

John 6:15-21

John 6:15 – *“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.”*

A. Jesus knew what was on the minds of those around Him (**Matthew 12:22-25** and **John 2:24-25**).

1. Jesus is God (**Matthew 1:23** and **Romans 9:1-5**).
2. God knows our hearts/thoughts (**Jeremiah 17:10**, **Jeremiah 23:24**, and **Hebrews 4:13**).

B. They wanted Jesus to be their earthly king (**Acts 1:4-6**).

1. Jesus is the King they should’ve been looking for (**Zechariah 9:9**; cf. **Matthew 21:5-11**).
2. Jesus was never intended to be an earthly king (**John 18:36** and **II Timothy 4:18**).
 - a. He was to take the throne of David (**Luke 1:32**).
 - b. That throne was/is in Heaven (**Acts 2:29-36**; cf. **Psalms 110:1**).
3. Since prophecies were not always easy to understand (**Colossians 1:25-27** and **I Peter 1:9-12**), we can understand their confusion (**Isaiah 9:6-7** and **Daniel 7:14**).

C. Jesus sometimes chose to depart from the presence of people (**Matthew 14:23**, **Mark 1:35**, **Mark 6:46**, and **Luke 6:12**).

1. Though Jesus was apart from man, He was never alone (**John 8:29** and **John 16:32**).
2. For things such as prayer, it is good to get away to focus (**Matthew 6:6**).

John 6:16-21 – *“(16) And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea, (17) And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. (18) And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew. (19) So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid. (20) But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid. (21) Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.”*

A. When the Lord had work for His disciples to do, no storm was going to prevent them from continuing on (**Acts 27:21-25**). * *Note: In the miraculous age* (**Mark 16:20**).

1. If Jesus were with them, He could calm the storm (**Psalms 107:24-25** and **Matthew 8:23-27**).
2. Jesus will not always be physically at the side of His disciples (**John 14:25-30** and **John 16:16-22**).

B. Notice another account: **Matthew 14:22-33**.

1. They didn’t see Jesus for who He was (**Luke 24:13-35**).
2. When Peter took a step of faith, he couldn’t walk the rest of the way by faith (**II Corinthians 5:7**, **Hebrews 10:23**, and **James 1:8**).