

Jesus, the great I Am

“I am the true Vine”

Jn.15:1-8

- I. **The only true vine V.1**
 - a. True vine = false vines
 - i. Works for salvation
 - ii. Universal salvation
 - iii. Any message that denies Jesus

- II. **The Husbandman (Vinedresser)V.1b**
 - a. First covenant, Israel as vinedresser
 - i. Matt.21-33-44
 - b. NOT “replacement theology”
 - i. The Father takes charge personally

- III. **Bearing fruit, and abiding**
 - a. Believers, it is your purpose bear fruit
 - i. Cleansing and pruning are real V.3
 - b. All of our life experiences are meant to be
 - i. The goal - bear “much” fruit V.5,8
 - c. Stop bearing fruit = uselessness
 - i. Saved by fire ICor.3:14-15
 - d. You can't force the fruit Gal.5:22-25
 - i. Fruit only comes from the Vine
 - ii. Without the Vine, we can do nothing
 - iii. Abiding is our focus
 - e. “Much fruit” is the evidence
 - i. A true follower of Jesus Chrsit