

## I Am: Jesus in His Own Words "I Am the Vine"

*John 15:1-11*

### Series Summary

Who is Jesus? What do we really know about Him? To the dead man, Jesus is life. To the sinner, He is a second chance. To the searching, He is the long-awaited answer. Discover what it means when Jesus Christ, Himself, declares "I Am..." In this seven-week series, we will learn the true identity and nature of our Savior as discovered in His own words as we look at the seven "I Am" statements found in the Gospel of John.

### Theme Passage

**John 15:11** – These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

### Main Text

**John 15:1-11** (ESV) – <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

**Big Idea – [Life-Changing Purpose](#) and [Lasting Joy](#) Are Obtained as You [Live for Christ](#)**

### Three Transforming Values Found in Living for the Savior

#### Value #1 – **Direction: Living Out Your God Given Purpose Produces Life-Changing Fruit**

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#### Value #2 – **Influence: Living Your Life on the Solid Foundation Brings Glory to God and Moves Spiritual Mountains**

**John 15:4-8** – <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the

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**Value #3 –Legacy: Living for the Redeemer Produces a Life that Overflows with Love and Joy**

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**Memory Verse**

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**Challenge:**

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You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your small group, (2) Participating in a Sunday School class, or (3) Study through the study guide found at the Connection Point.