



I Am the Vine

Jn. 15:1-11

“I Am” Statements of Jesus

☞ Defining characteristics of Christ

☞ Bread of Life – Jesus is our spiritual food

☞ Light of the World – Brings knowledge from God

☞ Sheep Gate – Only way into the fold

☞ Good Shepherd – Protects & cares for flock

☞ Resurrection & Life – Gives spiritual life & fellowship with God

☞ Way, Truth, & Life – Only way to God & salvation

True Vine Context

- ☞ Immediate audience is 11 disciples (Judas has already left)**
- ☞ After last supper & “Way, Truth, Life”**
- ☞ Shows His relationship with disciples as torch is passed to them**
 - ☞ God – Vinedresser**
 - ☞ Jesus – Vine**
 - ☞ Disciples – Branches**



Message for Apostles

🍇 **“I am the TRUE VINE”—no other**

🍇 **We must bear fruit**

🍇 **God prunes the fruit-bearing branches**

🍇 **To bear fruit, we must be part of the
Vine**

🍇 **Unfruitful branches are cut off &
burned**

Message for Us

☞ “Abide in Me, 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.”

☞ Jn. 8:31-32

☞ “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you...”

☞ God is glorified if we bear much fruit.

What Fruit Can We Bear?

- 🍇 Specific context – 1st century church**
- 🍇 15:10 – If you keep my commandments, you will abide in My love.**
- 🍇 15:12 – Love one another**
- 🍇 Fruit of the Spirit**
 - Gal. 5:22-26**
 - Eph. 5:8-12**
 - 2 Pet. 1:5-11**
 - Col. 3:12-14**

What Fruit Can We Bear?

Love

Joy

Peace

Longsuffering

Kindness

Goodness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Self-control

Righteousness

Truth

Diligence

Virtue

Knowledge

Perseverance

Godliness

Compassion

Humility

Meekness

Forgiving



What about You?

🍇 Are you a branch?

🍇 Are you attached to the true vine?

🍇 Are you bearing fruit?

🍇 If not, let's change that today!