

~JUDE (206)

[from Hebrew, a form of the name Judah]

- A slave of Jesus Christ, but a brother of James. This is the way the writer of the inspired letter bearing his name introduces himself. Apparently he was not the same person as **Judas** the son of James, one of the 11 faithful apostles of Jesus Christ.
- And Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who turned traitor. (**Luke 6:16**)
- He speaks of himself as a slave, not an apostle, of Jesus Christ, also he refers to the apostles in the third person as they.
- **Jude**, a slave of Jesus Christ, but a brother of James, to the called ones who are loved in relationship with God the Father and preserved for Jesus Christ. (**Jude 1:1**)
- As for you, beloved ones, call to mind the sayings that have been previously spoken by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. (**Jude 1:17**)
- How they used to say to you; In the last time there will be ridiculers, proceeding according to their own desires for ungodly things. (**Jude 1:18**)
- Though the **Christian Greek Scriptures** speak of other persons called **Jude** or **Judas**, this Bible writer distinguished himself from the others by mentioning the name of his brother. From this it may be inferred that his brother James was well known among Christians.
- Only one person by that name appears to have been outstandingly prominent. The apostle Paul referred to this James as one of the pillars of the Jerusalem congregation and as the brother of the Lord.
- But I saw no one else of the apostles, only James the brother of the Lord. (**Galatians 1:19**)
- Yes, when they came to know the undeserved kindness that was given me, James and Cephas and John, the ones who seemed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of sharing

together, that we should go to the nations, but they to those who are circumcised. ([Galatians 2:9](#))

- But he motioned to them with his hand to be silent and told them in detail how Yehowah brought him out of the prison, and he said; Report these things to James and the brothers. With that he went out and journeyed to another place. ([Acts of Apostles 12:17](#))
- After they quit speaking, James answered, saying; Men, brothers, hear me. ([Acts of Apostles 15:13](#))
- Symeon has related thoroughly how God for the first time turned his attention to the nations to take out of them a people for his name. ([Acts of Apostles 15:14](#))
- And with this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written. ([Acts of Apostles 15:15](#))
- After these things I shall return and rebuild the booth of David that is fallen down, and I shall rebuild its ruins and erect it again. ([Acts of Apostles 15:16](#))
- In order, that those who remain of the men may earnestly seek Yehowah, together with people of all the nations, people who are called by my name, says Yehowah, who is doing these things. ([Acts of Apostles 15:17](#))
- Known from of old. ([Acts of Apostles 15:18](#))
- Hence my decision is not to trouble those from the nations who are turning to God. ([Acts of Apostles 15:19](#))
- But to write them to abstain from things polluted by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood. ([Acts of Apostles 15:20](#))
- For from ancient times Moses has had in city after city those who preach him, because he is read aloud in the synagogues on every Sabbath. ([Acts of Apostles 15:21](#))
- Therefore, **Jude**, or **Judas**, was evidently a half brother of Christ Jesus.

- Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary, and his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and **Judas**? (**Matthew 13:55**)
- This is the carpenter the son of Mary and the brother of James and Joseph and **Judas** and Simon, is it not? And his sisters are here with us, are they not? So they began to stumble at him. (**Mark 6:3**)
- Yet humbly he did not seek to capitalize on his fleshly relationship to the Son of God but calls himself a slave of Jesus Christ.

See Also JUDAS 5

- Almost nothing is known about **Jude's** life. Early in the ministry of Christ Jesus, **Jude** may have been among those saying; He has gone out of his mind.
- But when his **relatives** heard about it, they went out to lay hold of him, for they were saying; He has gone out of his mind. (**Mark 3:21**)
- In any event, **Jude** and his other brothers did not then exercise faith in Christ Jesus.
- His brothers were, in fact, not exercising faith in him. (**John 7:5**)
- However, after his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his half brother James.
- After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. (**1 Corinthians 15:7**)
- Doubtless this had much to do with convincing not only James but also **Jude** and his other brothers that Jesus was indeed the Messiah.
- Therefore, even before Pentecost of **33 C.E.** they were persisting in prayer with the 11 faithful apostles and others in an upper room at Jerusalem.
- It appears that they were also among the some 120 persons assembled on the occasion that Matthias was chosen by lot to replace the unfaithful **Judas Iscariot**.

- **With one accord all these were persisting in prayer, together with some women and Mary the mother of Jesus and with his brothers. (Acts of Apostles 1:14)**
- **Now during these days Peter rose up in the midst of the brothers and said, the crowd of persons was all together about one hundred and twenty. (Acts of Apostles 1:15)**
- **Men, brothers, it was necessary for the scripture to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by David's mouth about Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. (Acts of Apostles 1:16)**
- **Because he had been numbered among us and he obtained a share in this ministry. (Acts of Apostles 1:17)**
- **This very man, therefore, purchased a field with the wages for unrighteousness, and pitching head foremost he noisily burst in his midst and all his intestines were poured out. (Acts of Apostles 1:18)**
- **It also became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that that field was called in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood. (Acts of Apostles 1:19)**
- **For it is written in the book of Psalms; Let his lodging place become desolate, and let there be no dweller in it, and, His office of oversight let someone else take. (Acts of Apostles 1:20)**
- **It is therefore necessary that of the men that assembled with us during all the time in which the Lord Jesus went in and out among us. (Acts of Apostles 1:21)**
- **Starting with his baptism by John and until the day he was received up from us, one of these men should become a witness with us of his resurrection. (Acts of Apostles 1:22)**
- **So they put up two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. (Acts of Apostles 1:23)**
- **And they prayed and said; You, O Yehowah, who know the hearts of all, designate which one of these two men you have chosen. (Acts of Apostles 1:24)**

- To take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas deviated to go to his own place. ([Acts of Apostles 1:25](#))
- So they cast lots over them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was reckoned along with the eleven apostles. ([Acts of Apostles 1:26](#))
- If this is the case, it would indicate that they received the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.
- Now while the day of the festival of Pentecost was in progress they were all together at the same place. ([Acts of Apostles 2:1](#))
- And suddenly there occurred from heaven a noise just like that of a rushing stiff breeze, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. ([Acts of Apostles 2:2](#))
- And tongues as if of fire became visible to them and were distributed about, and one sat upon each one of them. ([Acts of Apostles 2:3](#))
- And they all became filled with Holy Spirit and started to speak with different tongues, just as the spirit was granting them to make utterance. ([Acts of Apostles 2:4](#))