

## **BOB DYLAN**

### **Inside Bob Dylan's Jesus Years: Busy Being Born...Again!**

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Like most great artists, Bob Dylan's state of permanent personal revolution imbues him with that odd quality of unpredictability which leaves fans scratching their heads – what's he going to come up with next? Thus it seemed remarkable to fans that, as a Jew, in 1978 he should find himself suddenly embraced by Jesus Christ.

Long time, hard line Zimm fans usually consider "the Jesus years" to be Bob's nadir, but it did at least give us one memorable track, 'Gotta Serve Somebody'. However, if you inadvertently bought this DVD thinking you might enjoy either live performances from the period, then you'd be disappointed. This film, directed and produced by Joel Gilbert, is for Dylan completists only. It is a remarkably well-made documentary, beautifully shot and edited, and

you get the full low-down on Bob's Bethlehem years from such talking heads as Jerry Wexler, who produced "Slow Train Coming". Songwriters, preachers - they're all here, yet what we see of Dylan is grainy amateur footage of him plying his JC gospel material. Bonus features include a photo gallery from the period 78-81, full soundtrack mp3s and an interesting contribution from the wrongly imprisoned boxer, 'Hurricane' Carter, a man who became a cause célèbre for Dylan during this time.

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