

'Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus'

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[0 : 00] The 31st of January. Stand up, stand up for Jesus. And the text, defend the truth of the good news.

That is from the book of Jude, verse 3. We are used to hearing about wars, brutality and racial unrest in so many areas of the world.

These conflicts are usually far away from us and perhaps they may not affect us too much. In our own country we enjoy peace and stability.

The wars, for the most part, are confined to our TV screens. But there is a war going on and it is right here in Scotland as well as throughout the world.

It is a war that is not fought with guns or bombs and the enemy may look very like ourselves. It's a spiritual war.

[1 : 15] It's been going on for a very long time and the aim of the enemy is to destroy the purity of the church and the authority of God's word, the Bible.

That is why Jude wrote this warning letter. He saw the enemy attacking the church in his day and it is still the same now.

Jude tells us about the enemy's tactics. He says, certain ungodly people had wormed their way unnoticed into positions of influence in the church and began misleading Christian people with false teaching leading to immorality.

Jude calls us to defend the truth of the good news.

And the prayer. This takes courage. But God will be with us as we stand up for him.

[2 : 41] And the prayer. Lord Jesus, give me courage to stand for truth and for you.

Amen.