

## *I am the True Vine*

*John 15:1-11*

- 14:20 “I am in my Father, and you in Me, and I in you”
- The Vine to Jews
  - Prominent in scripture and familiar to everyone
  - Golden vine hung over inner portal of 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple
- The Vine (Israel) to God – Worthless, Degenerate
  - Psalm 80:8-13
  - Isaiah 5:1-7
  - Jeremiah 2:21
- Jesus (true vine) to succeed where Israel failed

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- The Vine
  - The source of life (provides the sap in the fruit)
- The Vinedresser
  - Ensures the vine produces fruit
  - Takes away branches that produce no fruit
  - Prunes branches that do
- The Branches
  - Are valueless by themselves (porous, weak)
  - Only purpose is to produce fruit

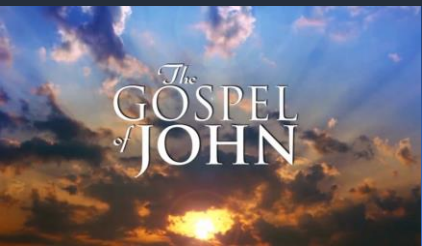
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- Major Takeaways
  - Note the order: abide in vine -> produce fruit
  - Fruit-producers will be pruned (Hebrews 12:10-11)
  - “Apart from Me you can do nothing”
    - Cut off and thrown into the fire
  - Father is glorified
  - Abide in Me = Abide in My love = keep My commandments
  - Your joy may be made full

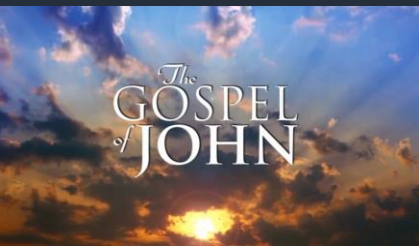
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## *Love One Another*

*John 15:12-17*

- Love one another
  - What is the basis for measuring love?
  - What does that mean?



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## *The World Hates You*

*John 15:18-16:4*

- Even though you have joy (v11), the world will hate you
  - Because you are not part of the world
  - Because they hated Jesus
  - Because the world does not know God
- What does this mean for us?
  - What does the world's hatred look like?
  - Do we go looking for persecution? Romans 12:18
  - Matthew 10:32-34
- John 16:1 – Be prepared, so that you don't stumble

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