



# APPRENTICING WITH JESUS

*a series in the Gospel of John*



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*Remain in Me*











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*<sup>9</sup> “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*





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*I will sing for the one I love  
a song about his vineyard:*

*My loved one had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.*

*<sup>2</sup> He dug it up and cleared it of stones  
and planted it with the choicest vines.*

*He built a watchtower in it  
and cut out a winepress as well.*

*Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,  
but it yielded only bad fruit.*





<sup>3</sup> *“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.*

<sup>4</sup> *What more could have been done for my vineyard  
than I have done for it?*

*When I looked for good grapes,  
why did it yield only bad?*

<sup>5</sup> *Now I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:*

*I will take away its hedge,  
and it will be destroyed;*

*I will break down its wall,  
and it will be trampled.*



*<sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland,  
neither pruned nor cultivated,  
and briers and thorns will grow there.  
I will command the clouds  
not to rain on it.”*

*<sup>7</sup> The vineyard of the LORD Almighty  
is the nation of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are the vines he delighted in.*

*And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;  
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.*





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# How do we bear fruit?

**By remaining in Christ and praying in his name**





# Why do we bear fruit?

**Because it brings glory to God and it shows others that we are Christ's disciples**

*<sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*



# What is this fruit?

**First, it is shown in obedience to Jesus' commands.**

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**Second, it is shown in experiencing the joy of Jesus.**

*<sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.*





# What is this fruit?

**Third, it is shown in our love for other Christians.**

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**Fourth, it is shown as we witness to others and others join us in following Jesus.**

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# In summary...

- 1. We bear fruit by remaining in Jesus and praying in his name**
- 2. We bear fruit in order to glorify God and to show others that we are Christ's disciples**
- 3. We bear fruit as we obey Jesus' commands, experience the joy of Christ, love other disciples, and tell others and see others join us in following Jesus**



# MB CONFESSION OF FAITH

## ARTICLE 9: LORD'S SUPPER

Leader:

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

Jesus says, "I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry.

Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."



All:

Listen! The Lord who fed the thousands on the  
hillside,  
Who fed the twelve in the upper room—  
Listen, He stands at the door and knocks;  
If we hear His voice and open the door,  
He will come in and eat with us.





Leader:

Jesus invites all His disciples to feast at this table.  
All who are members of God's covenant family,  
Living in obedience to God  
And with integrity towards their spiritual brothers  
and sisters,  
Gather to celebrate their communion with Christ and  
each other.



All:

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us!

Forgive our sins;

Our pride and self-sufficiency,

Our bitterness and division.

Help us to examine ourselves,

And give us the grace to repent.



All:

We will leave the gifts of our worship at the altar  
Until we have made right that which needs mending  
With You or in the church.

And then, O Lord, Your kindness and forgiveness will  
feed our very souls.





Leader:

On the night He was betrayed  
The Lord Jesus took the bread,  
Gave thanks, broke it, and said,  
“This is my body, which is for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”



All:

Father, we bless You for the bread,  
For the sign of Jesus' body,  
For His life of compassion  
And His example of humble service,  
This loaf unites us in the one Body,  
And strengthens us for ministry,  
Lord, remember Your Body,  
And deliver us from evil.



Leader:

In the same way, Jesus took the cup,  
Blessed it, and said,  
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
In remembrance of me.”



All:

Father, we bless You for the cup,  
For this sign of Jesus' shed blood,  
For His death on the cross  
And His sacrifice for sin.

This cup welcomes us into a covenant of forgiveness,  
And promise us the riches of eternal life,  
For Christ, our Passover lamb,  
Has been sacrificed,  
And we have been brought over  
From death into life.





Leader:

As often as you do this,  
You proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.



All:  
Maranantha! Come, Lord Jesus!

