

***Sermon Title:* "RECOGNIZING FALSE TEACHERS"**

Date: June 15, 2024 - Jude 12-16

Central Idea: Christians must be alert to the disguises of false teachers.

Introduction:

Apostate false teachers often pretend and disguise themselves. Jude points out how crafty they are in the church. They try to look like one of us so they can infiltrate the church, creating confusion and dissension which leads some astray. They bear certain marks which give them away. Jude is warning us to be alert so as not to be deceived by their disguises. We must recognize what they are.

Jude draws analogies from the realm of nature:

I. Deceptive Leaders, vv. 12-13

1. "Dangerous reefs"
2. "Waterless clouds"
3. "Fruitless trees"
4. "Wild waves of the sea"
5. "Wandering stars"

II. Self-serving Leaders, vv. 14-16

1. Enoch's prophecy, vv. 14-15
2. Ungodly acts, v. 15
3. Fourfold description, v. 16
 - (1) Grumble and find fault
 - (2) Follow their own desires
 - (3) Boast about themselves
 - (4) Flatter others

Conclusion: Jude's epistle is a stern warning to Christians and non-Christians alike. He clearly identified the apostates, while at the same time exposing their character in order to warn believers of their true nature and their final destiny.