

*What about that Gospel of Judas on TV?*

There were originally two apostles named Jude. The one we call Judas hung himself and couldn't have written a gospel. The other, who is St. Jude, wrote an authentic epistle that warns us about false gospels. We do well to read St. Jude's epistle and not waste our time on any fake gospel. We find a similar warning in 2nd Peter chapter 2.

Since the days of the early Church, several dozen "Gospels" have been written. Only four have been found worthy to be called Holy Scripture and inerrantly inspired by God. Some of the others are imaginative fiction or ordinary witness that may or may not support Apostolic Christianity. They can be interesting and of some historical value if they are authentically ancient, but they are not the inspired Word of God.

Of still others, a few may be writings of ancient Jews who were resisting Christianity and trying to disprove the resurrection and divinity of Jesus and save their ancient religion. Most however, were written later and claimed fictitious links with the apostles. The "Gospel" of Judas seems to fall into this category. Meanwhile the recognized Epistle of St. Jude shows us that such gospels are written in rebellion to the authentic authority of God given to His leaders from Moses to the bishops.

Modern books that promote these false gospels are shamefully commercial. They target people looking for excuses to denounce Christian morality and authority. There is no shortage of these.

Such books do not need sound evidence or logic to sell on the popular market. People without faith are ready to believe anything. Their reasoning goes something like this: Since item #1 could possibly be true, then proposal #2 could be true and possibly lead to theory #3. Therefore there is grave doubt that Jesus was anything other than a man and he certainly did not rise from the dead. From this I can draw the "proof" that Christianity is false. Now I can finally be my own Pope and choose my own "truth" and morality.