

John 15

Who is speaking : Jesus only

To whom is it addressed : His disciples ; "you"

When was it said : Just before the Cross

In the section of John 11-17, cf 12v10-11

Many will believe because of His followers

Key repeated words : "you" 46x / "I" 21x

Natural divisions :

vs1-8 The vine of God, cf v1

vs9-17 The fruit of love, cf v16

vs18-25 The hate of the world, cf v18

vs26-27 The testimony of God's Spirit, cf v26

Key summary verses : v 10 How to abide in Christ...
and produce the fruit of love !

Application : vs 12 & 17 Love one another

Questions for the "interpretation" of this text :

v1 In what way is Jesus literally a vine ?

What is the difference between "literal" and "physical" ?

v2 How can someone be "in Christ" and then be "taken away" ?

Why does God "prune" fruit bearing believers ?

v3 When does God "clean" us ?

Why should we read the Word of God every day ?

v4 Where must we be to be able to "bear fruit" ?

How do you explain the "success" of false religious teachers ?

v5 Why does Jesus repeat himself ?

What is "much fruit" ?

v6 How can a "branch" from the "Vine" end up in the fire ?

Who's names are in the book of life ?

cf Ex32v32-33, Ps69v28, Rev3v5, 13v8, 17v8, 20v12, 15 & 21v27

v7 When can we be assured of a positive answer to our prayers ?

Have you ever doubted this promise ?

v8 What good is it to only bear a little "fruit" ?

How much is "much" ?

v9 Why does Jesus change subjects ?

cf "fruit" 5x in vs1-8 / "love" 9x in vs9-17 and not once in vs1-8

Where can we "soak up" true love ?

v10 What is "the law of Christ" ?

How is this different from "legalism" to gain or keep salvation ?

v11 When are we happiest ?

Why do we lose our joy ?

v12 Who must we love ?

What is the measure of true love ?

v13 How can we lay down our life for our friends ?

When can we say, "no" to a friend ?

v14 Why is Jesus friendship conditional ?

What is the meaning of "I command you" ?

v15 What is a "slave" ?

Where does Jesus tell us "all things" that He has heard ?

v16 To what are we "elected" ?

How does the fruit of love remain ?

v17 Why does Jesus repeat Himself ?

So, what is the mysterious fruit He was talking about in vs1-8 ?

v18 What is the meaning of this new subject "hate" used 6x here ?

When did the world begin hating Christ ?

v19 Where is our home ?

To what are we "elected" ?

v20 Why does Jesus seem to call us slaves again ?

What is meant by "keep My Word" ?

v21 How sure is this promise ?

Who sent Jesus ?

v22 What did Jesus say that allowed people to sin ?

Is there an excuse for sin ?

v23 Why did Jesus say hating Him was hating His Father ?

How must we react to Islam's statement that God has no son ?

v24 What was the purpose of Jesus' miracles ?

From where does "free will" come ?

v25 Since when was this quote from the "law" ?
cf Psa7v4, 35v19, 69v4 & 109v3

Where is "free will" if they fulfilled a prophecy ?

v26 What is the meaning of the "helper" ?

Who does the Spirit of truth talk about ?

v27 Who should we talk about ?

Why should we talk about Him ?