

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 αἶρω and καθαίρω in v.2. _____.

• **Verse 3**

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

• **Verse 4**

- Parse μέινετε. _____. 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 ἄφ’ ἑαυτοῦ? _____.
- Parse μένη 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 κλημα? _____.
 - What is the subject of συνάγουσιν? _____.
 - To what does εἰς τὸ πῦρ refer? _____.
 - Parse καίεται. _____.
- **Verse 7**
 - How does the emphasis upon τὰ ῥήματά 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.