

# John 6:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

## Analysis

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Jesus' ascent to the mountain with His disciples created space for teaching away from crowds. Mountains in Scripture often serve as places of divine revelation and communion (Sinai, the Sermon on the Mount, Transfiguration). His intentional positioning there before the miracle demonstrates sovereignty—He knows what He will do and prepares His disciples to witness it.

## Historical Context

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The mountainous terrain around the Sea of Galilee provided natural amphitheaters for teaching and privacy from crowds. Jesus frequently withdrew to such places for prayer and instruction (Matthew 14:23, Luke 6:12).

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. Why does Jesus often withdraw to mountains for significant teaching and miracles?

2. How does Jesus' preparation before miracles differ from spontaneous reactions to needs?

## Interlinear Text

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ἀνῆλθεν	δὲ	εἰς	τὸ	ὄρος	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	καὶ	ἐκεῖ
<b>went up</b>	<b>And</b>	<b>into</b>	G3588	<b>a mountain</b>	G3588	<b>Jesus</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>there</b>
G424	G1161	G1519		G3735		G2424	G2532	G1563
ἐκάθητο	μετὰ	τῶν	μαθητῶν	αὐτοῦ				
<b>he sat</b>	<b>with</b>	G3588	<b>disciples</b>	G846				
G2521	G3326		G3101					

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 6:15** (References Jesus): 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.

**Luke 9:28** (Parallel theme): And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.