

# THE REAL JESUS OF EASTER

John 18:1-14

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**What Does God Want Us to Get Right about Jesus?**  
  
Three Realizations

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**The Real Jesus is to be Taken Seriously.**  
  
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**The Real Jesus Felt the Pain.**

Matthew 26

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**How Did Jesus Feel about His Impending Crucifixion?**

4 Clues

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**Jesus Was Desperately Sorrowful.**

Mark 14

<sup>34</sup> Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death

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**Jesus Pleaded to be Spared.**

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**Jesus' Body Revolted Phycially.**

Luke 22

<sup>44</sup> And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

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**Jesus Dreaded What Lay Ahead.**

Hebrews 12

<sup>2</sup> endured the cross, despising the shame

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## The Real Jesus Could Have Said No.

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## How Do We Know Jesus was in Charge?

- **The Place** – Familiar, Predictable, Known
- **The Force** – Large, Loud, Visible
- **Jesus** – Knew What Would Happen
- **Jesus** – Initiates Contact
- **Jesus** – Speaks First. Moves Things Along.
- **Jesus** – Boldly Identifies Himself
- **Jesus** – Stops His Defenders

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## Now That You Know the Real Jesus . . .

Live Changed by It.

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