

Gems from Jude

The Author: **Jude = Judah, Judas**
not the apostle v17; Luke 6.16
Jesus' brother Mark 6.3

His Purpose:

the salvation we share v3

the dangers we face vs 3-4

false teachers, false doctrines

Great Gospel Privileges

Jude 1-2

1. Who From? - a man who had
changed his opinion of Jesus, v1

➤ **previously sceptical**

Mark 3.20-21; John 7.2-5

➤ **Jesus is our Lord**

- we are his servants

family ties irrelevant Mat 12.46-50

- **people can change their minds about Jesus! Mat 28.10**

2. Who For? – the most privileged people in the world, v1

- **called by God - not our choice**
 - **God's initiative John 15.16; 6.44**
 - **a mystery, as well as a privilege**
1 Cor 1.26-31; Mat 4.18-22
John 6.37
 - **life-shaping Eph 4.1-2**
- **loved "in" God**
 - **where we discover true love**
1 John 3.1
- **kept by/in/for Jesus**
 - **our guard, safe box, prize**
1 Pet 1.3-4; John 10.9,27-29;
2 Tim 1.12; John 5.24; 6.38-40

3. What About? – make sure you maximise your blessings! v2

- **we always need mercy**
 - **for our failings Ps 103.8-14**
 - **hope for strugglers Mat 12.20-21**
- **peace = all-round wellbeing**
 - **with God Rom 5.1**
 - **with ourselves Phil 4.6-7**
 - **with circumstances Rom 8.28**
 - **with others Rom 12.18; Eph 4.3**
- **love in abundance**
 - **from God Eph 3.17-19**
 - **for God 1 John 4.9**
 - **to others 1 Thess 3.12; 1 Pet 1.22**