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<sup>23</sup> *And Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*

**-John 12:23-24**

Jesus Christ is the Only True Root that brings the Fruit of Glory (v.1a)

*“I am the true vine,*

- The Tainted Vine of the Earth produces wicked fruit
- Sin & Curse has permeated all, creation groans
- The only glorifying harvest that remains is one of wrath
- <sup>18</sup> ... *“Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe.” <sup>19</sup> So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God.*

**-Revelation 14:18b-19**

- The Tragic Vine of Israel produces worthless fruit
- Psalm 80:8-9: A vine taken from Egypt & planted to flourish
- Isaiah 5:1-7: What more was there to do that I have not done it?
- There is a yet glorifying harvest as Christ returns to Deliver
- <sup>26</sup> *and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.” <sup>27</sup> “This is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.”*

**-Romans 11:26-27**

- The True Vine of Christ produces worthy fruit

The Father is at work to Graft, to Cut Away, & to Prune (v.1b-2)

*...and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.*

- Repentance cuts from the wicked world & from the worthless Israel
- By faith, shoots are grafted into the true vine
- Those not bearing the fruit of glory are discarded
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