sign or wonder to you, and that sign or wonder he has promised you comes about, but he says, ‘Let us follow other gods,’ which you have not known, ‘and let us worship them,’ do not listen to that prophet’s words or to that **dreamer**. For the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul.

Deuteronomy 13:1–3

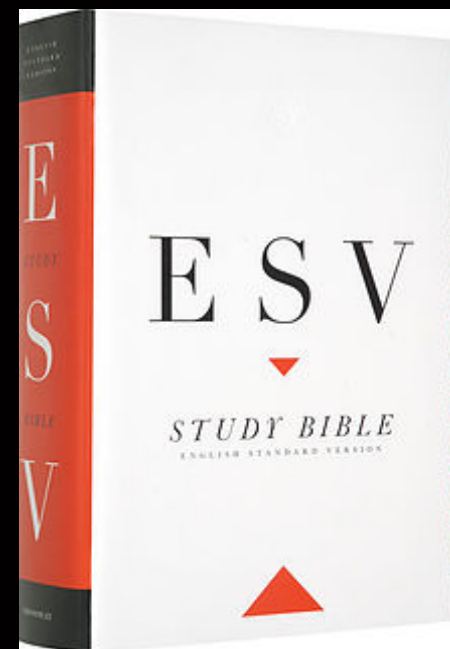
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Even the archangel Michael did not speak to the devil flippantly, or blaspheme him, when he disputed with him over the body of Moses. This event is not in the OT and whatever story Jude is referring to has been lost to history. In any case, Michael, understanding his own place in God's design, did not pronounce a sentence of condemnation on the devil but left that to God's authority, simply telling the devil, **"The Lord rebuke you."**

This demonstrates the exclusive power and authority of Jesus Christ, something the false teachers deny (see Jude 4).



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Jude 10

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But the person without the Spirit does not receive what comes from God's Spirit, because it is foolishness to him; he is not able to understand it since it is evaluated spiritually.

1 Corinthians 2:14

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There is a way that seems right to a person, but its end is the way to death.

Proverbs 16:25

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But what comes out of the mouth comes from the heart,  
and this defiles a person.

Matthew 15:18

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## Today's Takeaways

Beware of false teachers! They are here.  
All around us. Both outside and inside the church!

As soon as it was night, the brothers and sisters sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. Upon arrival, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. The people here were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, since they received the word with eagerness and **examined the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.**

Acts 17:10-11

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# Ephesians 2:1-10