

## You Asked For It! Here' Jesus!

Some of you undoubtedly recognize the music that is playing.

The theme song for the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson.

What's missing is a voice.

The music was accompanied with lots of fanfare.

And Ed McMahon would grind out the famous handle "Here's Johnny."

And then list the celebrities that would be appearing with him.

John F Kennedy, former U.S. President Richard Nixon, George Segal, Kirstie Alley, Robin Williams, Jim Carrey, Whoopi Goldberg, Paul McCartney, Donald Sutherland, William Shatner, Jimmy Stewart.

Lots of hooplas and fanfare and excitement and anticipation.

The studio audience would go crazy and shout and clap.

Night after night, year after year Johnny Carson was acclaimed.

4531 episodes.

Johnny was dubbed the King of Late Night.

Johnny Carson didn't know who was waiting for him in the audience.

He rarely met with his guests before the show.

He certainly couldn't see who was on the other side of the cameras.

He didn't know if I was watching, which most shows I wasn't.

He wouldn't be able to mention any of us by name.

Well we are here in anticipation of another whose initials are J. C. tonight.

He is not the King of Late Night, He is the King of all kings - Jesus the Christ!

King Jesus is coming!

His coming is not just for 4531 episodes.

His coming is eternal!

And He knows exactly who He is coming for.

He is coming for you and for me!

He is coming personally for all by name

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He is coming for all who celebrate the birth of the King of Kings & Lord of Lords.

READ REVELATION 5:6-14

This is who we celebrate tonight.

The Lamb that once was slain, Jesus the crucified.

But now the Lamb who holds the destiny of this world in His hands.

Jesus who alone is worthy to open the scroll of the future.

Jesus the Lamb but also the Lion of Judah.

Jesus the crucified who is now the One who conquers.

Jesus of whom thousands of thousands of angels boldly proclaim:

**"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"** (Revelation 5:12)

Jesus of whom every living creature everywhere proclaims:

**"To Him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!"** (Revelation 5:13)

This is the Jesus we celebrate!

Remember the Child in the manger - that isn't who Jesus is any more.

Remember Jesus dying on the cross - that isn't who Jesus is any more.

He is alive and triumphant, and victorious, and conqueror, King and Lord, and Saviour, and powerful, and Alpha and Omega, Beginning and the End

- and worthy of your worship tonight and every day.

More than nineteen hundred years ago there was a man born contrary to the laws of life. This man lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity. He did not travel extensively. Only once did He cross the boundary of the country in which He lived; that was during His exile in childhood.

He possessed neither wealth nor influence. His relatives were inconspicuous and had neither training nor formal education. In infancy He startled a king; in childhood He puzzled doctors; in manhood He ruled the course of nature, walked upon the billows as if pavements, and hushed the sea to sleep. He healed the multitudes without medicine and made no charges for His service.

He never wrote a book, yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written about Him. He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the songwriters combined. He never founded a college, but all the schools put together cannot boast of having as many students. He never marshaled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun; and yet no leader ever had more volunteers who have, under His orders, made more rebels stack arms and surrender without a shot being fired.

He never practiced medicine and yet He healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far and near. Every seventh day the wheels of commerce cease their turning and multitudes wend their way to worshiping assemblies to pay homage and respect to Him. The names of past, proud statesmen of Greece and Rome have come and gone. The names of past scientists, philosophers, and theologians have come and gone, but the name of this man abounds more and more.

Although nineteen hundred years between the people of this generation and the scene of His crucifixion have passed, yet He still lives. Herod could not destroy Him and the grave could not hold Him. He stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of GOD, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints, and feared by devils, as the living personal Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

WE CALL HIM - JESUS!

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