

CONTENTING FOR THE FAITH | JUDE

JUDE 1-4

Jude was the half-brother of Jesus. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Jude was born of Joseph and Mary. Jude did not accept Jesus as the Messiah initially, however following the resurrection he believed. He identifies himself as a servant of Jesus. Jude had a plan to write to the church about salvation, but necessity and the Holy Spirit led him in a different direction. He had to challenge the church to identify those creeping into the church and to contend for the faith. He would echo the messages by Jesus, Peter, John, and Paul. Jude calls the church to action. How do the initial verses of Jude apply to us?

1. We must recognize who we are in Christ because _____ is crucial during _____ circumstances.

2. We must follow Jude's example in doing what is _____ rather than what we _____.

3. We must be _____ for those who _____ from the faith (apostates) and be ready to _____ biblical truth.

4. The traits of an apostate are:
 - a. They live without _____ for _____.
 - b. They are _____.
 - c. They deny the identity of _____.