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Will the real Jesus please stand up?
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Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?

I want to connect with the real Jesus. I don't want to settle for someone else's ideas about Jesus. I don't want to settle for MY ideas about him. And I believe every human being wants to connect with Jesus in a relationship that shapes their lives for the better. (We might use different terms to describe this inner drive, but I think our spirits were created to connect with Jesus.) So, we will study Jesus's statements about himself. Because if you want to know a person you need to hear what they say about who they are.

John 15:1-17 NIV
<small>1</small> I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <small>2</small> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <small>3</small> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <small>4</small> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <small>5</small> I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <small>6</small> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <small>7</small> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

8</small> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

9</small> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

10</small> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

11</small> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

12</small> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

13</small> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

14</small> You are my friends if you do what I command.

15</small> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

16</small> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit"fruit that will last"and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

17</small> This is my command: Love each other.

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