

“Jesus' statement that almost got Him killed”

(John 8:58-59)

Jesus was, and still is, a controversial man.

- Jesus would say things that upset people.
- Jesus always spoke the truth, and was not afraid to be hated.

John 5:58-59a

What I'm about to tell you is true,” Jesus answered. “Before Abraham was born, I am! When he said this, they picked up stones to kill him.

“I am”

→ Goes back to Exodus 3:14

God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. Here is what you must say to the Israelites. Tell them, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

→ God as “I Am Who I Am”

- Self-existent, not created by anyone.
- Forever existing and unchanging

When Jesus said, “Before Abraham was born, I am!”, He meant:

- I am the Son of God.
- I am equal with God.

What does this make you think of Jesus Christ?

Do YOU believe that Jesus is the Son of God?

John 5: 59a

... but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

→ Jesus was actually not even close to being killed; Jesus would be killed according to God's way and timing.

Application

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Heb. 13:8)

→ Regardless of *where* or *when* you met Jesus for the first time, He is still the same Jesus *wherever* you are *now*. He stands unchanging, and His love and truth have never changed.