

**Context and background**

- Written in the latter half of the first century AD 60-70 by the apostle John during his time in Ephesus
- 92% of John’s gospel is unique to John and only 8% being found in other gospels.
- Purpose: “ that you may know Jesus is the messiah, the son of God”
- Divided into two sections:
  - The book of Signs (ch 1-12)
  - The book of Glory (ch 13-21)

**Recap of immediate events leading up to chapter 15**

- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Lazarus from the dead
- Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ at Bethany and the \_\_\_\_\_ plot to kill Him
- The next day is the \_\_\_\_\_ entry into Jerusalem
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ his own death and \_\_\_\_\_ testifies to his glory
- Jesus and the disciples transition to the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ where Jesus institutes first \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus predicts his \_\_\_\_\_ by Judas, and Peter’s denial

**I. Jesus has opened the way for \_\_\_\_ to be part of \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ (John 15:1, Rom 3:21-24,27-29, Eph 2:18-19)

1. the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus is for \_\_\_\_\_ this morning

2. it is \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus that \_\_\_\_\_

**II. God \_\_\_\_\_ his vineyard \_\_\_\_\_**

(John 15:2-4,6, Rom 8:38-39, Heb 6:4; 10:26, 2 Pet 2:20, Rom 11:11-24, Matt 7:21-24, Gal 4:6-7, John 14:15-21, James 1:1, Heb 4:12; 12:10-11)

**There are 2 ways God tends his vineyard**

1. God removes the \_\_\_\_\_ from his \_\_\_\_\_

2. God tends his vineyard is by \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ way to bear \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_**

(John 15:4-5, Col 1:9b-10, Gal 5:19; 6:8; 3:1-3)

1. Outside of Jesus we \_\_\_\_\_ bear \_\_\_\_\_ - fruit that is \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father

2. Two kinds of fruit:

- Acts of the \_\_\_\_\_
- Fruit of the \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Jesus calls you \_\_\_\_\_ – he \_\_\_\_\_ you!**

(John 15:12-17, Heb 2:14, 4:14, Gal 1:19-20, Rev 1:10, 1:17)

1. Friendship requires things in \_\_\_\_\_

2. Jesus has shared the \_\_\_\_\_ business

**Closing**

1. Resolve to spend \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus daily – **Intimacy**

2. Resolve to create special \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus to speak – **Intentionality**