

The image features two branches of eucalyptus with silvery-green, rounded leaves. One branch is positioned at the top, arching over the text, and the other is at the bottom, also arching under the text. The background is a light, textured white surface.

Abid

# A little timeline....



**John 11** - Lazarus died and brought back to life

**John 12** - Mary anoints Jesus before the Triumphant entry (Palm Sunday) & v. 36 “These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.”

**Luke 22** - Tells us of how Jesus instructed Peter and John to go prepare the passover feast, with specific instructions of who to find (man with pitcher of water), and where this table was made ready.

**John 13**- The Passover meal ended, Jesus washes the disciples feet, Judas is called out, Peter humbled that he isn't as righteous as he might have thought & disciples left with lots of questions and uncertainty.

# A little background....



**John 14** - Jesus comforts their weary hearts, and teaches them that He must go....

1. To prepare a place for them
2. He is the way, the truth and the life.
3. He will go, but will send a helper (the Holy Spirit).
4. He will give them His peace.

Disciples asked Jesus questions and He answered every single one. Remember they did not yet have the Holy Spirit to comprehend fully all that Jesus was teaching them.

Verse 31 ... They leave the upper room, and begin the walk to the Garden of Gethsamne.

# John 15



- This is a conversation Jesus is having with 11 disciples on their walk to the Garden.
- People think that from the betrayal to Jesus' arrest was maybe 2-3 hours.
- The walk was probably 30-45 minutes where Jesus shares this important picture and concept of Abiding....
- So here likely on their way to the garden, a place we know (John 18) Jesus often met there with His disciples.
- He is drawing from that illustration to illuminate the calling to uphold...
- The disciples don't know that in a few hours Judas is going to show up and betray Him with a kiss, and they arrest Jesus and their entire world and security will be uprooted and changed.

# John 15



Let's study these next few verses together **INDUCTIVELY**.

How do we do that?

1. First, we will **OBSERVE** the text. "What does it say?"
2. Next, we will **INTERPRET** the text. "What does it mean?"
  - a. Using scripture to interpret scripture.
3. Then, we **APPLY** the text. "What does this mean to ME, today?"

*Let's give it a try together.....*

# Observation

# Interpretation

# Application

(1) I am

God is the great I AM.

Do I believe that?  
Is He enough for me?  
Do I want....?

the true

Jesus: the way, the truth and the life.

*John 1:9 (true Light)*

*John 6:32-33 (true bread)*

/true/ Genuine, sincere, reveal, sure, steadfast (Hebrews 6:19)

Do I depend on the Lord? Am I genuine? Who am I following?

vine

Christ calls himself a vine, because as the vine imparts to its branches sap and productiveness, so Christ infuses into his followers his own divine strength and life.” (Homer Down)

*Isaiah 5:1-7 (God’s vineyard)*

Thank you Lord for infusing Your strength and life in me!

## Observation

## Interpretation

## Application

and my Father is the vinedresser.

God the Father is tending the garden-  
Master Gardener

/husbandman/ tiller of the soil, land  
worker.

*Matthew 13:18-23 (Parable of the  
sower)*

In my own heart, am I allowing the  
Lord to tend to soil of my heart?

Does something need to be  
uprooted? Are there areas where  
your heart has hard soil? Need  
tilling?

(2) Every branch in Me that  
does not bear fruit

A trees purpose is the yeild good fruit,  
therefore for fruitless trees.....

*“Every tree that does not bear good  
fruit is cut down and thrown into the  
fire..” Matthew 7:19*

This verse specifically speaks to  
branches “IN ME”..... keep that in your  
mind as we read the next few words  
together...

Am I a branch IN Jesus?

What areas in my life are not  
producing good fruit?

*(Be honest, this is between you and  
the Lord.)*

# Observation

# Interpretation

# Application

He takes away

*/airō/ raise up, elevate, raise from the ground, lift up*

What areas in my life is He lifting up? Areas that need support?

and every branch that bears fruit

*“But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the Word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”*

*Matthew 13:23*

*Galatians 5:16-26*

*(contrast between rotten & real fruit!)*

Am I bearing fruit?

He prunes

*/kathairō/ to cleanse, purge from filth or impurities.*

What tool is used for pruning? Hebrews 4:12 (the Word of God!)

Sanctification/ Refining

I should expect pruning to take place BECAUSE I am bearing Him fruit!

Do I read and consider God’s Word daily? Am I allowing God’s Word to shape my thoughts and life?

## Observation

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that it may bear more fruit

The purpose of the pruning is to bear more fruit!

Bearing fruit is not to celebrate the individual plant, but to praise the gardener's faithful care and attention to tend to the plant.

More of Jesus, Less of Me. - JTB

*Matthew 13: 12*

Look back and see the testimonies of God pruning in my life resulting in more yield!

Look at all that He has lifted you up to overcome!

This is all God's work.

(3) You are already clean because of the Word I have spoken to you.

Jesus was speaking to His 11 disciples that were clean.

Judas, however was not clean. (*John 13:11*)

*"That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of the water by the word."*

*Ephesians 5:26*

"Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me, and know my anxieties, and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

*Psalms 139: 23-24*

## TO ABIDE

(4) **Abide** in Me (JESUS!) and I in you.

As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it **abides** in the vine,

neither can you, unless you **abide** in Me.

## RESULT/BENEFIT

*“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” James 4:8*

Jesus tells them to Abide 10x from verses 1-17

I will bear fruit as long as I abide in Jesus.

## TO NOT ABIDE

Miss out on the person and presence of Jesus in my life.

Despite best efforts, a lone branch can't squeeze out its own fruit.

(5) I am the vine, you are the branches.

He who **abides** in Me and I in him, bears much fruit. For without Me you can do nothing.

Vinedresser = God the Father

Vine = Jesus

Branches = You!

Jesus + me = fruit

\_\_\_ + me = NOTHING

You can do NOTHING.

## TO ABIDE

## RESULT/BENEFIT

## TO NOT ABIDE

(6) If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

(7) If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

Abiding in His WORDS- the Word of God.

Verse 16 “.... that whatever you ask the Father in my name He may give to you”

Cast out, withered and thrown into the fire and burned.

Opposite: you will ask and not receive.

*You will ask amiss.... James 4:3*

## TO ABIDE

(8) By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

## RESULT/BENEFIT

Fruit brings our Vinedresser GLORY!  
In Abiding you become Jesus' Disciple.

## TO NOT ABIDE

No fruit. Not a disciple.



# What we know happened next..



Jesus continued to pour into His disciples and prays for them and us....

They arrive at the garden (John 18) and that's where Jesus is arrested and the disciples were to experience firsthand what it meant to Abide....

Remember the disciples did not yet receive the Holy Spirit. Nor did they fully comprehend the calling on their lives.

But Jesus was careful to teach them to Abide, so that His plan for the message of the Gospel to go to the ends of the earth!

# What to ask yourself..

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1. Think of your life right now, ask yourself “Am I abiding in the Jesus? In His Word? In His love?
2. Do I trust the Lord and give Him permission to tend to the needs of my heart, life, etc... ?
3. Is the Lord looking to lift up, prune and sanctify certain areas in my life?
  - a. If so, am I giving God access to lift up? Or am I holding on with a tight grip?
4. Unlike the disciples, we have the Holy Spirit! Am I spirit filled?



GOD IS GLORIFIED!

ME

YOU

FRUIT

JESUS

GOOD SOIL

THE WORD

