Contend for the faith

(The People's Bible, James/1,2 Peter/1,2,3 John/Jude, pages 329-338)

Look

Verse 9: "Michael...disputing with the devil about the body of Moses"---We know nothing more about this account. It is not found in the Bible. Jude may have received it by direct revelation from God or from another book not found in Scripture.

Discuss:

- Jude preaches a strong message to those who reject the Lord. What will happen to them?
- 2. According to verse 8, what is one of the main sins of the false teachers?
- 3. Why does Jude introduce the account of Michael, the archangel?
- 4. Describe the sins of the false teachers from the pictures Jude uses to describe them
- "The way of Cain"
- "Balaam's error"
- "Korah's rebellion"
- 5. What do each of the following pictures say about false teachers?
- "Shepherds who feed only themselves"
- "louds without rain"
- "Autumn trees"
- "Wild waves of the sea"
- "Wandering stars"

Apply

6. Jude says that what the false teachers do understand will ultimately destroy them. What does he mean by that? What parallels do we find in our society today?

Jude offers many pictures about the worthlessness and wickedness of false teachers.