



That you may believe...
Study Lesson Week 12

This week's title: Passion Week - The Truth and the Life - **John 14:15–15:17**

Highlighted verses:

"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth." **John 14:16-17a**

"I am the true vine" **John 15:1a**

Day 1: Read John 14:15–15:17

1. **Read John 14:15–15:17** at least once, jotting down initial observations.

Day 2: Read John 14:15 – 14:31

1. The disciples are feeling troubled as Jesus is revealing he will soon leave them. How will the promise of the Holy Spirit bring comfort to the disciples?

2. In these verses Jesus gives titles and descriptions of the Holy Spirit.

a) How is the Holy Spirit revealed as a Teacher?

b) How is the Holy Spirit revealed as a Counselor?

3. What did Jesus mean when He said, *"you are in me and I am in you"* (**14:20**)? (See also **14:23**, **Colossians 1:27** and **Matthew 28:20**.)

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Day 3: Read John 15:1-17

1. Jesus does not command us to bear fruit. Why is Jesus' only command, "Remain in me" (15:4)? What does it mean to remain in Jesus?

2. What are the implications of Jesus' claim that He is the true vine (15:1)?

Day 4: Read John 20:31

Consider how **John 14:15–15:17** relates to John's purpose in writing this Gospel. *"...that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31).*

1. How does the imagery of the vines and the branches help us better understand the life Jesus gives to all who believe?

Day 5: Read John 14:15–15:17

1. In what specific ways is the Spirit being your Teacher and Counselor?

2. Picture yourself as a branch bearing much fruit. How do you become this person?