***In Times Like These - James, Peter, John, Jude***

**Lesson 24**

**Beware of the Apostates**

Read Jude

Memory Work: Jude 4.

1.a. Read through Jude.

b. How does Jude identify himself?

c. Does he say anything about being the half brother of Jesus. . .because?

d. Which would be more important, to be Jesus’ half brother in the flesh or His Spiritual brother?

See Matthew 12:46-50; 13:55-58; Luke 11:27,28 . . with what mandate?

2.a. To whom is Jude addressing his letter and how does he describe the relationship to Jesus?

b. What was Jude going to write about first? Why did he change his mind? Verse 3.

c. What is an apostate?

3.a. What kind of men was Jude warning them about? Verse 4.

b. Why would the recipients of his letter need warning?

c. How can we guard against those who secretly slip in amongst us to stir up trouble?

Think about 4. a. What would Jesus say to those cult leaders who claim that their books are equal to the authority of Scripture?

b. What would He say to those who want to add to Scripture?

c. Why do false teachers deserve God’s judgment?

5. Do you think most churches today are as alert as they need to be to guard against false teaching?

Explain.

Think about There is a recent book and movie which turned the grace of our God into lewdness and denied the Lordship of Jesus Christ. The title of the book and movie is The D \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_.

b. Why was this book so popular?

Evaluate Today, how do people change the grace of God? Verse 4.

5.a. Why do believers need to be warned today?

b. Why are apostates and false teachers dangerous to the Church?

6. Lessons from history:

Compare Jude 5 with Numbers 25:1-9; 13,14; I Corinthians 10:5-10.

Compare Jude 6 with Acts 2:20; II Peter 2:4; Revelation 6:17

Compare Jude 7 with Genesis 19:5, 24.

7.a. Jude describes speaking evil of dignitaries. What does this remind you of today?

b. How did Michael, the Archangel, deal with the devil? Verse 9.

c. Is there a lesson for today?

Evaluate Why do you think people have no fear of God and His wrath? II Corinthians 5:11.

8.a. Why does Jesus say “Woe to them” in Jude 11?

b. What is the way of Cain? Verse 11; Genesis 4:3-8; I John 3:12.

c. What is the error of Balaam? Verse 11; II Peter 2:15,16. Numbers 22-24.

d. What is Korah’s rebellion? Verse 11; Numbers 16:1-3;31-35.