

Books of the Book Series

The Gospel of John Outline of Script for TV Production 3ABN Studios March 4-12, 2013

20. *The Vine and the Branches (John 15:1-27)*

20. Scene A. The Structure

- Multiple interruptions in 14 from the disciples
- In 15 continues the same themes, but no interruptions
 - Disciples dense before the Spirit
 - Jesus repeats same teachings over and over

20. Scene B. The Vine and the Branches (John 15:1-8)

- John 15:1-8– Analogy of the vine and the branches
 - Grape vine has two uses
 - Food and drink (positive)
 - Fuel (negative)
 - Frequent OT comparison of Israel with a vine
 - Carving at entrance to temple
 - Isa 5:1-7; Jer 2:21; Ezek 15:1-8 (G 2: 56-58)
 - These are all negative
 - John 15 is both positive and negative
 - Judgment
 - Most Christians identify with the branches
 - Fruit = fruit of the Spirit in our lives (Galatians 5)
 - In John, branches are disciples
 - Fruit = second generation
 - Comes to faith through disciples
 - Grape vine has two uses
 - Food and drink (positive)
 - Fuel (negative)
 - Father is the gardener
 - Rela with Jesus not different from rela with Father
 - The words of Jesus are key
 - John 15:7– basis for maintaining relationship
 - John 15:2-3– basis for pruning (judgment)

20. Scene C. Remaining in the Vine (John 15:9-17)

John 15:9-10–

You remain in the vine through two principles
Love as Jesus loved (13:34-35)
Obey both the 10 and the sayings of Jesus
Jesus has acted out both in His rela to the Father
Do what Jesus did as well as said
Words of Jesus are key
Believe them and also do them

John 15:13-15– Contrast between servants and friends

We may think of Jesus as friend, but not Father
This is about the Father
“All that I have heard from my Father”
I am what God is like!

15:16-17 repeats themes of vine, love and commandments

20. Scene D. The World Hates You (John 15:18-21)

John 15:18-21– elaborates 13:16: servant not greater than master

What is the world here?
Options: planet, humanity, human systems, satanic attractor
Here = human systems in opposition to God
Coercion
Jesus not part of the political system
But huge political implications
Opposed by both Rome and religious system
Kingdom not of “world” but threatens “world”

20. Scene E. The World Hates Jesus (John 15:22-25)

Jesus is the model for relationship with the world
World’s hatred for disciples rooted in hatred for Jesus

John 15:22-25–

Hatred of Jesus rooted in hatred of the Father (v. 23)
Jesus threatened their picture of God
They were tyrants because their God was
Pharisees could be cruel on Friday
Hurry home for sundown worship
Jesus and His disciples do not conform to the ways of the world
Values of world at odds with God’s values