

that you would believe

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

MESSAGE NOTES

**JESUS IS THE VINE,
AND I AM THE BRANCH**

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3 Fundamental Truths:

1. God created everything! (That includes you!)

GENESIS 1:1 (NIV)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2. God custom designs each person! (That includes you!)

PSALM 139:13-14 (NLT)

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

3. At the moment you surrendered your life over to Jesus, God gave you a new identity!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 (NIV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

JOHN 15:1-6 (NLT)

"I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ³You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. ⁵Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned."

My new identity...I am a branch!

VERSE 5b (NLT)

"I am the vine; you are the branches."

