

The Farewell Discourse (John 15: 1 – 17)

January 22 and January 25, 2023

Sunday, January 22 (John 15: 1 – 8)

- Describe the statement that Jesus made in **John 15: 1**. Why is it significant that he refers to Himself as the “true vine,” and the Father as the “vinedresser / gardener”?
- Describe the meaning of the illustration that Jesus provides in **John 15: 2**.
(*Matthew 7: 15 – 20*)
- In **John 15: 3**, what did Jesus mean by describing His apostles as “clean”? How can we become clean, and how can we maintain that status?
(*Hebrews 10: 22*)
- From **John 15: 4 – 5**, describe the meaning of Jesus’ illustration regarding the relationship we are to have with Him. How does this relationship affect our ability to be productive in His kingdom? (*John 7: 16 – 18*)
- In **John 15: 6 – 7**, what are the consequences of disobedience, and what is the outcome of obedience? (*1 John 5: 14 – 15*)
- How do we glorify the Father, as indicated in **John 15: 8**? How did this apply specially to His apostles, and how does it apply to us as Christians?
(*Colossians 1: 9 – 10*)

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Wednesday, January 25 (John 15: 9 – 17)

- In **John 15: 9 – 10**, describe Jesus' message regarding the connection between love and obedience. How did Jesus serve as an example to us in respect to this connection? (*Galatians 2: 20*)
- From **John 15: 11**, why is it significant that Jesus spoke about joy on the night before He was crucified? How did He link the joy of His apostles to His own joy? (*Hebrews 12: 1 – 2; James 1: 2 – 3*)
- In **John 15: 12 – 13**, what commandment did Jesus give to His apostles? How did Jesus demonstrate His love for us? (*John 3: 16 – 17*)
- From **John 15: 14 – 15**, why is it significant that Jesus referred to His apostles as friends? How did he define that friendship? (*Mark 4: 33 – 34*)
- As recoded in **John 15: 16**, what significance did Jesus place on the fact that He had chosen these men to be apostles? For what purpose did He say that He had selected them? (*Luke 6: 13; Acts 1: 24 – 25; Acts 9: 15 – 16*)
- Although His statement in **John 15: 16** refers specifically to His apostles, how do we share some aspects of Christ's acknowledgment? (*2 Thessalonians 2: 13 – 14*)
- From **John 15: 17**, why is it significant that Jesus repeated His commandment that His apostles love one another? (*Matthew 22: 36 – 40*)