

# King Jesus - Resolute

*Matthew 16:21–23 | Luke 13:31–32*

## Main Idea

Jesus remained fully committed to the will of God—refusing to be distracted by fear, opposition, or even well-meaning voices. As His followers, we are called to do the same.

### 1. God’s Will May Include Suffering

#### Matthew 16:21

- Jesus knew He *must* suffer, be killed, and be raised.
- The cross was not accidental—it was God’s plan.

**Truth:** Obedience does not always lead to comfort—it often leads through difficulty.

#### Ask Yourself:

- Do I assume hardship means I’m outside God’s will?
- Am I willing to follow God even when it’s costly?

### 2. Human Thinking Can Oppose God’s Will

#### Matthew 16:22–23

“You are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

#### The Mind of Man:

- Avoid suffering
- Seek comfort
- Protect self

#### The Mind of God:

- Obey the Father
- Embrace sacrifice
- Trust His plan

**Ask Yourself:**

- Where am I thinking more like the world than like God?
- Is there a “voice” pulling me away from obedience?

### **3. Don't Be Intimidated by Fear or Power**

**Luke 13:31–32**

“Go and tell that fox...”

- Jesus was not controlled by threats (Herod).
- He stayed focused on His mission.

**Truth:** God's purpose is greater than man's power.

**Ask Yourself:**

- What fears are influencing my decisions?
- Where have I allowed intimidation to stop obedience?

### **4. Stay Focused on Finishing Your Course**

**Luke 13:32**

“...the third day I finish my course.”

- Jesus lived with purpose and determination.
- He didn't just start—He finished.

**Truth:**

Faithfulness is measured in finishing, not just beginning.

**Ask Yourself:**

- What has God called me to stay faithful in?
- Where am I tempted to quit?

### **Practical Takeaways**

- Recognize worldly thinking
- Expect difficulty in following Jesus
- Refuse to be ruled by fear
- Stay focused on God's calling
- Choose obedience daily

## **Reflection Questions**

1. Where is God asking me to trust Him, even if it's hard?
2. What "things of man" am I holding onto?
3. What fear do I need to surrender to God?
4. What would it look like for me to stay faithful this week?

## **Closing Challenge**

Will you set your mind on the things of God—even when it costs you?

Following Jesus means choosing His way over comfort, fear, and human reasoning. Stay the course. Trust the Father. Finish well.