



JESUS

THE TRUE WINE

1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** He **cuts off every branch** in me that **bears no fruit**, while every **branch** that does **bear fruit he prunes** so that it will be **even more fruitful**. **3** You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.** Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

John 15: 1-4

5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; **apart from me you can do nothing.** **6** If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. **7** **If you remain in me and my words remain in you,** ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

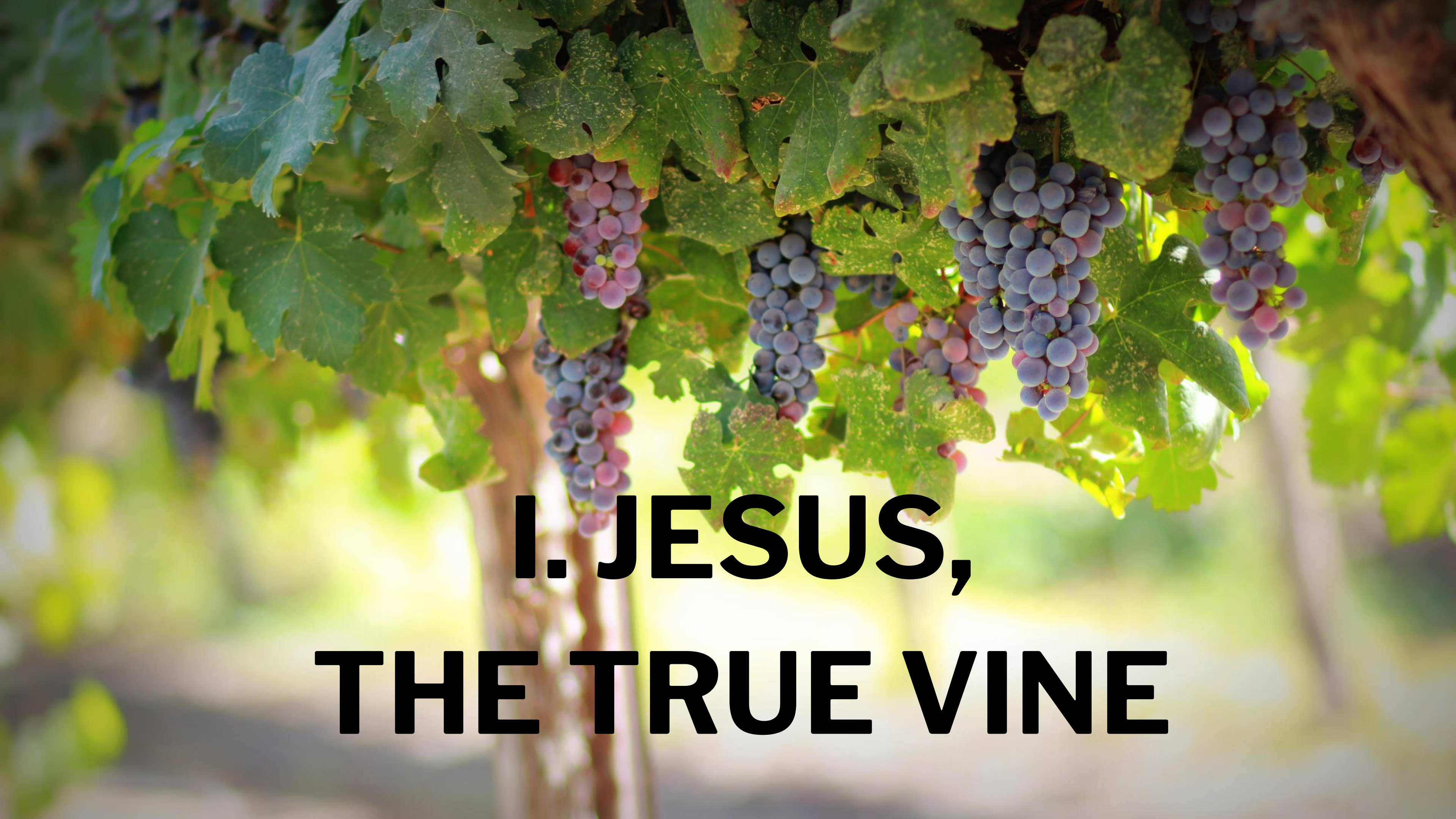
John 15: 5-8

9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.
Now remain in my love. **10** **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.
11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you
and that your joy may be complete.

John 15: 9-11



I. Jesus, the True Vine
II. Father God, the Gardener
III. We, the Branches



**I. JESUS,
THE TRUE VINE**

A. CONTEXT

John 14

B. THE IMAGERY OF ISRAEL AS THE VINE

- Ps 80 describes Israel as a vine that God brought out of Egypt
- Isa 5 depicts an even more direct message where God nurtured His vineyard (Israel)
- During the time of Maccabees, the vine was symbolized on their coins.
- The temple in Jerusalem had a large golden vine, highlighting Israel's identity as God's chosen vine

C. JESUS OUR SOURCE OF LIFE AND FRUITFULNESS

- The vine draws nourishment from the soil and provides nourishment and support to the branches, enabling them need to grow and produce fruit

A close-up photograph of a person's hands, wearing white gardening gloves, planting a small green seedling into the soil. The person's arm is visible on the right side of the frame. The background is a blurred garden with green plants and brown mulch.

**II. FATHER GOD,
THE GARDENER**

“My Father is the gardener, and He cuts off (**airō**) every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that does bear fruit, He prunes (**kathairō**) so that it will bear more fruit.”

John 15: 1-2

A. CUTTING OFF UNFRUITFUL BRANCHES

“Cuts off” translates as “Lifts up”

B. PRUNING FRUITFUL BRANCHES

“Pruning” has to do with “trim clean”

1. Spring Pruning
2. Autumn Pruning

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- Remove vigorous shoots
- Cut off parts of growing shoots
- Remove some flower or grape clusters
- Eliminate suckers

2. Autumn Pruning

- remove unwanted branches
- trim back desirable branches

TWO things:

1. Trust in God's Plan
2. Endure through the Process



III. WE, THE BRANCHES

Our sole purpose as branches is to bear fruit.
We cannot bear good fruit in our lives unless
we remain in Him.

**What does it mean to
'remain' in Jesus?**

A. RECEIVING AND EMBRACING HIS WORDS

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you.”

Jn 15:7

A. HIS WORDS LIVE IN US

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Jn 15:7

Remaining is choice that we must
make intentionally with our will

B. LIVING OUT HIS WORDS

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.

Now remain in my love.

**If you keep my commandments,
you will remain in my love.”**

(Jn 15:9-10)

**Keep Jesus' commands and live them out despite
difficulty or inconvenience**

When we remain in Him, we will...

1. Bear much fruit (vv. 5, 8)
2. Experience answered prayers (v. 7)
3. Experience the fullness of God's love (vv. 9-10)
4. Experience complete joy (v. 11)

Apart from Jesus, we can do nothing

Jn 15:5

- Have you acknowledged and accepted Jesus to be the True Vine, our source of life and fruitfulness?
- Have we remained continually in Christ, allowing His words to shape us, His love to fill us, and His joy to overflow in our hearts?
- Have we succumbed to the distractions and demands of a busy life, relying on our strength, or seeking fulfilment and comfort in places other than in Christ?

Jesus calls us to abide in Him, not as a one-time decision but as a daily, conscious commitment.