

If I could be remembered only for one song, I hope that it would be this one. If I were to be judged as a songwriter, I hope that I would be seen as a teller of stories through song.

This song is a story, which takes us back to the time of Jesus to see events unfold through the eyes of an eyewitness. He's a fictional character, but who knows? ... Somebody very much like him may well have existed.

Our story begins in the synagogue at Nazareth¹ where Jesus is teaching. Our man is one of those listening who reject Jesus and his teaching. After all, they know him as just the local carpenter's son ... what makes him special?

However, something that Jesus said or did must have struck a chord, and he just can't get Jesus out of his head. Although still sceptical, he follows Jesus's teaching with some interest.

Sadly, it is only in the last verse when, as we find ourselves at the foot of the cross, the penny drops. As he suddenly recognises Jesus for who he really is, he realises that he is among the crowd that has just crucified ... the Son of God.

¹ Matthew ch13, v53-58 / Mark ch6, v 1-6

Who Are You?

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He's just the son of Joseph
Messiah! **No, you can't be serious ... Jesus**
This carpenter's no prophet
He's just a Nazarene like us ... Jesus

**They say that his mother's a virgin
That he was born in a stable
I've tried very hard to believe it
But I'm not convinced that I'm able to ... Can you?**

I've heard some of his stories
But they're not meant for folk like us ... Jesus
Though I admit he moves me
He's something else, that's obvious ... Jesus

**The way that he strode through the temple
Throwing the tables asunder
Even the demons obey him
I don't understand but I wonder, Who ... are you?**

Step by weary step along the track
A heavy cross upon his back
Hoisted aloft in public view
A King indeed, King of the Jews
As we watch he draws his final breath
A most humiliating death
But he knew it had to finish thus
He has been crucified by us ... Jesus
... Jesus
... Jesus