

# John



## John 15:1-13

### I Am the True Vine

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 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. 5 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. 6 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. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 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. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

## BACKGROUND

### AUTHOR

Generally understood to be the disciple John

### DATE WRITTEN

Between 60-65 AD

### THEME

To show that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that you may believe in Him

### KEY VERSES

John 1:1

## Introduction

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1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

### The Branches - why growth is possible

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### The Gardner - pruning

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### How to grow through the pruning - learn, trust obey

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