

Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John
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Jesus' 2021 Resolution for You – Part 1 (John 15:1-11)

"I am the true vine..." – John (15:1)

1. God's Resolution (vv. 2, 8)

2. Our Response (vv. 3-7, 9)

3. Our Reward (v. 11)

For Further Thought and Discussion:**Getting Started:**

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. If you had to make one (and only one) resolution for 2021, what would it be? What do you want to be more true of you in 2021 than in 2020?

Going Deeper:

3. How does Jesus define his relationship with us (see John 15:1)? By calling himself the "*true vine*," what is Jesus' declaring (see Psalm 80:8f)? What is the primary meaning of "*fruit*" in this passage (v. 8; see John 4:36; 12:24; 15:16)? What two things does God do to make us fruitful (v. 2)?
4. What one responsibility does Jesus give us in this passage (v. 4)? What does it mean to abide? What does abiding entail (see vv. 7, 9; see also John 8:31-32)? What does Jesus mean when he says, "*...apart from me you can do nothing?*" (v. 5)
5. What does Jesus promise to those who abide in him (v. 11)? How is our joy connected to Jesus' joy?

Application:

6. God prunes us to make us more fruitful (v. 2). What encumbrances do you need to lay aside in 2021 (Hebrews 12:1) to focus on what's most important?
7. Jeff said that, "*what we abide in determines what we abound in.*" What does this mean? How have you found this principle to be true in your life? How can you focus more on abiding in Jesus in the year to come?
8. What's one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?