



Gospel of John

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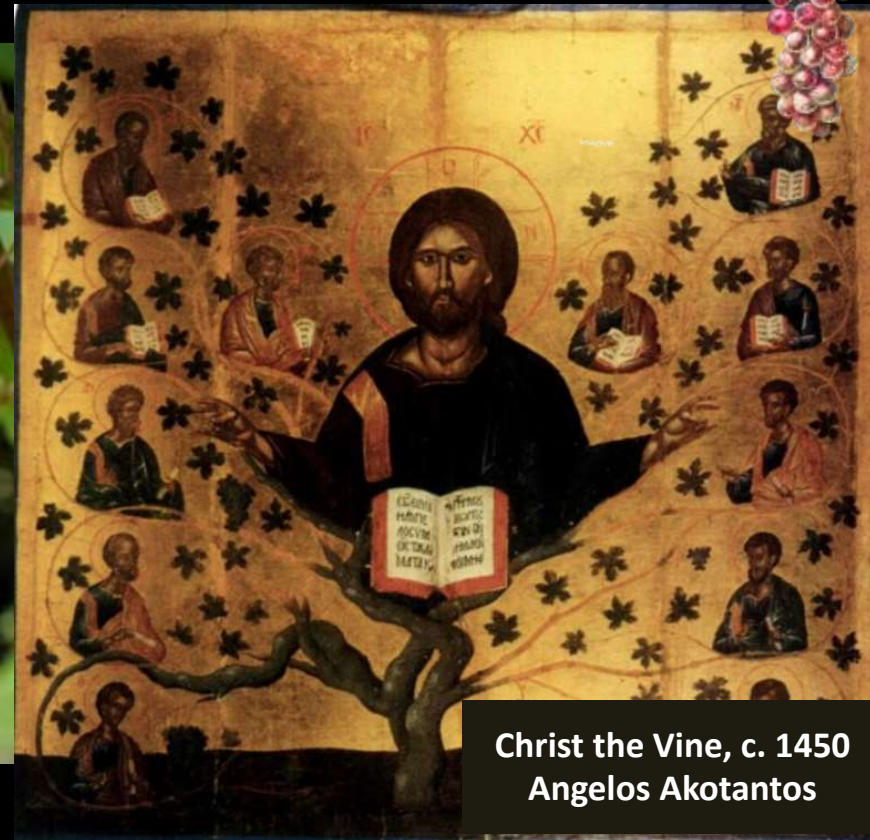
- 12a Why Wasn't This Sold? – Love Jesus
- 12b If It Dies – Love **LORD**'s Field
- 13 I Will Come Again – Love One Another
- 14 Peace I Leave with You – Love the Father

15 Remain In Me

- April 9 *Happy Easter*
- 16 When the Spirit Comes
- 17 I Pray
- 18a I Am He
- 18b I Find No Fault
- 19 It Is Finished
- 20 Reach Out Your Hand
- 21 Do You Love Me?



15:5 **I am the Vine,
You are the Branches**



John the Evangelist & Peter
by Albrecht Dürer (1526)

Love One Another

Christ the Vine, c. 1450
Angelos Akotantos

IN Jerusalem in Upper Room for Passover Meal

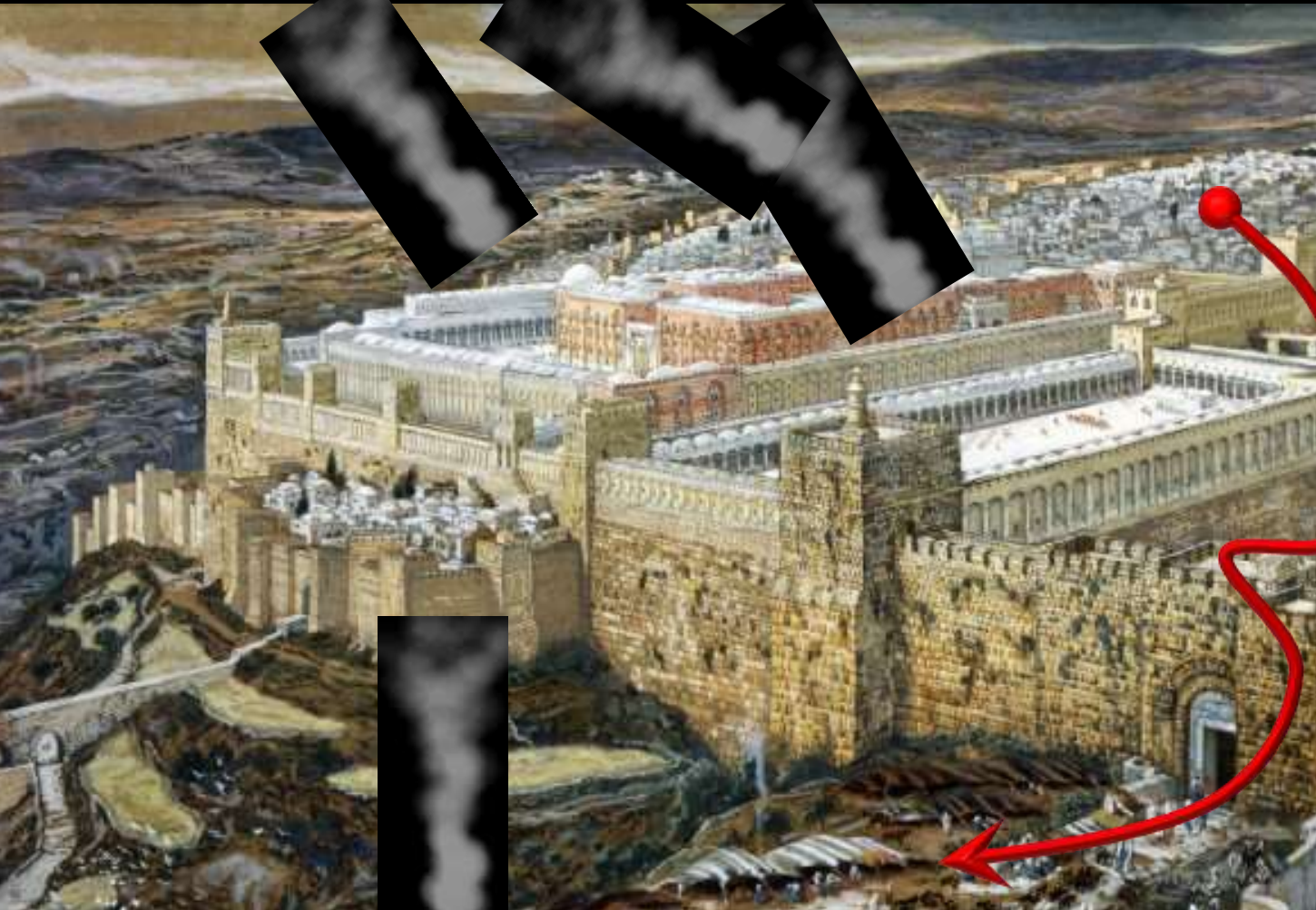
Jews LOOKING for Jesus –

Jesus' Longest Day has begun

Report Jesus!

- END John 14, after Supper, Jesus says time to LEAVE
- Matthew & Mark, after the Lord's Supper to Garden
- Luke, after Supper, they debate who's Greatest, - THEN to the Garden
- John 15, 16, 17 ... on the WAY to the Garden
- 17:1 Jesus looks UP to heaven and PRAYS
- 18:1 Jesus FINISHED praying, they cross Kidron Valley to

Garden of Gethsemane



John 15 after Jesus' **LAST Supper**

In route to Garden

Christ the Vine, c. 1450

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Born in Crete

In the Monastery of the
Virgin Hodegetria
Heraklion, Crete

12—but **NOT** all 12 Apostles

Paul, Mark, Luke



John 15:1 I am the true Vine, and
my Father is the Gardener.

John 15:5 I am the Vine;
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Genius of Jesus

- ✓ Everyone Immediately Grasps the *ESSENCE*
- ✓ Our 2023 Lives are RADICALLY different, yet WE *SEE* too
- ✓ Message is Clever, Clear, Clean, Convincing, & *Convicting*
- ✓ Message is Simple: Good Fruit comes from Good Vine
- ✓ Message is Simple: We are to Bear Fruit – or get
Cut Off from The Vine



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- ✓ Yet, this also touches Eternal Spirituality
- ✓ EVERYONE sees its meaning ... WHO can grasp *DEPTH?*
- ✓ EVERYONE grasps THEN & Today ... No One Fully
- ✓ EVERYONE knows Wine is made from Grapes
- ✓ ESPECIALLY in A.D. 30 ... *more so* in A.D. 30 ...
- ✓ A.D. 30 – “Fruit of the Vine” is ALWAYS Good Wine



Alternate Title

Christian Wine Makers

- ❖ You KNOW SOME Baptists' views are VERY recent, *just century or so*
- ❖ You KNOW that WINE was the favored drink of the entire WORLD prior to A.D. 30 & for next 1,800 yrs
- ❖ 1st Miracle & Lord's Supper



Wine Making Pre-dates written languages

- ✓ **6000 B.C. Wine in Russian Georgia** (not name then)
- ✓ **China used rice to ferment in 6000 B.C.**
- ✓ **Wine all over Predynastic Egypt 6000-3000 B.C.**
Mainly for the well-to-do ... beer for others
- ✓ **1st Known Winery 4100 B.C. in Armenia**
- ✓ **Iran 5000 B.C. ... Sicily 4000 B.C.**
- ✓ **By 4000 B.C.**
process
well developed



Gen. 8, **after flood, Noah made an altar**

Gen. 9, **God sets a rainbow in sky**

9:20, **Noah, man of the soil, planted a vineyard**

lot missing – v. 21 – **Noah gets DRUNK**

1st Century Rome & Jerusalem Wine **everywhere**

- ✓ Major Commodity traded Internationally
- ✓ Mixed w liquid medication, Covered foul-taste
- ✓ Mild antiseptic - Cough syrup - Quell fevers
Appetite-restorer - Dress wounds



1st century AD
Roman Wine Press
FEET



1st century AD wine
pressing trough
Old City of Jerusalem

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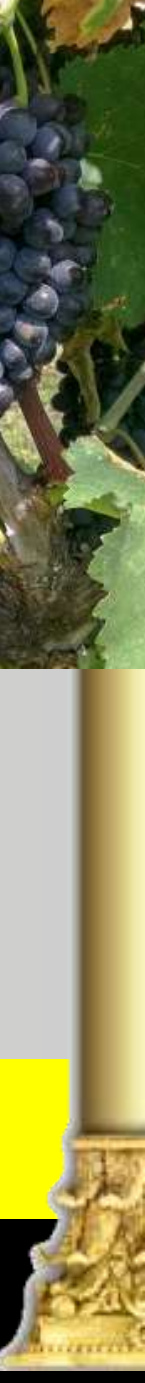
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- ✓ Touching Eternal Spirituality & **DEPTH**
- ✓ EVERYONE in A.D. 30 had ZERO problem with WINE
- ✓ If WE are N.T. – perhaps OUR Communion should be ...
- ✓ We are to bear FRUIT ... Spiritual Refreshment
- ✓ Jesus tied us to the Best Refreshment of the Day—WINE

What is the **FRUIT** we are to **BEAR**?

Galatians 5:22-23, “Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance ...



**Definitely
BAD use
of Wine**

**Do NOT
Pilot a 747
DRUNK**



told the judge you know Frank is a
different guy guy

Disciples LIVED from Glass to Glass - 1st Choice Preferred Wine

They had NO Donkey Drunk Driving Laws
No Cell Phones, Cars, Social Media ... Telephone

TODAY – Get caught Drunk & Driving – COSTLY

- ✓ 2nd or 3rd Time – Jail Time ...
- ✓ Have an accident DRUNK – PRISON TIME

MADD – Mothers Against Drunk Driving 1980

Founded Texas by Candace Lightner after her
13-year-old daughter, Cari, killed by a drunk driver
400+ Employees - \$33m Revenue – CEO is Man today

Alcoholism is **THE CAUSE** of religious abstention
Not the Bible



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- ✓ Touching Eternal Spirituality & **DEPTH**
- ✓ Message is Clever, Clear, Clean, Convincing, & Convicting
- ✓ **NOT** tryin' to change YOUR view – Just Show **THEIR VIEW**
- ✓ One **Critical** Tool in Proper Bible Study is Determining
What the Passage **FIRST** Meant to the **Recipients**

Jesus Used Wine for His *Blood* & Our Fruit Bearing

I've often wondered IF we have *diminished* communion with juice
no biblical foundation for simple *juice* use when biblically *wine* was used ubiquitously



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Furthermore, “Vine” used in O.T. for Israel

Psalms 80:8-9

**⁸ You [God] transplanted a vine from Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.**

**⁹ You [God] cleared the ground for it,
and it took root and filled the land.**

Though many believe, Church is NOT Israel – New IN CHRIST



Disciples LIVED from Glass to Glass - 1st Choice Preferred Wine

They had NO Donkey Drunk Driving Laws

Disciples **LIVED**, walked, in CLOSE Quarters

Only the POOR had *little* wine—NO Coke or Pepsi

ROME built 100s Miles of Aqueducts for WATER

POINT – while John 15 doesn't mention WINE

Metaphors of **Jesus**/Vine & **God the Father**/Garden
are ALL about CAREFUL Cultivation of Grapevines
Which for the Disciples ...

ALL Grapevines were for Fruit & WINE



John 15 ... Jesus' Genius PULLS from the

Disciples' Everyday LIFE

All 12 Disciples knew MORE about Grapevines
Grape Care ... than 90% of MOST Christians today
Right after Jesus shared His BODY & Blood

This Cup represents my BLOOD

After the Lord's Supper ... Jesus is the VINE

Mighty relevant: “**Gethsemane**” = “**Wine Press**”

Until study for John 15, I never realized how much

Wine Permeated the Disciples' Lives

When Jesus says HE is the **VINE** – Jesus connects to **LIFE**



John 15:1

**I am the true Vine, and
my Father is the Gardener.**

**John 15:2 He cuts off
every branch in me
that bears NO fruit,**

**while every branch that
does bear fruit He PRUNES**

so that it will be even more FRUITFUL

Right AFTER the Lord's Supper ... on the way to

Gethsemane – HIS Wine Pressing

Jesus explains essence of Eternally connected Spiritual Life



**John 15:3 You are already clean
because of the Word
I have spoken to you.**

John 1—Jesus is THE Word

✓ **CLEAN – Washed their FEET**

✓ **CLEAN – Because of His WORD**

**4 REMAIN in me,
as I also REMAIN in you.**

Vine & Branches – for Life & Fruit

**NO branch can bear Fruit by itself;
it MUST remain in THE Vine.**

Neither can you bear Fruit unless you REMAIN in Me.



Eternal Spiritual **Way, Life, Truth** – Jesus *clarifies*

John 15:5 “I am the Vine;

you are the branches.

Get IT? – I am certain Disciples had TROUBLE

If you remain in me and I in you,
you will bear MUCH FRUIT;

apart from me you can do NOTHING.

Perhaps we're TOO Spiritual to see the Disciples' CONFUSION

Peter *could*'ask, “What FRUIT? Remain IN You? **Do What?**”

WHAT “Fruit” was Jesus expecting as they REMAIN in Him?



We may never truly know ... KNOW for certain

We say “Spiritual” as often *without* CLARITY

Jesus persists ... ONLY John remembered

**6 If you do NOT remain in me, you are like a
branch that is thrown away & withers;**

**such branches are picked up,
thrown into the fire & burned.**

At this point ... How long had Jesus REALLY spoken to them?

Not talking about loosing salvation ... NOT received Spirit YET

The CHURCH had NOT been established YET ...

YET ... a DEAD branch will be BURNED – What is THAT?



Jesus THE Vine explains

John 15:7 If you **REMAIN** in me
and my **WORDS REMAIN** in you,
ask whatever you wish,
and it will be done for you.

Oh my, that is **tOoooooo** much to grasp!

8 This is to my Father's glory,
that you **BEAR MUCH FRUIT**,
showing yourselves to be my disciples.

“Bear Fruit” or “Be Burned” ... now “REMAIN” and “ASK”???

Clearly “FRUIT Bearing” is critically important – **WHAT FRUIT?**



**John 15:9 As the Father has loved me,
so have I loved you.**

Now REMAIN in My Love.

**10 If you keep my commands,
you will REMAIN in my Love,
just as I have kept my Father's commands
and REMAIN in His Love.**

**11 I have told you this so that my joy
may be in you and that your joy may be complete.**

WHAT Fruit or be cast away? – WHAT Fruit or be burned?

LOVE



John 15:12 My command is this:
Love each other as I have Loved you
13 Greater love has NO ONE than this: to
Lay down one's LIFE for one's friends.



John 15:13

**13 Greater love has NO ONE than this: to
Lay down one's LIFE for one's friends.**

**14 YOU are my friends if you
do what I command.**

**15 I no longer call you servants, because a
servant does NOT know his master's business.**

**Instead, I have called you friends,
for everything that I learned from my Father
I have made known to you.**



**John 15:16 You did not choose me,
but I chose you and appointed you
so that you might go and *BEAR FRUIT*
—fruit that will last—and so that
whatever you ask in my name
the Father will give you.**

What FRUIT?—or be cast OUT?

17 This is my command:

Love Each Other

**Fruit of the Spirit only AFTER Resurrection
LOVE is the ROOT to ALL Good Fruit**



**John 15:18 “If the World HATES you,
keep in mind that it HATED Me FIRST.**

**19 If you belonged to the World,
it would LOVE you as its OWN.**

**As it is, you do not belong to the World,
but I have chosen you out of the World.**

That is why the World Hates you.

20-24 How the World will *Persecute* ...

**25 But this is to fulfill what is
written in their Law:**

“They Hated me Without Reason.”



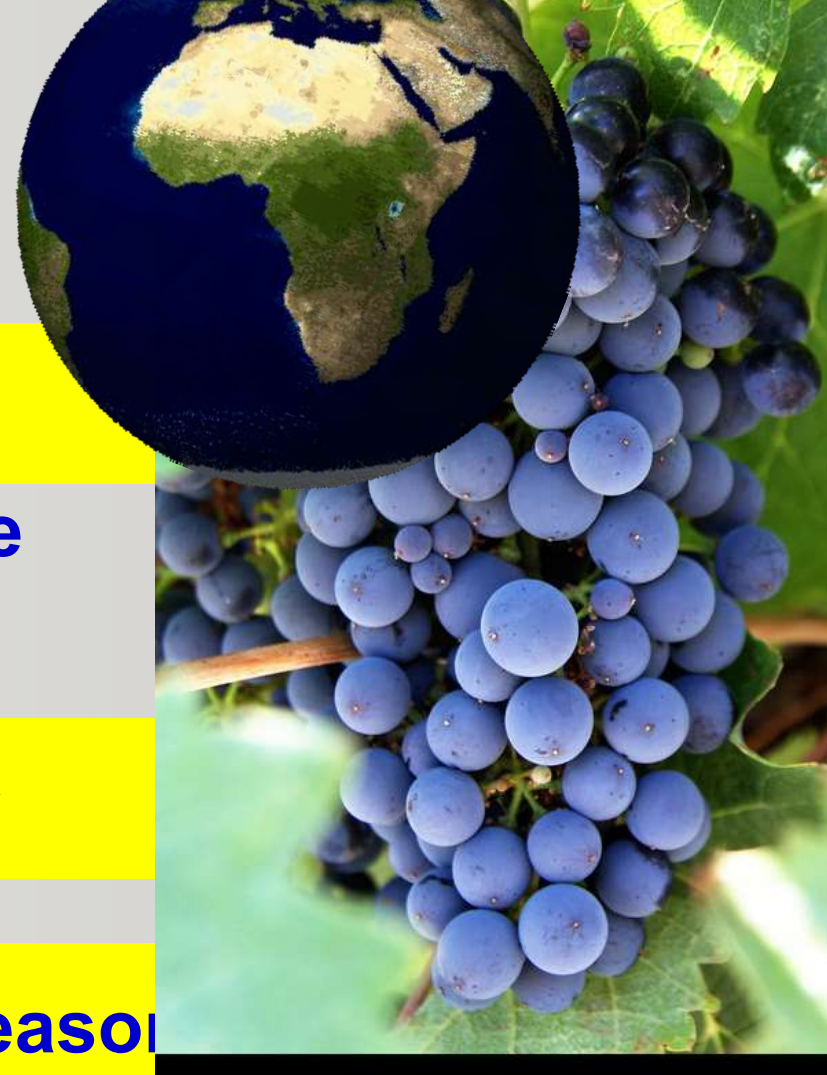
John **20-24** World will *Persecute* ...

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Psalm 35:19 Do not let those gloat over me
who are my enemies without cause;
do **NOT** let those who
HATE me without Reason maliciously
Wink the Eye.

Psalm 69:4 Those who Hate me without Reason
outnumber the hairs of my head; **MANY** are
My enemies WITHOUT cause, who Seek to Destroy Me.



Jesus CLOSES with a Promise ... and *FRUIT*

John 15:26 “When the Advocate comes,
whom I will send to you from the Father
—the Spirit of Truth
who goes out from the Father—

He will testify about me.

27 And YOU also must TESTIFY, for YOU
have been with Me from the beginning.

We are Branches of **THE Vine** ... to Bear Fruit

Fruit is **LOVE** ... Fruit is Sharing Gospel ...

After the Resurrection ...

Fruit of the Spirit will INTOXICATE



John 15:26 “When the Advocate comes ...
—the Spirit of Truth

We Branches of **THE Vine** Bear Fruit

Wine AFFECTS us ... SHOULD affect us

Spirit SHOULD affect us tooooooo ...

Unlike the Drunken Noah, Spirit Empowers

Peter WANTED to give his life – until the

Rooster of Responsibility Crowed ...

AFTER the Spirit came ... Peter would say

“I am NOT worthy to be crucified as my Lord!”

Crucified Upside Down

Fruit of the Spirit will Empower



Message of John 15 is that
Branches of *THE Vine*
Should Bear Fruit

Heart of that *Fruit* is John 15:13

Greater *LOVE* has NO ONE
than this: to Lay down one's
LIFE for one's friends.

There are mountains in our way
But we climb a step every day

Love lift us up where *we belong*
Where the eagles cry on a mountain high



Eagles - Epic Slow Mo >



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