

Passion Week—Passover: I Am the Vine (Thursday, April 2, 33)

John 15

The Vine and the Branches

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 12 “This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
- 13 Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.
- 14 You are My friends if you do what I command you.
- 15 No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.
- 16 You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.
- 17 This I command you, that you love one another.

The Hatred of the World

- 18 “If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you.
- 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.
- 20 Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.
- 21 But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me.
- 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.
- 23 He who hates Me hates My Father also.
- 24 If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well.
- 25 But *they have done this* to fulfill the word that is written in their Law, ‘THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.’ [[Ps 35:19; 69:4](#)]
- 26 “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me,
- 27 and you *will* testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.