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Confession –

‘homologeō’ (g) – to assent, that is, acknowledge; to profess

‘logos’ (g) – something said

“give account”

‘homologia’ (g) - acknowledgement, profession

To own, avow or acknowledge; publicly to declare a belief in and adherence to; to own and acknowledge, as true disciples, friends or children; to declare to be true, or to admit or assent to in words;

opposed to deny; to show by the effect; to prove; to attest.

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John 8 : 17 – 18

“It is also written...the testimony of two...is true.”

‘marturia’ – evidence given: a report

I Timothy 5 : 17 – 20

“Do not receive an accusations...except from...witnesses.”

Why do you need witnesses?

For a testimony; for a confession of what they saw.

Why two or three?

For accuracy and credibility

Romans 10 : 10

“...with the mouth confession is made...”

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“I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.” (John 8 : 18)

Who did Jesus say He was, is, and will ever be?

Jesus said – “I AM”

I –

The pronoun of the first person; the word which expresses one's self, or that by which a speaker or writer denotes himself

Am –

to be, to exist, to happen, to be present

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John 6 : 35

“I am the bread of life...”

John 8 : 12

“I am the light of the world...”

John 10 : 9

“I am the door...”

John 10 : 11

“I am the good shepherd...”

John 11 : 25

“I am the resurrection, and the life...”

John 14 : 6

“I am the way, the truth, and the life...”

John 15 : 1, 5

“I am the true vine...I am the vine...”

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John 15 : 1 – 8

“I am the true vine, and My father is the vinedresser...I am the vine, you are the branches...”

What is a vine and what does it do?

The vine is the support and source of life for the branches. It provides the water and nutrients by which the fruit is produced. Without the vine, no fruit could ever result.

Jesus isn't just “a” vine, He is the “true” vine.

‘alethinos’ – truthful; opposite to what is counterfeit, imaginary

‘alethes’ – true (as not concealing)

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As the vine, what does Jesus do?

He provides the nutrition to the branches

Galatians 2 : 20

“...it is no longer I...but Christ lives in me...”

Philippians 4 : 11 – 13

“...through Christ who strengthens me.”

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What makes Jesus the true vine?

Romans 11 : 16 – 17, 22 – 24

We as Gentiles have been grafted into the true vine out of the “wild” olive tree.

The practice of grafting by viticulturists allows grapes that have specific desirable characteristics to be grown on sturdier roots, often chosen specifically for resistance to particular diseases or pests.

Read more: [Anatomy of a Grape Vine | Garden Guides](http://www.gardenguides.com/131149-anatomy-grape-vine.html#ixzz2kpGGPYV8)
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As the true vine, what fruit does Jesus bear?

James 3 : 12

“Can a fig tree...bear olives, or a grapevine...figs?”

Matthew 7 : 18 – 19

“A good tree cannot bear bad fruit...”

Romans 7 : 4 – 5

“...through the body of Christ...we should bear fruit to God.”

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Can you make the same confessions as Jesus?

Jesus was, is, and will ever be:

The bread of life

The light of the world

The door

The good shepherd

The resurrection and the life

The way, the truth, and the life

The true vine

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Mat 10 : 32 – 33