

Who is Jesus? “I Am...”

Purpose
Message 6

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John 15:1a (NIV)

Outline

► “I am the true vine. ...”

A. Introduction

(Psalm 80:8-15; Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 2:21;
Matthew 21:33-41)

B. Remaining in Jesus...

Remain = *meno*; to _____

—abide, continue, dwell, endure.

1. Produces _____.

(John 15:1-4. C/R: Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 2:10;
Colossians 1:9-10; Hebrews 12:7-11)

2. Proves _____.

(John 15:5-6. C/R: Matthew 7:17-23; John 6:37,61-71;
1 John 2:19)

3. Promises answered _____.

(John 15:7-8. C/R: John 14:13-14; 16:23-24;
Philippians 4:6-7; 1 John 5:14-15)

4. Promotes _____.

(John 15:9-11. C/R: Psalm 16:11; Isaiah 61:10;
Romans 14:17; 1 Peter 1:8)

Answers: B. stay 1. fruit 2. salvation 3. prayer 4. joy

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, Scripture verses are from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation (NLT). C/R refers to a ‘cross reference.’ Today’s outline and discussion guide are available through the Brookwood Church app.

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to study the Bible and pursue a deeper relationship with God. Check out other Bible study tools at biblegateway.com, biblestudytools.com or blueletterbible.org.

Conversation Starter

If you had a garden, what would you plant?

Opening in Prayer

Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. [Ephesians 3:17 \(NLT\)](#)

Spend a few minutes in prayer asking God to build your trust in Him, and to reveal His love for you as you study His Word.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Jesus used the image of a vine as the central source from which all other branches grow and produce fruit.

Read [John 15:1-8](#).

1. When you think of a vine and branches, what plant comes to your mind?
2. Why would you want to cut off a branch that's not producing fruit?
3. How does God point out, or prune away, areas of one's life that are hindering the growth of a relationship with Jesus?
4. What part does the believer play in bearing the fruit of a relationship with Jesus?
5. What fruit should be displayed by the person who's in a growing relationship with Jesus?

6. If someone is not connected with Christ, what's their life like ([Romans 8:6](#))?
7. What are the keys to answered prayer in [verse 7](#)?
8. What steps can you take to remain in Christ, to strengthen your connection to Him?

Read [John 15:9-11](#).

9. What benefits do we enjoy when we remain in Christ?
10. What do you see in this passage that can help you experience joy this week?

Soul Training

A key to answered prayer is that the words of Christ are remaining in us. Ask Jesus what He wants you to pray, and pray according to the words He puts in your mind.

Memory Verse

Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing.

[John 15:5 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Matthew 7:13-23](#)

Day 4: [1 John 5:11-15](#)

Day 2: [John 6:63-71](#)

Day 5: [Romans 14:12-19](#)

Day 3: [John 16:16-28](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Our Children's Ministry will lead an *Adventure Week* style worship experience on June 9. Read [Judges 7](#) to prepare for the message on the story of Gideon.



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