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JESUS LIZARD, THE , Live DVD



Finally! It only took ten or so years to get a live document of one of the greatest bands ever on the screen instead of in your ears. This video documents a great show in the Fall of '94, Chicago's Jesus Lizard playing in Boston while they're out on tour. Right from the get-go they explode with force, dishing out "Destroy Before Reading" and totally slaying, of course. Frontman David Yow was one of the most deranged guys in front of a mic, spending more time on people's heads and probably smelling pretty ripe. Everything about their performance is right on cue, blasting through bass heavy punk dirges from four guys who are better than you. All sweat and manic energy, Yow attacks the crowd like he wants some revingery (that's right). I saw these guys way back in '95, but it was a much larger show (OK, it was Lollapalooza) and didn't have the intimacy of the show at this dive. Still I was able to grab David Yow's arm, as we crowd surfed together, mashing people's faces and hopefully causing harm. His drunken, violet howl permeates the sound, and I know it's an acquired voice, some folks thought he was a clown. but I really dig it, as well as the tightness of the rest of the band. I really wish I had the chance to just shake all of their hands. Strangely enough, there's a post-show interview. Yow is quite polite and reserved, unlike the host who totally blew. Additionally, there's an extra short set of a show at CBGB's that happened in '92, it's like a nice little freebie. Seriously, if you've never owned a Jesus Lizard recording, do yourself a favor and stop being so boring. This video should do the trick, the sound is great, the bass is thick. Do it now with the quickness, I'm getting sick of all this monkey business. (MVD Visual, www.mvdvisual.com)