

Text: Biblical History Center tour; segment on the “archaeological garden” vineyard
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Transcript Conventions

Red letters: biblical citation	<u>Underline:</u> pointing gesture	[: overlapping speech
<i>Italics:</i> enacting gesture	<: touching other participant	//: touches cheek
...: touching plant	Bold: emphasis	((...)): brief pause

JF: {begins mid-sentence} a vineyard here, but it’s **no wire**, right?

DR: That’s right.

JF: In antiquity. So, it’s a very different way to grow the grapes.] C’mon.

[DR: Okay, let’s go take a look at that.

{instrumental music plays while descending to the vineyard area}

DR: Okay, well, you said there were no wires. Of course, they didn’t have wires then. So]

[JF: Right.

DR: Uh, they just let the grapes grow on the ground?

JF: Every, yep. But, every vine has a couple of rocks next to it.]

[DR: That’s right.

JF: That we do have.] Anyways.

[DR: Okay, so, what’s the purpose of that, to keep ‘em *off the ground*?

JF: Now, here’s the thing. You have to keep *lifting the *branches up ((...)) on the rock, as they get further away, because ((...)) if it touches the ground it will make a root at that point*]

[DR: Oh.

JF: *And then, what will happen ((...)) it will wither its connection ((...)) with the deeper root of the mother vine**]

[DR: Ah.

JF: **And then**, we get five months of no rain: May, June, July, August, September. In **Judea**, grapes come out August, September and it will wither. Now, let’s go back to <Jesus’ saying at the Last

Supper. I am the vine. You are the branches. Abide in me. Everybody knows ((...)) if you don't *keep a vine off the ground* ((...)) *it will make its own* ((...)) *nourishment.* And] **some**

[DR: Except twentieth century people don't know that.

JF: Well, we gotta work on that.

DR: {laughs}

JF: But, isn't it interesting, Jesus' last saying for his disciple was **keep your nourishment in life** ((...)) **based upon my deeper root.**]

[DR: Your deeper root, yes.

JF: That will hold you through the droughts. **And,** did you know the same //word "take away" in Greek is "lift up"? In fact, three out of four times it's translated "lift up." ((...)) Instead of understanding **any branch that bear not fruit I will take away.**

DR: Mhm.

JF: Three out of four times that word is "I will lift **up.**" And, if you're all the time stacking branches up onto rocks, it's a very different feeling isn't it]

[DR: Yes.

JF: Between "take away" and "lift up"? *I'll help you* ((...)) **keep your nourishment based on my deeper root.**

DR: Once again, understanding the culture, farming methods and whatever helps us to better understand the Bible.

JF: I think if more **translators** would see an **ancient** vineyard]

[DR: Yes.

JF: Without ((...)) *branches already up on wire,* they may have thought]

[DR: Okay.

JF: Of putting "*lift up*" instead of "*take away.*"

DR: Well, what's our next stop in this tour?

JF: Let's go down for the natural consequence and look at the] grape vats

[DR: See what they did with the grape?

JF: Yep.

DR: Okay. {segment ends}