

# John 6:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

'When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.' The crowd's response is political, not spiritual. They want a bread-providing king who will overthrow Rome and bring prosperity. Jesus withdraws—He won't be manipulated into a role contrary to His mission. His kingdom is not of this world (18:36). Political messiahship would corrupt His true purpose.

## Historical Context

First-century Jewish messianic expectation was heavily political. Rome's occupation created longing for a liberating king. Jesus' miracle-working power seemed perfect for political revolution. But His kingdom would be established through the cross, not the sword. He resists the temptation to earthly power.

## Related Passages

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. Why does Jesus reject being made king by the crowd?
2. How do people today try to reduce Jesus to merely meeting their agenda?

## Interlinear Text

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Ἰησοῦς οὖν γνοὺς ὅτι μέλλουσιν ἔρχεσθαι καὶ  
When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and  
G2424 G3767 G1097 G3754 G3195 G2064 G2532

ἀρπάζειν αὐτὸς ἵνα ποιήσωσιν αὐτὸς βασιλέα  
by force him to make him a king  
G726 G846 G2443 G4160 G846 G935

ἀνεχώρησεν πάλιν εἰς τὸ ὄρος αὐτὸς μόνος  
he departed again into a mountain him alone  
G402 G3825 G1519 G3588 G3735 G846 G3441

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 18:36** (Kingdom): Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

**Mark 11:9** (Parallel theme): And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

**Luke 19:38** (Kingdom): Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.