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- They understood that he claimed to be deity, thus they took up stones to kill Him for blasphemy. (cf. Leviticus 24:16)
- The Jews did not misunderstand him, but perceived him to be claiming, as elsewhere in virtually the same words (Matthew 26:63-68; Mark 14:61-63; Luke 22:63-65), a personal identification with God.

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- Jesus is not the same person as God the Father, but He possesses the same nature of God-hood. (cf. John 1:1-3; 5:17-18; 10:30-33; Colossians 1:15-18; Hebrews 1:8; Philippians 2:9-11)
- Jesus eluded them and went out of the temple.
 - We are not told how. (cf. 12:36)
 - It might have been by a miracle or by the help of friends or by slipping through the confused mob.

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