

Greek Readings
Series B, Easter 5
John 15:1–8

• **Verses 1**

- Which of the “I am” sayings is v.1ff.? (cf. 6:35; 8:12; 10:7; 10:11; 11:25; 14:6) _____.
What makes 15:1 unique in relation to the other “I am” sayings? _____.
- What is the meaning of ἄμπελος? (BDAG, p. 54) _____. How does this relate to similar OT imagery? (cf. Hos. 10:1-2; Isa 5:1-7; Jer. 2:21; Ezek. 15:1-5; 17:1-21; 19:10-15; Ps. 80:8-18)? _____.
- What does Jesus intend theologically by describing himself as the ἡ ἄμπελος ἡ ἀληθινή? _____.
- What is the significance of Jesus describing the Father as ὁ γεωργός, and how does this affect the interpretation of vv.1-8? _____.

• **Verse 2**

- Explain the relationship between Jesus the ἄμπελος and his κλῆμα. _____.
- Parse φέρον. _____. List the dictionary entry. _____.
- What is the meaning of καρπός and to what does it refer theologically in this context? (cf. BDAG, p. 510, 1b) _____.
- Why are the branches which do not bear fruit removed? _____.
- What is the meaning of καθαίρει? (cf. BDAG, p. 488) _____. To what exactly does this activity refer? _____.
- Explain the word play between αἴρω and καθαίρω in v.2. _____.

• **Verse 3**

- What is the referent of ὑμεῖς? _____.
- What is the theological significance of Jesus’ statement ἢδη … καθαροί ἔστε? _____.
- Explain how this takes place διὰ τὸν λόγον. _____.
- Parse λελάληκα. _____. To what λόγον is Jesus referring? _____.

• **Verse 4**

- Parse μείνατε. _____. Explain the significance of “remaining” in Jesus and how this is done. _____.
- What is the significance about the fact that the branch is not able to bear fruit ἀφ’ ἔσωτοῦ? _____.
- Parse μένῃ and μένητε. _____.

• **Verse 5**

- What is the meaning of πολύν? (cf. BDAG, p. 847) _____. How does this adjective emphasize the reality of bearing fruit? _____.
- Explain the full significance of the phrase χωρὶς ἐμοῦ οὐ δύνασθε ποιεῖν οὐδέν. _____.

• **Verse 6**

- Parse ἐβλήθη. _____ . To what “casting out” does v. 6 refer?
- Parse ἐξηράνθη. _____ . How does this verb portray the result of not remaining in Christ? _____ . For what use are such κλῆμα? _____ .
- What is the subject of συνάγουσιν? _____ .
- To what does εἰς τὸ πῦρ refer? _____ .
- Parse καίεται. _____ .

• **Verse 7**

- How does the emphasis upon τὰ ρήματά μου differ from the previous verses? _____ .
- Parse αἰτήσασθε. _____ . For what are Christians to wish (θέλω) and how do they know that it will be given to them (γενήσεται)? _____ .

• **Verse 8**

- Parse ἐδοξάσθη. _____ . Explain how the Father is glorified by the καρπὸν πολὺν? _____ .
- What does the phrase γένησθε ἐμοὶ μαθηταί mean? _____ .
- How is becoming a disciple related to the glorification of the Father? _____ .

Integration of Meaning

Develop a sermon theme based your study of the text.