

John 13:1

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that ^bHis hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, This is not returning to a disappointed and moody **Father**, but rather the origin from which He came to which He would gloriously return. He is, after all, understood by the Pharisees, to have been claiming equality with God all along (John 5:18). Either the critics of today who deny Jesus ever claimed this are wrong; or the Pharisees are wrong.¹

For the 2nd time, John 8:48-59 shows the Jews' willingness to stone Jesus after He takes on an identity with the one in the burning bush of Exodus 3. Either the Jews are stupid and mistaken or they had clear understanding that Jesus was saying that He is the "I AM."

For a 3rd time in sixth chapter, the Jews are ready to kill Jesus in John 10:31-33, and they say it is because Jesus "makes [Himself] God." Who can overlook this three times? However, this cannot satisfy some religions of today like the Jehovah's Witnesses who say that Jesus is merely "one of the spirit sons" of God.²

^bJohn 12:23; 17:1

¹See note on 1:18 for more.

²_____ *What Does the Bible Really Teach* (Brooklyn: Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of Pennsylvania, 2005), 50.