

Us Vs. Them/Him Jude 1-25

Introduction

We live in an age of tolerance - can't be against anything
ASU/UA illustration

READ Jude 1-25

Background

v. 1 Jude – brother of Jesus, of James, only references James

- Bond servant of Jesus Christ:
- He understands his relationship with Christ and his role as bondservant
- Recall **Mark 3**: Brothers of Jesus
- **Mark 6** - Reference to Jude

Will come back to v. 2

v. 3 Purpose statement for the letter

Reminder: Look for that in each book or letter of the Bible

John 20:31: Written so that you believe and have eternal life

1 John 5:13: Written to believers

- so they may have assurance
- to contend for the faith
- Salvation is important and needs to be talked about
 - Common, handed down once
 - Must also talk about issues affecting the church

v.4 Why? False teachers and leaders are in the church

Them

v. 4b: outline for the following verses: Fallen, fearless, fruitless

- Numerous descriptions. **2 Peter 2**. Long list

v. 5 Fallen examples

- Egypt: Miracles, delivered, named people of God.
Romans 9: Not all Israel is Israel

v. 6 Rebel angels: Saw the creation. Saw God. Not the initial fallen

- Wanted flesh. **Gen. 6**
- “just as”

v. 7 Sodom: Same fleshly desire after the Flood.

- Noah's descend, Shem still alive.

v. 8 Fearless examples

- No fear of Supernatural

v. 9: Michael did not rebuke Satan, used God's authority

v. 10: Things they do not understand, so revile, just instincts

v.11: No Fear of God's laws/rules

- Cain. **Gen. 4**, First kid, **Heb.11**. Cain didn't sacrifice right→ angry→ kills
- No fear of God's Word
Ballam: **Numbers 22:1-7**.
- No fear of God's leadership: **Numbers 16**
v. 16 Grumblers, finding fault

v.12: Fruitless

Not serving, clouds without water, autumn trees without fruit, double dead

v. 13: wandering stars: purpose of stars: signs, wandering stars not good,
meteors end in darkness

v. 14: Their end is hell

v. 15: Fruitless. Ministry or manipulation

Application:

Maybe someone else came to mind? How about you?

Us

- Position
- Presents
- Practice

Position

v. 1b: Position: called, loved, kept

Presents/Gifts

v. 2: Mercy, peace and love

Practices

Things we do because of our position, not to earn the position

v. 20: Build yourself up:

1. Know the word of
 - **v. 17:** Remember, assumes first knew
 - Bible Study
2. Apply the Word of God
 - Tough situation, so goes to the letter from Peter
3. Pray **v. 20**
4. Obey **v. 21.**
 - **John 14:** If you love me, you will keep my commandments
5. Looking to eternal life **v. 21b**
6. Evangelism **v. 22-23**
 - within the church
 - 1) mercy on those doubting, do not need to be saved
 - 2) save others, snatching from fire
 - 3) mercy on those who are condemned, hate the contamination

HIM

The focus and the division

v. 24: Who keeps you from stumbling?

- Who makes you stand in His Presence?
- Who will make you blameless?
- Who will give you great joy?

v. 25: The only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord

- Be the glory, majesty, dominion, and authority
- Past, present and future.