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## Jesus Jones – Live At The Marquee

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If you make a short list of music acts that single-handedly ruined Rock, Post-Punk, New Wave and anything good and potent Rock stood for, then Jesus Jones would be at the top of the list. Still performing together (!!!), they have this uncanny ability to get worse and worse and worse no matter what they do. This new concert-as-torture-test runs something like two hours and it's a nightmare like a George Romero zombie film, minus the entertainment

Of course, there is that instant hit from hell, Right Here, Right Now. It was supposed to be about the joy of The Berlin Wall & USSR falling. Too bad it totally ignored neo-Conservatism, the dark side of Globalization and every other key political development that would have the song as impossible as Walking On Sunshine by Katrina & The Waves to listen to today, with the latter needing a mega-disaster to make it go away. This nightmare continues. To top it off, lead singer Mike Edwards' voice is gone and then he decides to wax poetically about how remarkably well his songs stand up. Yea..... in Hell!

The 1.33 X 1 image is shot on NTSC analog videotape and looks ill defined and blurry. The Dolby Digital 5.1 spread the sound around in an ambience of madness that surrounds you with bad music throughout. It is not that sonically impressive to boot. Extras include a lame interview and "biography" notes that are really two frames of sarcasm about their career that talk at the audience. To paraphrase Mike + The Mechanics: "All I need is a Tylenol, all I neeeeeeeeeeed its true. All I need is a Tylenol. All I need is a Tylenol...."

Nicholas Sheffo

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