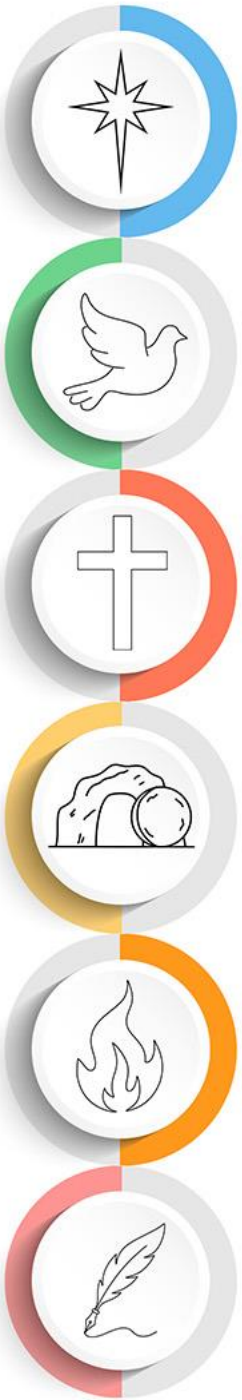
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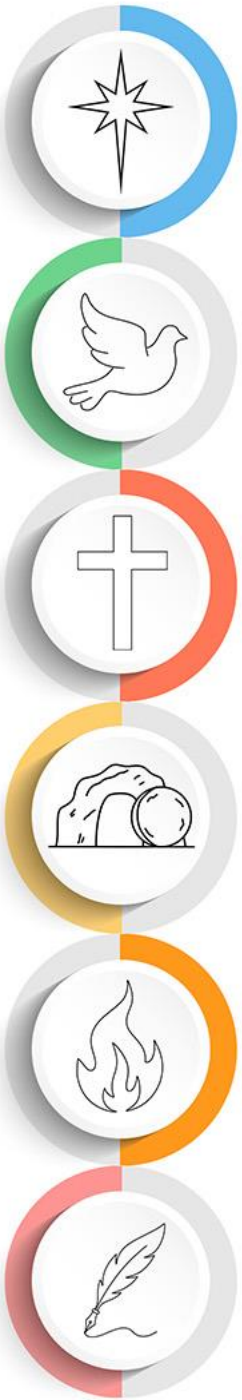
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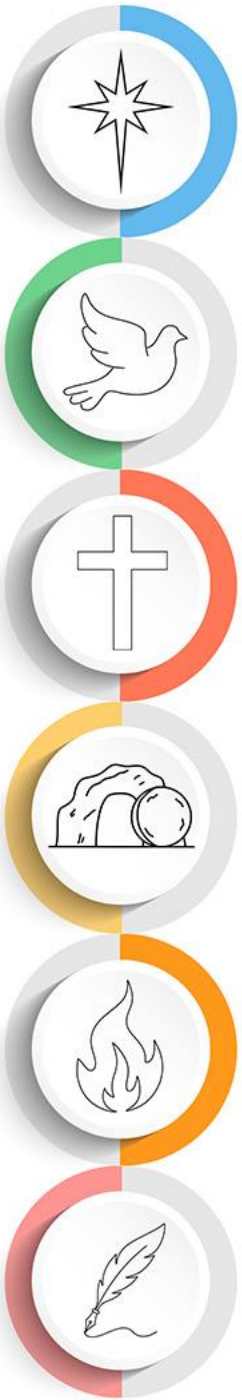
The Threatened Community

The Letter of Jude



Threatened by erroneous teaching

Dear friends, although I was eager to write you about the salvation we share, I found it necessary to write, appealing to you to contend for the faith that was delivered to the saints once for all. For some people, who were designated for this judgment long ago, have come in by stealth; they are ungodly, turning the grace of our God into sensuality and denying Jesus Christ, our only Master and Lord.
Jude 3–4



Threatened by arrogant leaders (vv. 12–13)

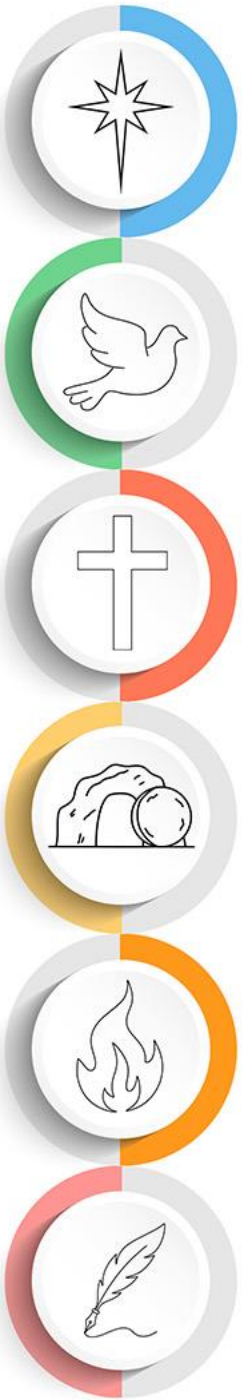
“…shepherds who only look after themselves”

“…waterless clouds carried along by winds”

“…trees in late autumn—fruitless, twice dead and uprooted”

“…wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shameful deeds”

“…wandering stars for whom the blackness of darkness is reserved forever”



The church’s protection: contending for the faith (vv. 20–23)

- Strength for the Christ-follower
  But you, dear friends, as you build yourselves up in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting expectantly for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ for eternal life. [vv. 20–21]
- Grace for the wavering
  Have mercy on those who waver; save others by snatching them from the fire; have mercy on others but with fear, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh. [vv. 22–23]

Secured by the grace of God

Now to him who is able to protect you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of his glory, without blemish and with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority before all time, now and forever. Amen.

Jude 24–25

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