

**THE TRUE IMAGE
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REVEALED**

A TEACHING SERIES ON THE 7 SIGNS &
7 'I AM' SAYINGS IN JOHN'S GOSPEL

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³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe^[a] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Psalm 80:8-9

You brought a vine *out of Egypt*;
You *drove out the nations* and planted it.
You cleared the ground for it,
And it took root and filled the land.

Isaiah 5

I will sing for the one I love
a song about his vineyard:
my loved one had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.

² He dug it up and cleared it of stones
and planted it with the choicest vines.
He built a watchtower in it
and cut out a winepress as well.

Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,
but it yielded only bad fruit.

⁷ The vineyard of the LORD Almighty
is the nation of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are the vines he delighted in.

And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

“Now Jesus is saying that *he* is the ‘true vine.’ This can only mean that he is, in himself, the true Israel. He is the one on whom God’s purposes are now resting. And his followers are members of God’s true people – if they belong to him and remain ‘in’ him.”

N. T. Wright, *John for Everyone: Part Two*



WE ARE THE BRANCHES

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WE ARE MADE TO BE FRUITFUL.

HOW DO WE BECOME FRUITFUL?

- **STAYING CONNECTED TO THE VINE (v.4)**
- **TRUSTING THE GARDENER (v.2)**

“Find the meaning of life in me. Find your value and confidence in me. Find your purpose and direction in me. Find the source for all spiritual achievement in me. Find the strength to live each moment in me. Find the wisdom to navigate the many turns of life in me. Find forgiveness for all your sins in me. Find the satisfaction of boundless joy in me. Find the most satisfying life for all eternity in me.”

Eric Ludy

“The vine-dresser is never closer to the vine, taking more thought over its long-term health and productivity, than when he has the knife in his hand.”

NT Wright

Isaiah 25:6-8

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine –

the best of meats and the finest of wines.

.....The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.