

Last Night With Jesus

John Chapters 13-17



Luke 22:12

¹² And he will show you a large, furnished upper room; prepare it there.”



A verse that
shows the
change in
context:

John 14:31

³⁰ I will not speak much more with you,
for the ruler of the world is coming,
and he has nothing in Me;

³¹ but so that the world may know that
I love the Father, I do exactly as the
Father commanded Me.
Get up, let us go from here.

(Verses from 1995 NASB)

The Vine and the Branches



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➤ Our passage for this morning:
John 15:1-11

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¹ “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.

³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

The Vine and the Branches



➤ The word used repeatedly:
“Abide”

John 15:1-11

⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me.

⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

John 15:1-11

⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned.

⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

John 15:1-11

⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

⁹ Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

John 15:1-11

¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

¹¹ These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.

The Vine and the Branches



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➤ One thing to notice: this passage shows it is possible to stop living for Christ and forfeit your salvation.

John 15:2

² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.

John 15:6

⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned.

Matthew 7:21

²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*.

2 Peter 2:20

²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.



Blessings of Being in Christ



➤ In Christ, we have:

1) Life

John 15:4-5

⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me.

⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

John 10:10

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.



➤ In Christ, we have:

2) Transformation

John 15:5

⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches;
he who abides in Me and I in him,
he bears much fruit, for apart from Me
you can do nothing.

John 15:2

² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.

Philippians 2:12-13

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,

¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Ephesians 2:10

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand so
that we would walk in them.

1 John 2:5-6

... By this we know that we are in Him:
⁶ the one who says he abides in
Him ought himself to walk in the same
manner as He walked.



➤ In Christ, we have:

3) Closeness with God

John 15:9

⁹ Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

John 15:13

¹³ Greater love has no one than this,
that one lay down his life for his
friends.

John 15:15

¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

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➤ In Christ, we have:

4) Promises about prayer

John 15:7

⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

1 Peter 3:12

**12 “FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD
THE RIGHTEOUS,
AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER,
BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE
WHO DO EVIL.”**



➤ In Christ, we have:

5) Joy

John 15:11

¹¹ These things I have spoken to you so
that My joy may be in you,
and *that* your joy may be made full.

Final Reminders from John 15

➤ When we feel
spiritually empty,
draw closer to Christ!

Hebrews 12:1-2

¹ Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Hebrews 12:1-2

² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Final Reminders from John 15

➤ We must stay in Christ!

Galatians 3:26-27

²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

²⁷ For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.