

JESUS: Name Above All Names
Sent on Mission
True Vine | John 15:5
Dr. Jimmy Stewart | April 18, 2021

Sermon Summary

At the name of Jesus, the Name above every Name, every knee shall bow and tongue confess, Jesus is Lord! He is Immanuel, God with us! He is the Light of the World, our Savior and Redeemer. Jesus is the Cornerstone, the Good Shepherd and the Teacher. The names of Jesus are descriptive of His nature and His mission. Jesus saves sinners. He builds His church. Jesus sends those He saves to continue His mission. He is the Author and Finisher of our Faith. He is the True Vine. In Him we abide and without Him we can do nothing. The names of Jesus help us see more clearly how to Live Sent!

*I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 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. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 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. 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. 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. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 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. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. **John 15:1-11***

Diving Into The Message

1. Jesus is the True Vine, We are the Branches.

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

Verse 1

I am the vine; you are the branches.

Verse 5

2. Branches that Do Not Bear Fruit are Thrown Away and Burned.

Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away.

Verse 2

As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. Apart from me you can do nothing. 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.

Verses 4-6

3. Branches that Bear Fruit are Pruned so They Will Bear More Fruit.

every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

Verse 2

4. Branches Cannot Bear Fruit Unless They Abide in the True Vine.

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. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. Verse 4-5

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. Verse 7

5. Whoever Abides in Jesus and Bears Fruit Proves to Be His Disciple.

Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. Verse 5

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. Verse 8

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Life Application Questions

1. The names of Jesus help us understand how He lived sent and how He is sending us. Which name of Jesus resonates with you and His calling on your life to “live sent’ right now and why?

2. Jesus is the True Vine. God is the Vinedresser. Are you a branch connected to Jesus as the True Vine? How would you describe your “connection” to Christ?

3. What does it mean to “abide in Christ” and “remain in Christ?” How do you maintain consistency in your relationship with Jesus?

4. What or who keeps you from “abiding in Christ” with consistency?

5. What can you do different to abide and remain in Christ consistently?

6. How can you model abiding in Christ for others and lead them to follow Christ like you do? Your family? Your friends? What is your role in Making Disciples? What gift can you bring to the disciple-making process? What age group?

7. Call Eric Smith, Elizabeth Dollar or Chris Weir if you are ready to Go and Make Disciples!
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