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THE HEAVENLY VINE – JOHN 15

INTRO: Unusual setting – on way to garden – After the Last Supper

The occasion? Perhaps a gnarled vine in the garden.

- I. The TRUE Vine
 - a. I AM THE TRUE VINE
 - b. John 6:31-35 - “TRUE” spiritual reality
 - c. All Christianity sustained by One life
 - i. ILLUS: Conservatory vines – sever the vine and all dies!
 - ii. ILLUS: Body 1 Cor 12:12,13 – placed into body by adoption
 - iii. Col 3:1-4 – Christ our life root in Heaven
- II. The Husbandman
 - a. The Father
 - i. His objective: Fruit
 - 1. Branches not bearing fruit taken away – sometimes literally I Cor 11
 - 2. Bearing branches cleansed – Through the Word
- III. The Condition of Fruitfulness
 - a. Total dependence upon the vine = Abiding
 - i. If disease or injury hinders the life stream – There will be unfruitfulness
 - ii. Two conditions for Fruitfulness
 - 1. Abiding
 - 2. Cleansed

CONC: We are a different kind of branch. We have wills. We can seek our life elsewhere – our abiding is not happen-chance but voluntary.

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