

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**