

**CONNECTED TO JESUS**  
**The Last Supper, Pt.9**  
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*John 15:1 (NASB)*

*"I AM the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser*

In the Old Testament, Israel was often pictured as a vine or vineyard.

*Isaiah 5:1-7, Jeramiah 12:10-13, Ezekiel 15:1-8*

To be right with God, one needed to be connected to Israel. There was no salvation apart from Israel.

Now Jesus says that \_\_\_\_\_ is the vine, the true vine.

To be right with God, to be saved, one must be \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.

*John 15:2-8*

Two kinds of branches:

- Those who, although, perhaps, in proximity to Him, do \_\_\_\_\_ abide in Him and, thus, do not bear fruit.
- Those who do abide in Him and thus do bear fruit.

*"abide"* = Being in \_\_\_\_\_ connection to someone or something else

Jesus is speaking here of staying connected to Him.

This is why many Christians refer to Christianity as a \_\_\_\_\_ rather than a religion.

There have always been people who are in close proximity to Jesus but not connected to Him. On the other hand, there are people who are connected to Jesus, abiding in Him.

How do you know that you or anyone else is connected to Jesus?

Jesus says that those who are truly abiding in Him \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. *John 15:4-5*

What does Jesus mean by "fruit"?

*Galatians 5:22-23*

Fruit like these should show themselves in our \_\_\_\_\_.

John the Baptist: *Matthew 3:7-8*

If there is no fruit, there is good reason to question whether someone is connected to Jesus.

There is another form of fruit that Jesus considers particularly important: \_\_\_\_\_. *Matthew 29:19-20a*

A warning from Jesus:

*John 15:6 (NASB)*

*"If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*

Make sure you are a branch that is connected to the vine!

**Two observations about the Lord's vineyard**

**First:** The people who are connected to Jesus, abiding in Him are \_\_\_\_\_ perfect people, as a matter of fact, they are people who most likely come under \_\_\_\_\_ about abiding in Jesus and bearing fruit.

When you abide in Jesus, one of the first fruits He brings in your life is the fruit of \_\_\_\_\_.

It's people who are connected to Jesus who care about pleasing Him by obeying Him.

**Second:** Remember how fruit appears and grows.

Grapes \_\_\_\_\_ pop out full grown.

They begin very \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*Philippians 1:9-11*