

# Abide in Me

**John 15:4**

*Bible studies for disciples  
who make disciples*



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*Contending for the Faith*

## Relevant Stories with Serious Repercussions

Jude 5-10

Welcome to the third study in the letter of Jude. In verses 1-2 Jude reminded us of our identity in Christ. In verse 3 he urged us to contend for the faith once and for all delivered to the saints. The reason for this urgency was because corrupt leaders had crept into the church unnoticed. They were misleading many by insisting that the grace of God gives license to sin. Jude's way of understanding the present danger from these bad actors was by tracing similar acts of rebellion in the Old Testament.

### **OBSERVATION** (*What does the passage say?!*)

Before meeting with your Growth Group, read through the passage at least twice and perform the following prompts:

Start by getting the big picture in the following two paragraphs.

- In the left margin of verses 5-7, list the three stories of rebellion mentioned by Jude.
- Cite the OT passage where each story originates.
- In the left margin of verses 8-10, list the three descriptions of the false teachers' characteristics or attitudes.
- Place a † over each reference to Jesus, including pronouns.
- In verse 5 circle *a people*. Draw a line from there to the top margin and write *The Israelites*.
- Double underline the word *saved* in verse 5.
- Place in brackets the phrase *who did not believe* in verse 5.
- Circle the word *angels* in verse 6.
- Place in brackets the phrase *left their proper dwelling* in verse 6.
- Circle *Sodom and Gomorrah* in verse 7.
- Place in brackets *indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire* in verse 7.
- Underline the form of divine punishment in each of the three stories.
- Place a box around the phrase *relying on their dreams*.
- Enumerate the three characteristics of these dreamers.
- Circle all forms of the word *blaspheme* in verses 8-10.

5 Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— 7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

8 Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. 9 But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume



6. What does Jude want us to understand from the example of Sodom and Gomorrah?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What is the main point of verses 8-10? If someone were to ask you to explain these verses in a way that makes sense, what would you say?

**APPLICATION** *(How does the passage apply to our lives?)*

1. What lessons of application do you think we are to draw from this passage?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Is it hard for you to reconcile that our Savior, Jesus, is also Judge?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. In what way do false teachers today resemble the people Jude described?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What is the most profound truth about God revealed in this passage?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What is the most profound truth you have learned about yourself from this passage?

*This has been a heavy study. Maybe all of your questions have not been answered. It's likely that this study hits pretty close regarding loved ones and friends. Spend time praying for one another and anyone else who needs to know the love of God revealed in the face of Jesus.*

