



# A Scenic Overlook

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## Jude

### Overview

- Sadly for most in our culture, Jude is the name of the key figure in a song written and performed by the Beatles.
- Jude is the next to the last book of the New Testament. It is a "New Testament Postcard."
- Jude's letter is a warning against apostasy in the early church, urging his readers to earnestly contend for the faith and exposing false teachers who infiltrated the church and perverted the gospel.
- There are not "many faiths" only, "the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints."
- Jude is like spiritual "hot sauce."

<sup>24</sup>Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup>to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. —Jude 24-25

### Opening Impressions

### Outline

- I. The Issue at Hand (3-4)
- II. The Examples From History (5 – [Jesus!] – 16)
- III. The Exhortation Toward Holiness (17-23)
- IV. The Confidence We Have (24-25)

### Observations

1. Salvation is secure. (1, 24)  
 "Assurance is the Christian's full conviction that through the work of Christ alone, received by faith, he is in possession of a salvation in which he will be eternally kept. This assurance rests only upon the Scripture promises to him who believes."  
 —Scofield Bible  
 John 10:28-29; 2 Tim. 4:18; 2 Tim. 1:12; John 17:11
2. Doctrine is important.
3. False teachers declare truth with their lips and deny it with their lives.  
 "Gnosticism"
4. Judgment is severe. (6)
5. Defense is necessary.  
 "A dog barks when his master is attacked."  
 —John Calvin  
 Our adversary, the devil, has always tried to destroy the faith of God's people, the church, in two ways:
  - a. Persecution
  - b. Infiltration
 How Do We Defend God's Truth?
  - Embrace It
  - Learn It
  - Live It
  - Share It

"The Christian church is not a stagnant institution. It is men and women who flesh out in daily life the meaning of faith, the reality of the living Christ."  
 —Myron Augsburger