A detailed painting of a grapevine. The central focus is a large, dense cluster of dark blue grapes hanging from a branch. To its right, another smaller cluster of grapes is visible. The background is filled with various shades of green leaves, some showing signs of aging or damage. A thick, gnarled brown branch extends from the right side of the frame towards the center. The overall style is that of a classical oil painting, with visible brushstrokes and a rich, textured appearance.

**Message**

**The Branch and Vine**

*Neal Parker*

# Deeper Dig Into Truth

**“Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing happened.”**

**- Winston Churchill**



# The Branch

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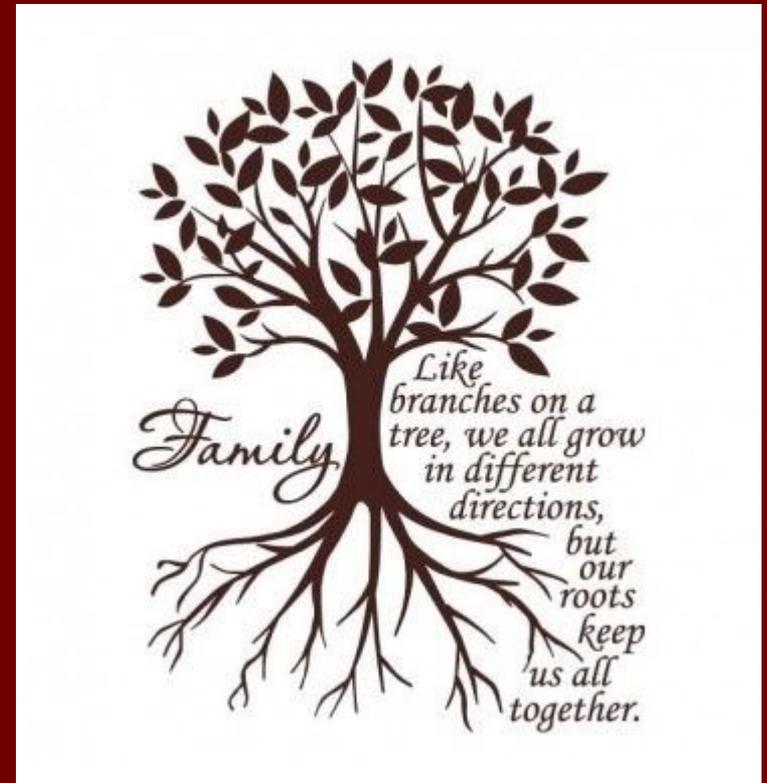
# What Is a “Branch”?

- “Branch” is capitalized six times in the Old Testament.
  - Hebrew “*semah*” is used five times
    - “Sprout, Growth or Branch”
  - Hebrew “*hoter*” is used one time
    - “Branch or Twig”



# What Is a “Branch”?

- **“Branch” is used in terms of a genealogical sense**
  - **Certain person belongs to or descends from a family line**
  - **“Heir, Descendant, Seed or Family Tree”**



# The “Branch” Passages

## ■ Isaiah 11:1-5

- “There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch (*hoter*) shall grow out of his roots.”
- Context – The Messiah will descend from the line of Jesse, the father of David.



# The “Branch” Passages

## ■ Jeremiah 23:1-8

- “...I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper and execute judgment and righteousness...THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

## ■ Jeremiah 33:14-18

- “...I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth...David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel. And the Levitical priests shall never lack a man before Me... to prepare sacrifices continually.”

# The “Branch” Passages

## ■ Zechariah 3:8-10

- “...My Servant the Branch...remove the iniquity of that land in one day”
- Jesus Christ performed this act

## ■ Philippians 2:5-11



# The “Branch” Passages

## ■ Zechariah 6:11-15

- “...Behold, a man whose name is Branch...He will build the temple of the Lord...He will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne...He will be a priest on His throne and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices.”

Prophet

Priest

King

# The “Branch” Passages

## ■ Isaiah 4:1-6

- “...the Branch of the Lord.”
- He is God’s descendant.
- He is the Son of God, not just the son of the man David
- “...the fruit of the earth.”
- Though, He is God, His is also from mankind.
- He could claim full descent from both the Godkind and humankind.

# Hidden Views of The “Branch”

## ■ King

- Jeremiah 23 and 33
- Gospel of Matthew

## ■ Servant of God

- Zechariah 3
- Gospel of Mark

## ■ Man

- Zechariah 6
- Gospel of Luke

## ■ God

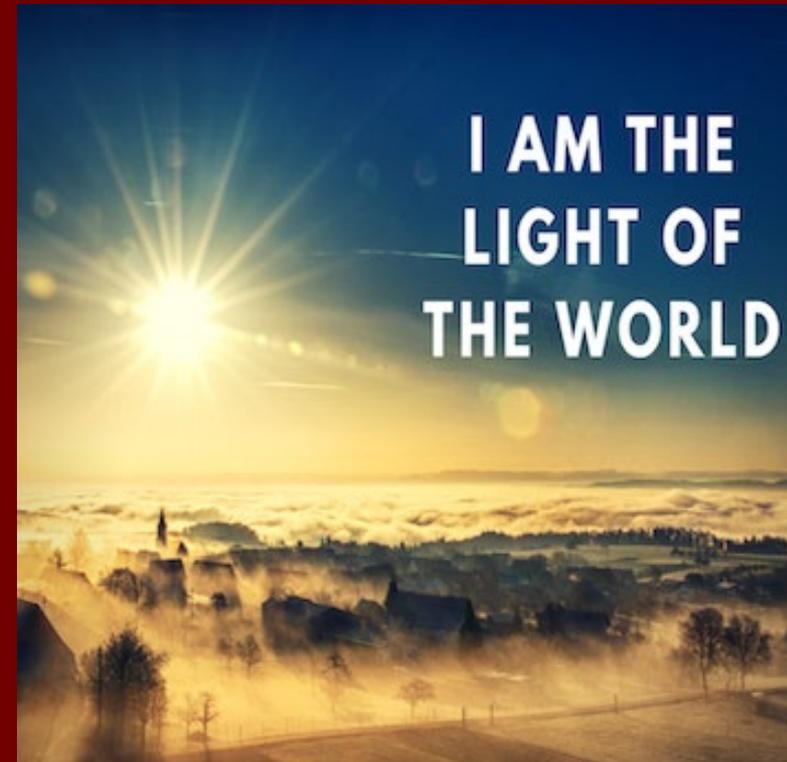
- Isaiah 4
- Gospel of John



# Jesus Christ the “Dayspring” / “Sunrise”

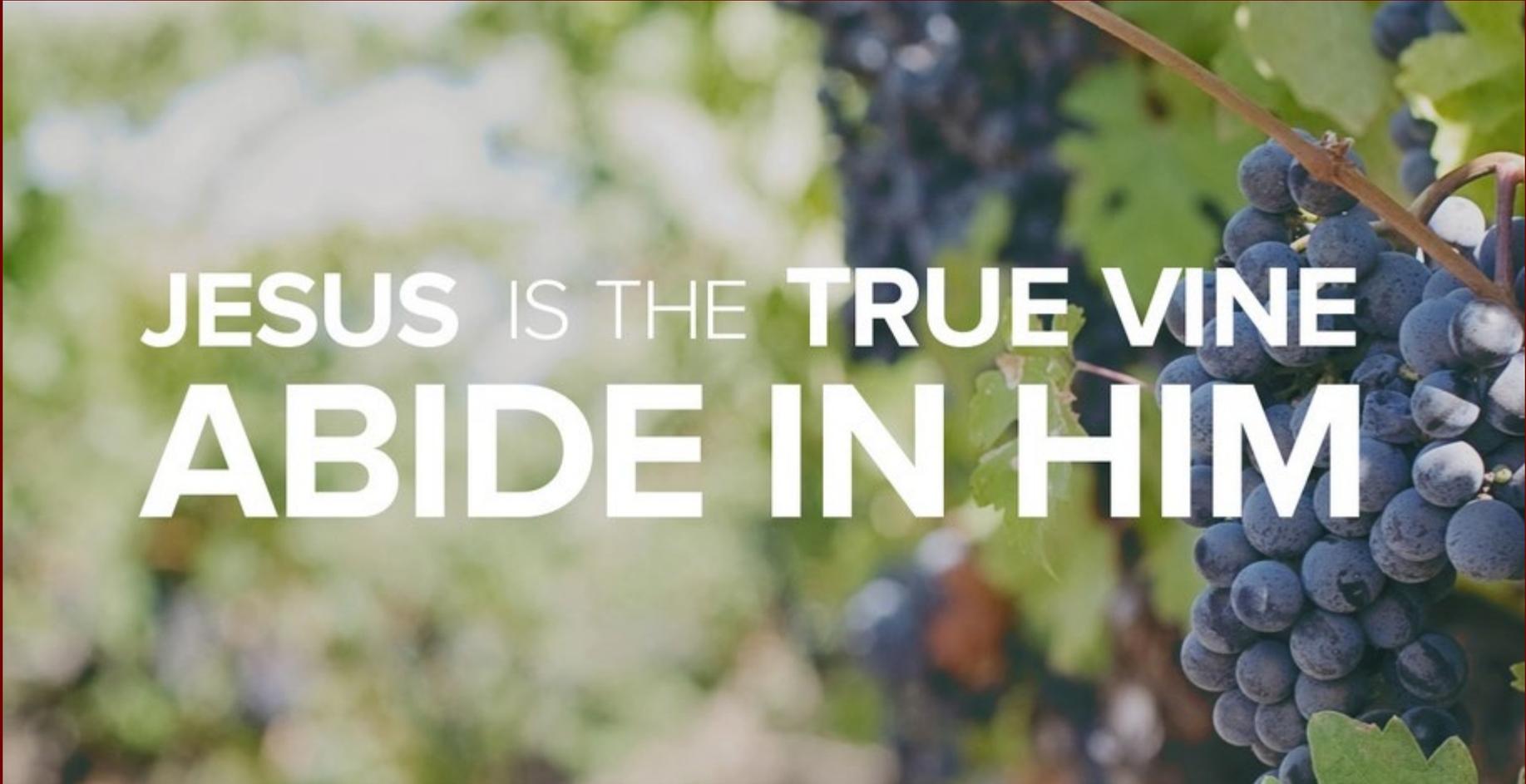
## ■ Luke 1:76-79

- Dayspring – “Anatole”
  - “Rising Up”
  - “Shoot” or “Branch”
- Dayspring – image of giving light in darkness



# Jesus Christ the “True Vine”

## ■ John 15:1-11



**JESUS IS THE TRUE VINE  
ABIDE IN HIM**

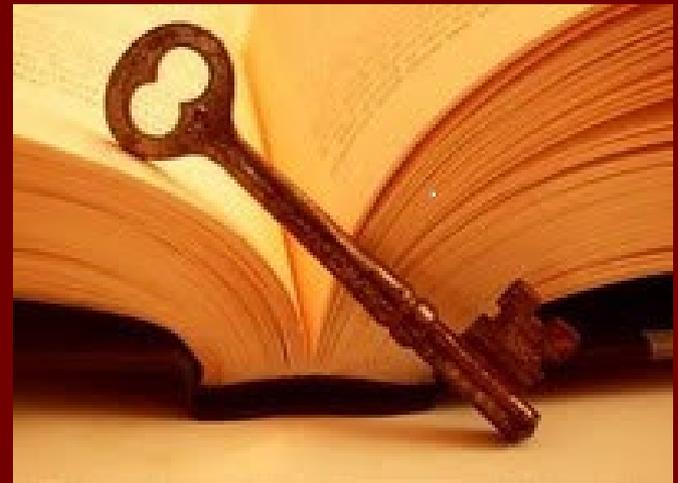
# We Are Branches Of Jesus

- **Romans 11:16-24**

- “...if the root is holy, the branches are too...”

- **Hebrews 12:3-11**

- “...All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who are trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”



# **Application of the Symbol: The Branch**

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