

## John 15:1-4, 7-8, 10

<sup>15</sup>"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.

<sup>7</sup>If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

<sup>10</sup>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.

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**SERMON NOTES**  
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### **True Vine** John 15:1-4, 7-8, 10

Hard night. Brutal.  
Christ is teaching disciples (us).

On Temple gates – engraving of a vine.  
Symbol of Israel (Psalm 80:8)

Problem! Israel not bearing fruit.

"For 'THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU,' just as it is written." (Romans 2:24)

Fruit is spiritual behavior and influence on others.

- 1) Jesus is the true vine.
  
- 2) The Father is the vine-dresser (1 Corinthians 9:27; Revelation 2:5; 2 Corinthians 12:10; Hebrews 12:6)
  - Takes away dead branches
  - Prunes others
  
- 3) God's sharp knife is His word. - v. 3 (Hebrews 4:12)
  
- 4) He commands us to abide in Him. – v. 7  
(His word in us.)