

## BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”  
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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**MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK**



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PRAY - for the salvation of Mr. Itou who has recently begun attending church with his wife and three children. I have asked him to begin a Bible study with me.

PRAY - for the men that have started attending our church in recent months and are showing an interest in learning more about Jesus Christ. Mr. Miyamoto(28), and Mr Okamoto(50's) have both prayed to accept Christ. We plan on following up with this decision.

PRAISE - Thank you for your continued prayers for New Beginning International Preschool. We currently have 15 students. We thank God for this opportunity to share the gospel with these families.

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Study: 08/29/21

## Contend For The Bible

Jude 1 identifies the author of the Book of Jude as Jude, a brother of James. This likely refers to Jesus’ half-brother Jude, as Jesus also had a half-brother named James (Matthew 13:55). Jude likely does not identify himself as a brother of Jesus out of humility and reverence for Christ.

The Book of Jude is an important book for us today because it is written for the end times, for the end of the church age. The church age began at the Day of Pentecost. Jude is the only book given entirely to the great apostasy. Jude writes that evil works are the evidence of apostasy. He admonishes us to contend for the faith, for there are tares among the wheat. False prophets are in the church and the saints are in danger. Jude is a small but important book worthy of study, written for the Christian of today.

According to verse 3, Jude was anxious to write about our salvation; however, he changed topics to address contending for the faith. This faith embodies the complete body of Christian doctrine taught by Christ, later passed on to the apostles. After Jude warns of false teachers (verses 4-16), he advises us on how we can succeed in spiritual warfare (verses 20-21). Here is wisdom we would do well to accept and adhere to as we go through these days of the end times.

The Book of Jude is filled with references to the Old Testament, including the Exodus (v. 5); Satan’s rebellion (v. 6); Sodom and Gomorrah (v. 7); Moses’ death (v. 9); Cain (v. 11); Balaam (v. 11); Korah (v. 11); Enoch (vv. 14,15); and Adam (v. 14). Jude’s use of the well-known historical illustrations of Sodom and Gomorrah, Cain, Balaam, and Korah reminded the Jewish Christians of the necessity of true faith and obedience.

We live in a unique time in history and this little book can help equip us for the untold challenges of living in the end times. Today’s Christian must be on guard for false doctrines which can so easily deceive us if we are not well-versed in the Word. We need to know the Gospel—to protect and defend it—and accept the Lordship of Christ, which is evidenced by a life-change. Authentic faith always reflects Christ-like behavior. Our life in Christ should reflect our very own heart-knowledge that rests on the authority of the Almighty Creator and Father who puts faith into practice. We need that personal relationship with Him; only then will we know His voice so well that we will follow no other.

Source: [www.gotquestions.org/Summary Of The Book Of Jude](http://www.gotquestions.org/Summary_of_The_Book_of_Jude)

## KEY VERSE

Jude 3 (NKJV)

*“Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”*

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: Jude 1-25**

**The Book Of Jude**

1. Jude has been called the most neglected book in the New Testament. Why do you think it gets neglected?
2. What is the purpose of this book of Jude according to 1:3?

**Tuesday: Jude 1:1a; Mark 6:3; Matthew 20:26-27**

**Jude Is The Writer**

3. How does Jude describe himself (v1a)?
4. Jude was the half brother of Jesus. Why do you think he doesn't mention it?

**Wednesday: Jude 1-2; Colossians 1:18; Romans 10:9**

**Join The Team**

5. According to Jude 1:1a who did Jude say he was serving?
6. How does Jude describe the saved (v1b-2)?

**Thursday: Jude 3; I Peter 3:15; I Corinthians 9:24-27**

**Fulfill The Duty**

7. The word “contend” is used to describe a devoted athlete competing and agonizing for victory. On a scale of 1-10 how well are you contending for the Bible? How can you grow in this area?

8. How much of the Bible is truth according to Psalm 119:160?

9. Why is it important to contend for the Bible?

**Friday: Jude 4; II John 9; II Peter 2:1**

**Know The Opposition**

10. The word “doctrine” refers to our statement of beliefs. According to III John 9 what is the key doctrine of our Christian faith?

11. According to Jude 4 the opposition was attacking the doctrine of Christ. What happens to our Christian faith if we are deceived into believing false teaching about Christ?

12. What two words does Jude use to describe the opposition (Hint: They both start with (“un-”)?