

Gospel of John

[Jesus' Prediction of Opposition (Part 1) (John 15:18-16:4)]

-Seventh and Final 'I AM' Saying": I am the true vine" (vs. 1, 5)

-Metaphor: vine = Jesus; vinedresser = the Father; branches = disciples

-OT Background: Israel = Vine (Ps. 80:8, 9, 12-18; Ezek. 17:5, 6; Hos. 10:1)

-Significance: Jesus and His people are the New Israel.

I. The Relation of the Disciples to Jesus (15:1-11)

II. The Relation of the Disciples to Each Other (15:12-17)

III. The Relation of the Disciples to the World (15:18-16:4)

→ Accept the fact that following Christ isn't going to be easy.
(Luke 6:22, 23, 26; 14:25-33; Acts 5:41; 14:21, 22; 2 Tim. 3:12; 1 Pet. 4:19)