

# Jesus held in Guantanamo

The Bush administration is refusing to comment on allegations that Jesus Christ, Son of God, was detained as an ‘illegal combatant’ in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In 2002, U.S. immigration officials reported questioning a bearded, Middle-Eastern man who – when asked to state the purpose of his visit – informed them that he was ‘on a mission from God’ which involved ‘dying as a religious martyr’. The man was promptly arrested under the Patriot Act and sent to Guantanamo. Only after he left Cuba – in circumstances which remain unclear – was the man identified as Jesus. In a move that is likely to embarrass the already beleaguered U.S. President, Christ plans to talk exclusively about His experiences in a forthcoming show at the Edinburgh Fringe, entitled *Jesus: The Guantanamo Years*.

Critics of the messiah have described His decision to come to Edinburgh as an ‘opportunistic’ attempt to re-launch His comedy career after a long absence. Speaking at a press-conference, a spokesman for Jesus was defensive: ‘Christ is still comedy’s king of kings. That’s widely acknowledged within the industry. It’s virtually impossible to go to a comedy club without hearing at least one of the acts performing Jesus material.’ The spokesman added that, as well as chronicling His time in Guantanamo, the show will explore Christ’s controversial relationship with His Father, and His on-going legal battle with *Monty Python’s Life of Brian*.

***Jesus: The Guantanamo Years* runs at the Underbelly  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>–27<sup>th</sup> (except Mondays: 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>) @ 1pm  
Tickets: 0870 745 3083 or [www.underbelly.co.uk](http://www.underbelly.co.uk)  
Previews in Dublin: Project Arts Centre, Temple Bar, July 3<sup>rd</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> @ 8.15pm**

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