

A person wearing a white robe is walking on water, with their feet visible and creating small splashes. The background is a warm, golden sunset over a body of water, with the sun low on the horizon. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

The Word Made Flesh

The Gospel According to

John

CHAPTER I

the beginning ^R was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and
the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning
[v. 14; 17:5, 24]

all things were made by him;
but him was not any thing
Gen. 1:1

that was life; and the life
[Eph. 3:9]

only
grace

15

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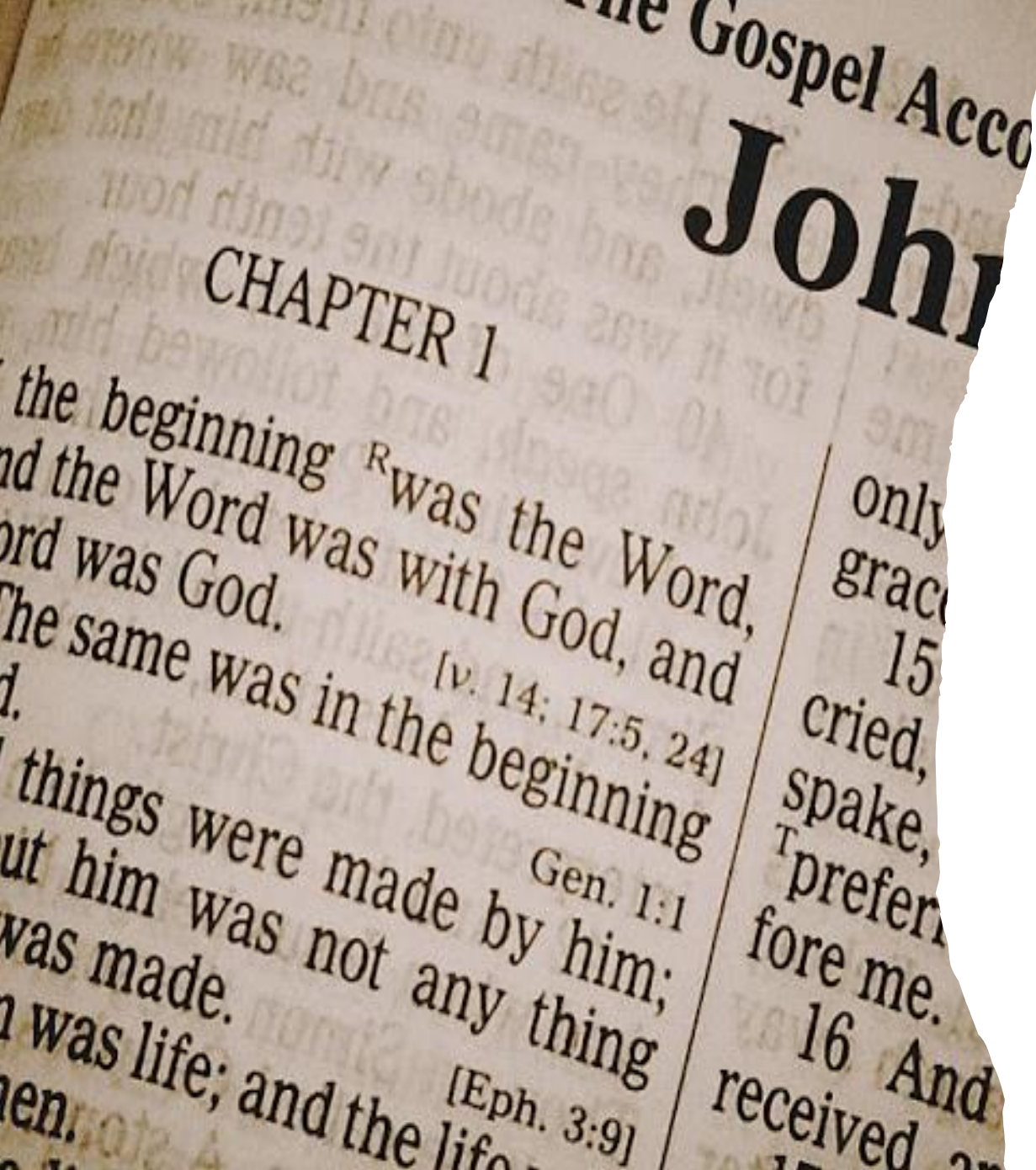
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fore me.

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And
received



Purpose:

John 21: 31

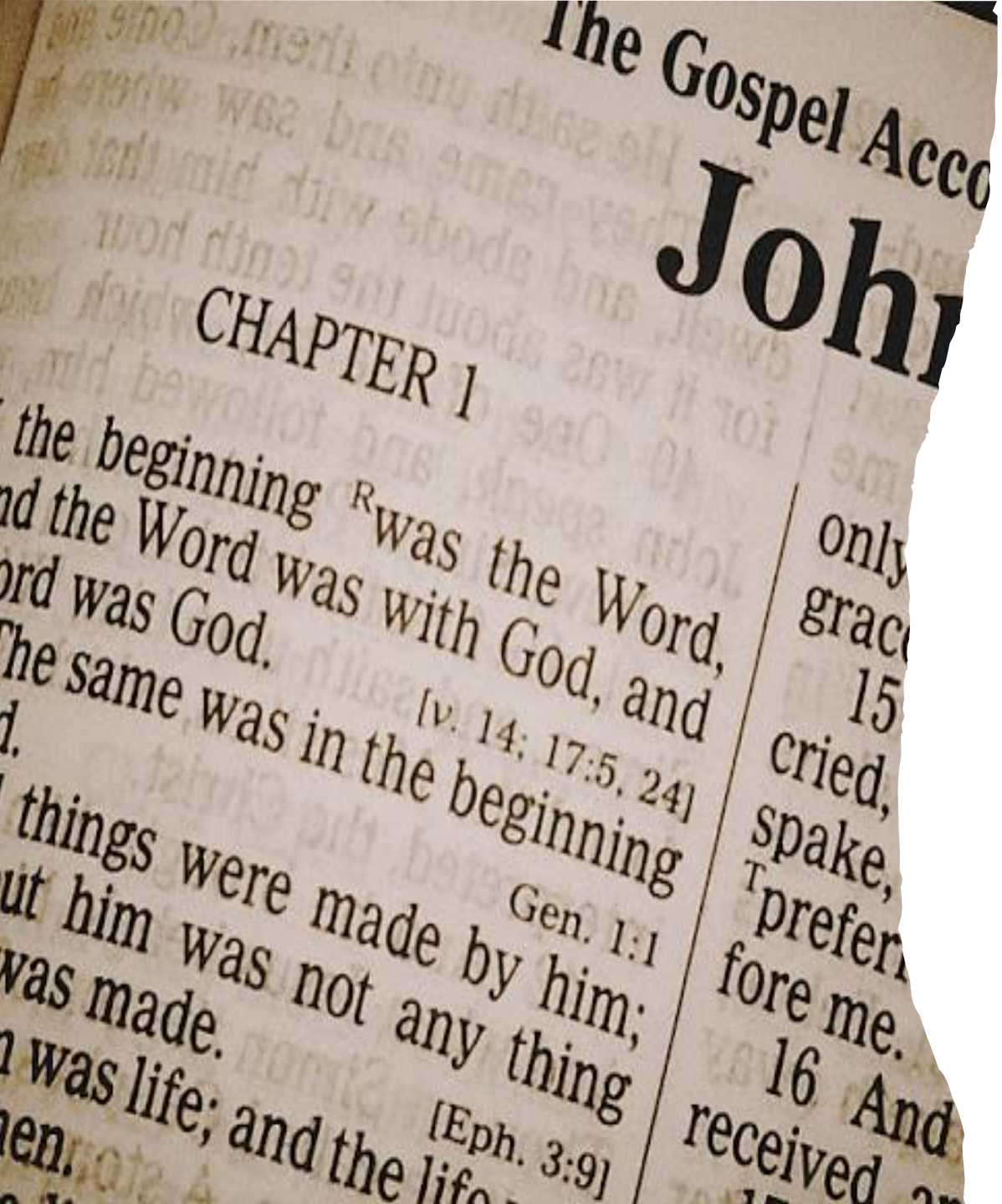
But these have been written, **so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; And that believing you may have life in His name**

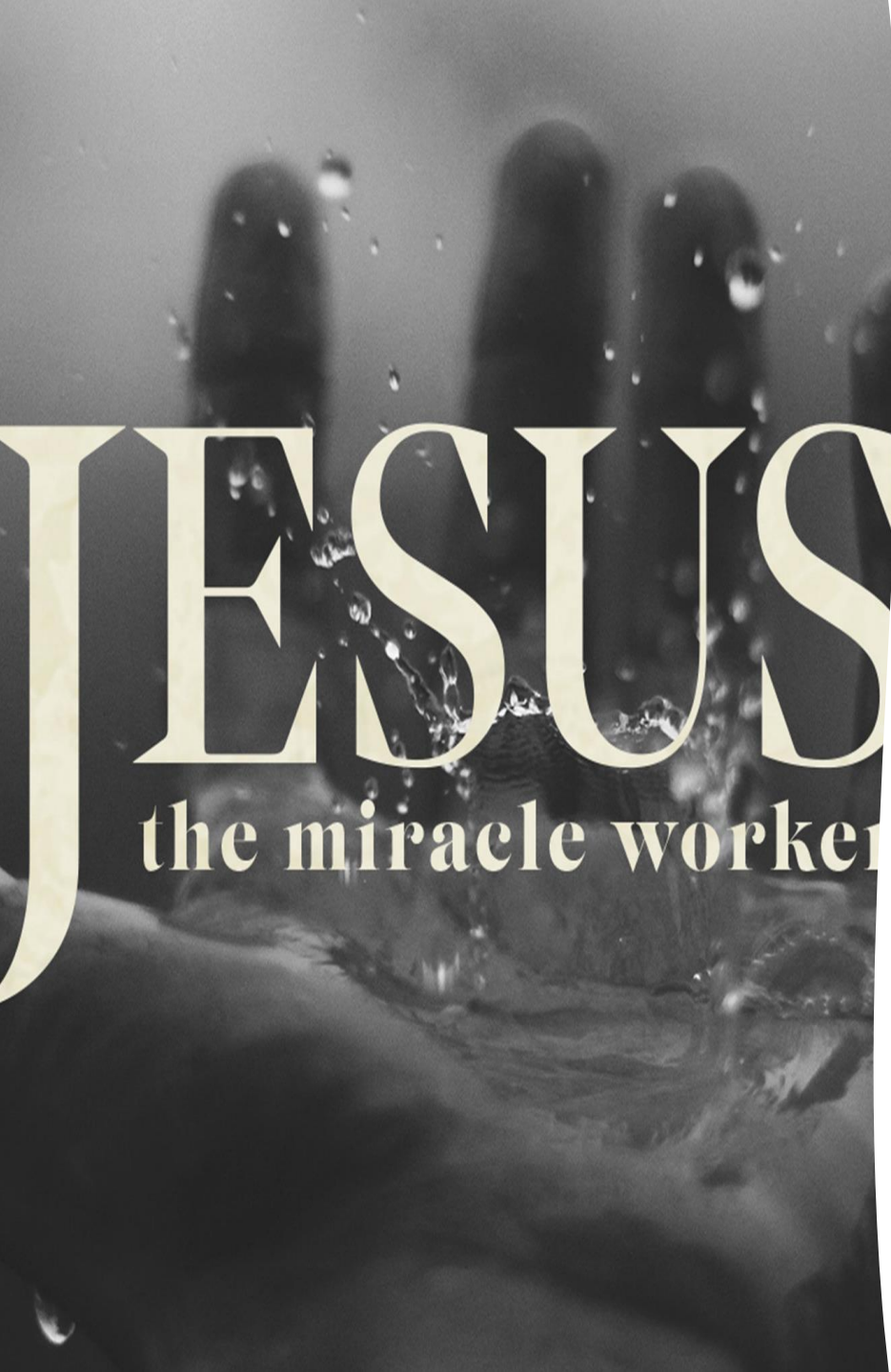
Where We've Been

Chapter 1:

God Incarnate (In the Flesh)

1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God 2) He was in the beginning with God.... 14) And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.





Chapter 2: Turn Water into Wine

**Chapter 4: Jesus Heals Government
Official's Son**

**Chapter 5: Jesus Heals a Lame Man
by the Pool**

**Chapter 6: Jesus Feed Five Thousand
& Jesus Walks on Water**

**Chapter 9: Jesus heals the Man Born
Blind**

**Chapter 11: Jesus Raises Lazarus from
the Dead**



who does Jesus claim to be?

- **The Light of the World** (John 8:12): Shows that He guides people out of spiritual darkness.
- **The Door of the Sheep** (John 10:7): Shows that He provides safety and protection for His followers.
- **The Good Shepherd** (John 10:11): Shows that He cares for and lays down His life for the flock.
- **The Resurrection and the Life** (John 11:25): Shows His power over death and the promise of eternal life.
- **The Way, the Truth, and the Life** (John 14:6): Shows that He is the only path to God the Father.

The Book of John Review



Chapters 13-20

(Covers a period of a week)



Chapters 13-17

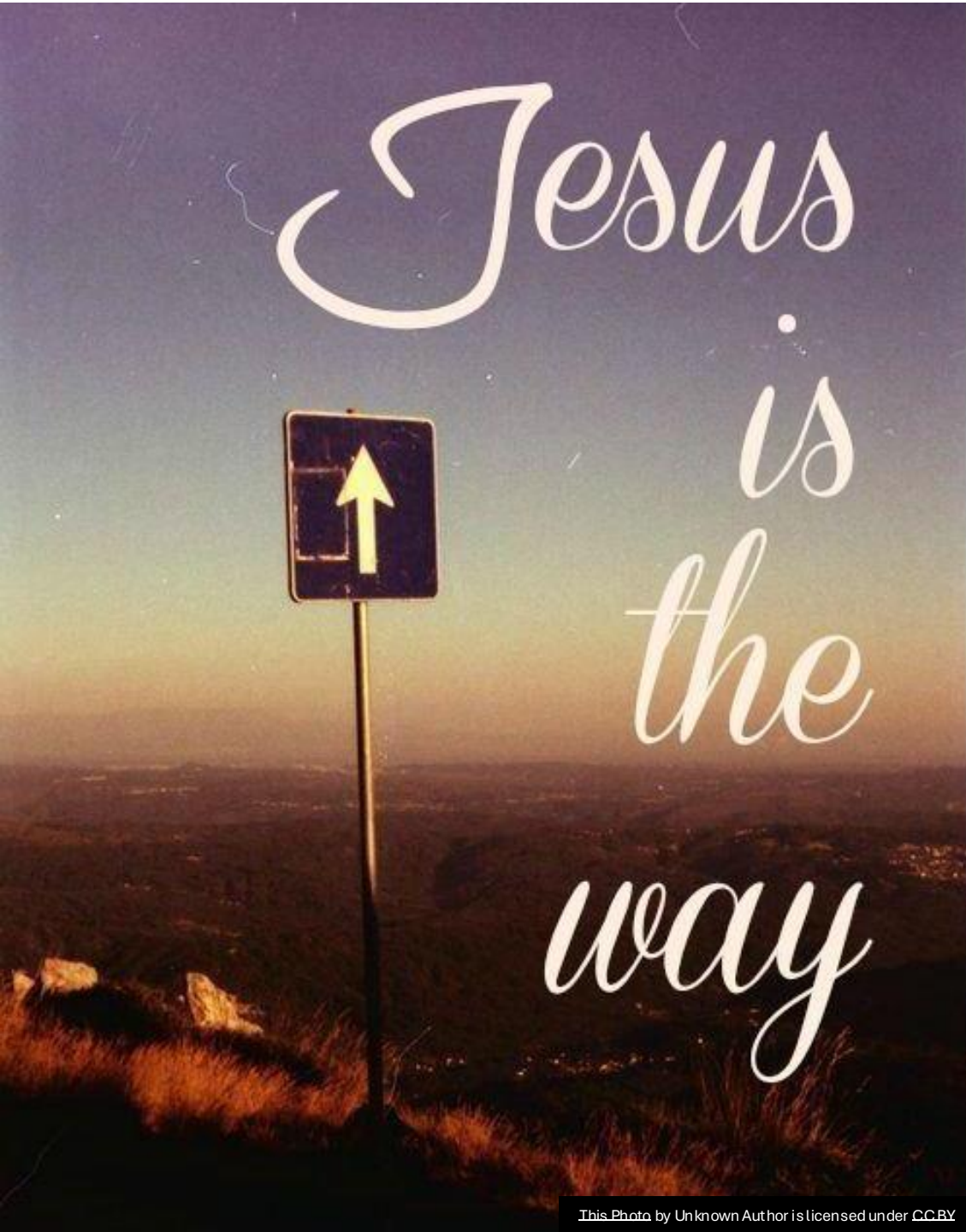
Occurs in the same sitting
(Passover Meal)..... before His
Imminent Death



Review

Chapter 13

- Jesus knew that He was going back to the Father Jesus demonstrated an important lesson to them washing the disciples Feet
 - The Lesson: **The Servant is not greater than the Master.** (verse16)
- Jesus shared a new commandment with them... That you love one another, **even as I have loved you**, that you also love one another. (Verse 34)
- Jesus stated that he would be leaving ; but disciples would follow later (Verse 36)



Review: John 14

- Jesus seeks to comfort the disciples by telling them about the future (**versus 1-4**)
 - He is going to the Father to prepare a place
- “Do not let your Heart be troubled”
...**verse 1**.... “Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful” **verse 27**
- He would send a Helper....the Holy Spirit
verse 26

THE TRUE VINE

John 15:1-11



1) “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 bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. 3) “You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4) “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. 5)” I am the vine, you are the branches; He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. 6) “If anyone does not abide in Me, He is thrown away as a branch and dries up, and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. 7) “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you”

THE TRUE VINE

John 15:1-11

8) “My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. 9) “ Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also 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 so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.



THE TRUE FINE

What Vines Do in Nature and Gardens

Provide Food and Cover: Many vines produce fruits and offer **shelter** for small animals.

Decorative and Cover : Gardeners use flowering or evergreen vines to **cover ugly walls, soften fences,** and create private, shady living screens on pergolas.

Prevent Erosion: Low-trailing vines spread across open soil to **hold dirt in place and stop runoff.**



THE TRUE FINE

1) “I am the **true vine**, and My father is the vinedresser.

The Greek word used for vine in **John 15** is ***ampelos***, which explicitly refers to a grapevine, and his mention of a vinedresser pruning branches to bear fruit aligns directly with the real-world practice of grape cultivation

What did Jesus Mean by “TRUE VINE”?



THE TRUE FINE

Old Testament- Israel (God's People) was compared in Scripture to a Vineyard/Vine.

Isaiah 5:1-7 (Parable of the Vineyard)

Ezekiel 19:10-14 (Lament for the Leaders)

The "True Vine" : By calling himself the *true vine*, Jesus positioned himself as the genuine, faithful fulfillment of what Israel was always meant to be.



THE TRUE VINE

John 15:2

2) “Every branch **in Me** that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit



“Every Branch in Me” : Provides a challenge for
Understanding this Verse What is Meant by “In Me”?

THE TRUE VINE



John 15:2 Every branch **in Me** that does not bear fruit, He takes away;

One View:

Some believe that because the words **“In Me”** is used it refers to Christians..... The Greek words **“take away”** can also be translate **“lifts up”**.

- The branches could become large and drag on the ground**so God the gardener “take them away” from the ground by “lifting them up”**. God would seek to make you fruitful by Lifting you up.

THE TRUE VINE

John 15:2



Another View:

- Does not mean the same thing as Paul's words "in Christ"
- It is part of the metaphor of the Vine and seems to mean...Every person who professes to be "a Branch" (i.e. His disciple") is not necessarily a true follower.–
Bible Knowledge Commentary

THE TRUE VINE

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The Word “**Fruit**” is used Multiple Times in this Verse

What is John Referring To.... What is this Fruit?

THE TRUE VINE

Fruit: This noun is often used as a figure of speech to describe **fruitful outcome of righteous actions**



Some of the ways The Fruit is Manifest

- The Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control ([Gal 5:22–23](#)) : these are the tangible expressions of a life genuinely connected to Christ.
- Bearing fruit also means walking in a manner worthy of the Lord and increasing in knowledge of God through good works ([Col 1:10](#)).

Consequences of Non-Fruit Bearing/Fruit Bearing Branches

Non- Fruit Bearing Branch



Consequence: Takes Away

Judas

← YOU →

?

Fruit Bearing Branch



Consequence : Prunes (Clean)

Peter

THE TRUE VINE

John 15:3-7 (Abide)



3) “You are already clean because of the of the word which I have spoken to you. 4) “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. 5)” I am the vine, you are the branches; He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. 6) “If anyone does not abide in Me, He is thrown away as a branch and dries up, and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. 7) “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you”

THE TRUE VINE

John 15:3-7

ABIDE (General Use)

The Greek word for abide is *menō*, and its meaning extends far beyond a simple physical presence.

In classical usage, it **conveyed the idea of remaining stable or unchanged**, but **in the New Testament it carries relational weight—describing how one maintains unbroken fellowship with another, adheres to their cause, and experiences their constant influence**



THE TRUE VINE

John 15:3-7



ABIDE (John 15)

In John 15 specifically, the term takes on profound spiritual significance. **Abiding refers to maintaining unbroken fellowship with Christ and making one's spiritual home in Him.**

This relationship involves nothing standing between the believer and their Savior—no unconfessed sin or unresolved offense. The believer depends on Christ for spiritual life and vigor just as a branch depends on the vine.

THE TRUE VINE

John 15:3-5

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Rhetorical Question: Do you Believe Apart from Christ you can do nothing?



THE TRUE VINE

.....for apart from Me you can do nothing



Zechariah 4:6 — “Not by might, nor by power”

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.”

God was reminding Zerubbabel that the work before him would not be accomplished through human ability alone. **God's Spirit would accomplish what human strength could not.**

Psalms 20:7 — **Trusting God rather than human strength**

“Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: But we will boast in the name of the LORD, our God.

THE TRUE VINE

John 15:3-5



It's Best that Remember Apart from Christ you
can do nothing

“Jesus Christ is our source, the only one who can provide the spiritual sustenance and vitality we need to be useful believers. Thus we need to hang out with him. You can't avoid Jesus all week and then show up on Sunday morning expecting growth”- Tony Evans Commentary

THE TRUE VINE

John 15:6

6) “If anyone does not abide in Me, He is thrown away as a branch and dries up, and they gather them, and **cast them into the fire and they are burned.**”



Different Interpretation:

1. The “burned” Branches are those who lost their salvation (Contradicts the scripture and doctrine of Eternal Security)
2. The “burned” Branches are Christian who will lose their rewards at the judgement seat of Christ (1 Cor. 3:15)
3. The burned” Branches are Christian who are not genuinely saved and will be judged. They will be punished in eternal fire (Matt 25:46)

THE TRUE VINE

John 15:7

7) “If you **abide in Me**, and My words **abide in you**, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you”

I John 5:14-15 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. **15)** And If we know He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

What are you Praying For? Are you abiding In Him? Is His Word abiding in You ?



THE TRUE VINE

John 15:8

8) “My Father is gloried by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

Bearing Fruit is a sure sign of Discipleship



THE TRUE VINE

John 15:9-10



9) “ Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also 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.

We are told to abide in Christ’s Love....How? Through Obedience

THE TRUE VINE

John 15:1-11

11) “These things I have spoke to you so that **My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.**

- “**My joy**” — The source of our joy is **Christ Himself**, not our circumstances.
- “**May remain in you**” — This joy is meant to be **ongoing**, even through adverse circumstances
- “**Your joy may be full**” — Jesus desires a **complete, deep, overflowing joy**, not merely temporary happiness.



Conclusion: THE TRUE VINE

The Principles of Life are very simple (**In Theory**):



How does One Manage to Lose Weight?

Answer: Expend more calories than you Consume

How does One Manage to Save Money?

Answer: Spend Less than you Make

The Principles of **Spiritual Life** are
very simple (In Theory):

How does One Effectively Walk this
Christian Life?

**By Abiding in (staying connected to)
the True Vine:
Jesus Christ**

