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Logistics & Learning Objectives:

- Learning Objectives. Participants
 will gain a high level understanding
 of:
 - a. John's epistles
 - b. Jude's epistle
 - c. Warnings to the Christian Church
- 2. For more information please visit <u>www.studioscriptura.com</u>

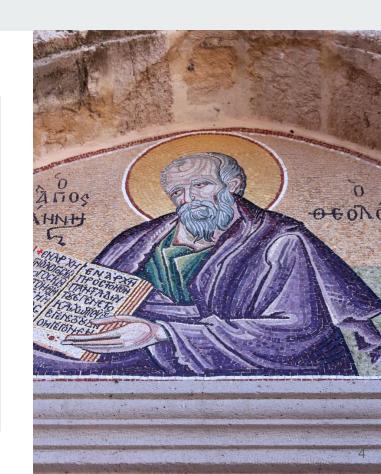




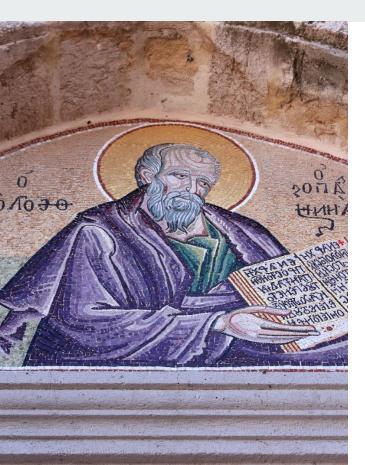
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1, 2 & 3 John

- 1. John was the last of the twelve to survive and his epistles are meant to be read as pastoral letters to a number of congregations.
- 2. Takes up a number of themes and keeps returning to them in slightly different connections as such appears a bit more haphazard than other epistles.
- 3. "Virtually all agree that John lays down three tests for the true believer: (1)believe that Jesus truly is the Christ come in the flesh, and (2)this belief must work itself out in righteous living as (3) your love of others is evidenced by good works.
- 4. John (like, Paul, Peter, James, and Jude) warns against the dangers inherent in traveling preachers that are actually false teachers, liars, deceivers, and antichrists



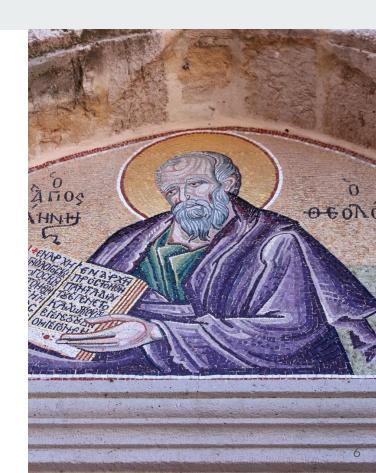
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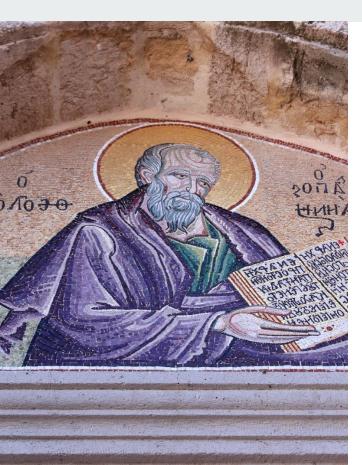
- 5. A reading of the fourth gospel and 1 John reveals many striking similarities in vocabulary, syntax, and themes: light and darkness, life and death, truth and falsehood, love and hate.
- 6. We read the phrase "one another" nine (9) times in these these brief epistles.
- 7. Some time has elapsed between the publication of the fourth gospel and that of the epistles,
- There is evidence that John, the son of Zebedee, moved to Ephesus at the time of the Jewish War (A.D. 66–70) and that he he then died in exile on Patmos.

1, 2 & 3 John (continued)

- 9. The Johannine Epistles open a window into the New Testament church toward the end of the apostolic age.
- 10. Context Appears John is writing to build up believers against nascent gnosticism:
 - a. Gnosticism is concerned with deliverance from the flesh by the acquisition of knowledge.
 - b. He reassures the faithful and explains in straightforward terms the differences between Christianity and Gnosticism
 faith v. endless pursuit of knowledge
 - c. He gives believers grounds for their assurance and confidence before God at a time when they were being made to feel spiritually inferior.



1, 2 & 3 John (continued)



- d. Full-blown Gnosticism is an amalgam of Jewish, Christian, and pagan deviations - an amorphous movement and is quite diverse in its manifestations.
- e. Its full bloom is experienced in the 2nd century AD
- f. Docetism also comes into play. It asks: "How can a spirit-being, 'Christ', the 'Son of God' (good by definition), actually become flesh, which is evil by definition?"

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Jude

- 1. We date Jude in the middle-to-late 60s AD.
- 2. The largest part of the body of the letter is given to warning believers of the danger of false teachers.
- 3. "Jude uses several illustrations or quotations from the Old Testament and Jewish writers to describe or pronounce condemnation on the false teachers and refers to false teachers with the word "these".



Jude (continued)

- 4. These false teachers "have secretly slipped in among" the believers. Jude's description of them is dominated by condemnation of their licentious lifestyle. They are boastful (v. 16), selfish (v. 12), scornful of authority (vv. 8–10), greedy (v. 12), and sexually immoral (vv. 4, 8). Claiming to be leaders of the community, they have nothing of substance to offer in their teaching (vv. 12–13).
- 5. Five men with the name loudas/Jude are mentioned in the New Testament: (1)"Judas Iscariot," Jesus' betrayer; (2)"Judas the Galilean," an infamous revolutionary (Acts 5:37); (3)"Judas son of James," one of the Twelve (Luke 6:16; Acts 1:13); (4)"Judas, also called Barsabbas," an early Christian prophet (Acts 15:22, 27, 32); and (5) a brother of Jesus named "Judas" (Mark 6:3; Matt. 13:55).



Jude (continued)

- 6. Paul's references to the "brothers of the Lord" in 1 Corinthians 9:5 suggests that at least some of Jesus' brothers traveled extensively.
- 7. Jude has been called by some "the most neglected book in the New Testament because people do not like to dwell on the negative. But we need to be reminded/warned that false teachers exist, that their teaching are both attractive and dangerous,
- 8. The atmosphere of today's postmodernism requires the Church to guard vigilantly against the temptation of welcoming heresy in the name of *tolerance*.



Epistle of

1 Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ: 2 Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

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16 These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage. (See also Matthew 23)

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 25 To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

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- 1. Which aspects of John's and Jude's epistles impacted you the most? Why?
- 2. What is the evidence in your life of: belief that Jesus truly is the Christ come in the flesh, righteous living, and love for fellow Christians.
- 3. How can you become more discerning in order to identify false teachers?
- 4. How can/should you more earnestly contend for our Christian faith?



So What & Now What?

