



## **I AM: Jesus In His Own Words**

**“The True Vine”**

**John 15:1-11**

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### **The Picture**

- 1) The True Vine = Jesus [Psalm 80:8-19](#); [Isaiah 5:1-7](#); [Jeremiah 2:21](#);
- 2) The Vinedresser = The Father [Matthew 21:33-43](#)
- 3) The True Branches = Believers
- 4) The False Branches = Nonbelievers

### **The Process**

- 1) We abide in Him [1 John 3:24](#)
- 2) We are loved by Him [John 14:21,23](#)
- 3) We are pruned by Him [Hebrews 12:7-11](#)

### **The Proof – True Branches**

- 1) They are clean [Titus 3:4-7](#)
- 2) They abide in Christ’s love
- 3) They bear fruit (much) [Galatians 5:22-23](#)
- 4) They see answered prayer [John 14:13-14](#); [16:23-24](#); [Matthew 7:7-8](#)
- 5) They pursue obedient love [John 8:31](#); [14:15](#)
- 6) They find inexhaustible joy [John 17:13](#)
- 7) They give & find sacrificial love [John 13:23](#); [1 John 3:23](#)

### **The Phony – False Branches**

- 1) They bear no fruit [Luke 13:6](#); [Titus 1:6](#)
- 2) They are cut down, thrown out, and burned  
[Matthew 3:10](#); [7:17-20](#); [1 John 2:10](#)