



**Today, on this Summer Thursday:
Jesus said, "BEFORE ABRAHAM was, I AM"**

Gather your children together and read John 8:58

"Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM."

Application: In the presence of angry and powerful people who were willing to throw rocks and stones at Jesus, He stood to face them, many of whom were the Pharisees, part of the Hebrew ruling class, His people. We know that Truth is important to God. . . and Truth is sometimes a very difficult thing to face, especially the Truth about ourselves. Jesus, stood to speak the Truth of His identity. . .

Hundreds of years before, God had spoken the same words to Moses. . . I AM. . . God wanted the Israelites to know Him. . . and now, Jesus came to earth, to His people, to reveal the Truth of who God is, and to fulfill the promise of a Savior and Redeemer. . . The Messiah.

The Presence of TRUTH will reveal the condition of the heart. The Truth that Jesus lived before even Father Abraham, the Truth that Jesus and the Father are One, The Truth that all things were created by and through Jesus. . . I AM. . . The Truth revealed the condition of the hearts of the people. . .

JESUS revealed the TRUE identity of GOD, I AM. . . not the man-made traditions. . . not the man-made rules, biases, perceptions, not the hypocrisy of performance and human judgment, or greed. . . JESUS walked with them, He taught them, He loved them enough to tell them, to give them the TRUTH. . .

**The question remains, "What are we going to do with Jesus?
What are we going to believe? What will do with the TRUTH?"**



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Discuss with your precious ones the importance of facing the truth. Truth frees us from the lies which can so easily cloud our thinking, and our understanding. Tell them the importance of knowing Jesus themselves, not what someone else tells them about GOD... I AM. God wanted to be known by His people... Jesus spoke the TRUTH to those who followed Him and believed Him... but, HE also shared the TRUTH with those whose hearts were angry and contentious towards HIM... The TRUTH is that Jesus came to save all people... and the question remains, "What are we going to do with Jesus?" Teach your precious ones so they will know.

Memory Verse:

**"... I tell you the TRUTH, before Abraham was even born, I AM..."
John 8:58**

Pray to GOD, I AM... and thank Him for introducing Himself to you and to your precious ones. Thank Him for the TRUTH and for being the Eternal, Everlasting, Forever, I AM. Thank Him for JESUS... Thank Him that He makes us strong to stand with JESUS... I AM!

