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Hail Jesus

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Nine Pound Hammer and Nashville Pussy founder Blaine Cartwright isn't the most likely looking

writer of gospel songs. Yet, having grown up listening to a mix of r'n'b, gospel and punk, he wanted to create a rock'n'roll gospel album with attitude. Caught and trapped by a freak Atlanta snowstorm in 2011, he finally had time to conceive *Hail Jesus*.

Earl Crim and Rob Hulsman (Nine Pound Hammer) plus bass player Todd Gorrell (The Yellow Belts) were recruited by Cartwright, together with his wife Ruyter Suys (Nashville Pussy) and Erin Reynolds (Oh My Me), to record five original songs and five covers.

On standout track 'We All Know What Jesus Did', with Crim and Suys tearing it up on guitar, Cartwright asks those regular churchgoers who sing gospel music and have a Christian fish on the back of their car: *'Did you feed the hungry?/Did you clothe the naked?/Did you practise peace and embrace the rejected?/Unless you did these things, there is no doubt/that you missed the point of what Our Lord is all about'*.

These are classic rock'n'roll songs with a Christian message written from the heart, lashed with cowpunk but no hint of parody.

David Lees