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.

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

JR: Oh.

JF: *And then, what will happen* \((\ldots)\) *it will wither its connection* \((\ldots)\) *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}