

# JESUS: THE GREATEST LIFE OF ALL

## ABIDING IN CHRIST

### JOHN 15:1-11



### The Heart of the Matter

No one wants to be called “good for nothing.” But that’s exactly what God calls those who refuse to abide in Christ. Life as God intended it benefits not only the person who receives salvation but also the people with whom the believer lives. And if his or her character doesn’t evidence the same qualities that distinguished Jesus, something has gone terribly wrong. Like the branch of a grapevine should bear grapes, a believer should bear the fruit of a Christlike character. However, only a branch that is connected to the vine can bear fruit and, thus, fulfill its purpose.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. Four Introductory Observations (John 15:1-11)

To fully grasp Jesus’s teaching on abiding, it’s helpful to notice four general truths.

#### 2. Looking More Closely at Jesus’s Teaching (John 15:1-11)

The vine, the vine dresser, and the branch are the three pictures Jesus uses to illustrate abiding.

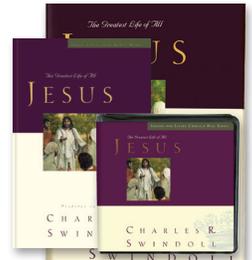


### Starting Your Journey

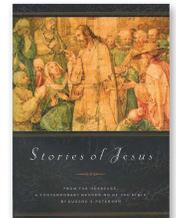
What happens when we abide in Christ? Our prayers are answered. God is glorified. Love is stimulated. Joy overflows.



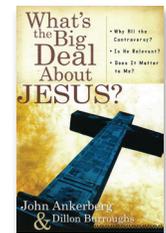
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