

Epistle of Jude—Handout #1

The title to the book of Jude in the KJV is _____

Why? _____ How many are there? _____

These books in contrast to _____ How many are there? _____

These books are also called _____ Why? _____

Jude (English) = _____ (Greek) = _____ (Hebrew)

Judah suggests:

There are 8 Judah's/Judas's in the NT.

Our author is not _____ Why? _____

Is he Judas, “not Iscariot” (Jn 14:22); also called Thaddeus (Mk 3:18; Mt 10:3) and Judas, son of James (Lk 6:16)?

Why not? Our Judas is _____ (v. 1).

Is this James, son of Zebedee? _____ James, son of Zebedee, is also brother of _____

What happened to James, son of Zebedee? (Acts 12:2)

He is also known as “James, the Greater”.

Who is the James in Gal. 1:19; 2:9? _____ (cf. Mk 6:3; Mt 13:55)

This James also appears in the book of Acts (15:13). What is his rôle there?

What happened to him? (Josephus)

His “bone box” has been subject of recent discussion.

Photo here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Ossuary

The Aramaic inscription on the box reads (right to left):

Ya'akov bar Yosef akhui di Yeshua
Jacob son of Joseph brother of Jesus

Is the box a hoax or is it genuine?

This James is also known as “James, the Just” and author of _____

There is another James in Mt 10:3; Acts 1:13. He is _____

This James is also known as _____ (Mk 15:40)

The Judas/Jude of our Epistle is therefore Judah ben Joseph, ben Miryam.

John Calvin thought our author was the “Judas of James” in Lk 6:16. But “Judas of James” (literal Greek text) does not mean “brother of James” (as Calvin supposed); rather it means “son of James” as virtually all translations indicate. NB: “James of Zebedee” (literal Greek text Mk 3:17) does not mean “brother of Zebedee”, but “son of Zebedee”.

What does the NT tell us about the Judas/Jude, who is author of our epistle?

Mt 13:55; Mk 6:3

What does Mk 3:21 indicate?

What does Jn 7:5 indicate?

Does our Epistle suggest the same attitude?

When did that change?

Cf. Acts 1:13-14

What else do we learn about our Judas/Jude from 1 Cor 9:5?

Jude’s Narrative Biography (see attached paper; also available from *Kerux: The Journal of Northwest Theological Seminary* here: <http://www.kerux.com/doc/2802A1.asp>)