

DAILY STUDY GUIDE FOR JUDE

This Week's Passage: Jude 1-4

Pray before you begin your study each day. Ask God to give you insight into His Word and wisdom on how to apply it.

DAY ONE: OBSERVATION. In Bible study, observation involves asking and answering the question: "What do I see?" So, read through Jude 1-4 slowly and answer the following observation questions of the text...

- How does Jude describe himself (v. 1a)?
- How does Jude describe his audience (v. 1b)?
- What three things does Jude wish for his audience to have in abundance (v. 2)? Additionally, in your own words, define or describe these three things.
- What did Jude initially intend to write about, and what did he actually end up writing about instead (v. 3)?
- How does Jude describe the "certain" individuals that secretly slipped in among His audience (v. 4)?

DAY TWO: MEDITATION. Read Jude 1-4 several times. Fill your mind with God's Word and mull over the truth that He has revealed in this text. Then ask yourself: *What does this passage prompt me to pray?* Answer that question in the space below and spend some time in prayer with God.

DAY THREE: INTERPRETATION. In Bible study, interpretation involves asking and answering the question: "What does it mean?" So, read through Jude 1-4 slowly and answer the following interpretive questions of the text...

- In this passage, what do we learn about God?
- In this passage, what do we learn about people?
- In this passage, what do we learn about relating to God?

DAY FOUR: DEVOTION. The Puritan preacher, Thomas Manton (1620-1677) has a classic commentary on Jude. Read his thoughts on Jude 1-4 at <https://www.monergism.com/exposition-notes-upon-epistle-jude-ebook>

- What stood out to you in Manton's commentary on Jude?

DAY FIVE: APPLICATION. Re-read Jude 1-4 for a final time this week and work through the following questions in order to begin to apply this text to your life.

- Have you ever contended or fought for something you believed in? If so, what was it?
- Why is there still an urgent need for Christians to "contend for the faith" and how can we do it in our daily lives?
- In what area of your daily life is contending for, or standing up for, your Christian beliefs the most difficult (e.g., at work, with family or friends, online, at school, at church, etc.)? Why?

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