

# John 6:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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'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

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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

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**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**  
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ἀρπάζειν αὐτὸς ἵνα ποιήσωσιν αὐτὸς βασιλέα  
**by force** **him** **to** **make** **him** **a king**  
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ἀνεχώρησεν πάλιν εἰς τὸ ὄρος αὐτὸς μόνος  
**he departed** **again** **into** <sup>G3588</sup> **a mountain** **him** **alone**  
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## 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.