

# That You May Believe and Have Life: A Study in John John 15-16: The True Vine

## Review

1. Who is John? (John 21:24, Mark 5:37, 9:2, 12:33, John 13:23, 19:26, 20:2, 21:7)
2. Why did John write the Gospel of John?  
“these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:31)
3. How does this Gospel differ from the other 3?
4. What is the goal of this study?

## John 15

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

1. What is the only way that we can bear fruit?
2. What is the overall command given here? Are we commanded to bear fruit? Why is that significant?
3. How do we abide in Christ?
4. What is fruit?

5. What, specifically, are we called to abide in?
6. What happens to the branches that do bear fruit? What does this mean?
7. What about the branches that don't abide? Does this statement mean we can lose our salvation?
8. What does true abiding and fruit bearing bring about (v.11)?
9. What does verse 7 mean? What are some ways that has been misinterpreted by some? What should we expect when we ask for what we desire?

### **John 15**

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another. <sup>18</sup> "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

10. What does this abiding look like? (v. 12)
11. What does great love look like?
12. What does it mean that "the world hates you."? What does that look like in our lives?
13. Does the world hate you?