

Musikvideo: Jesus Walks fra albummet The College Dropout (Kanye West)



Tema: at Gud søger mennesket og går med på vejen, om synd og tilgivelse, følgeskab og medvandring

Musikvideoen handler om fire forskellige personer i et storby-miljø, der søger udfrielse fra deres liv og hvordan de opsøges af ??Gud???: en sort præst i en kirke, en prostitueret, der står på sin flise, en hjemløs dranker, med sin flaske og sit liv i en indkøbsvogn og en gangster, der kommer i uoverensstemmelse med sin gadebande. Alle fire flygter på forskelligvis fra deres liv og hjælpes af "engle" i form af almindelige mennesker med vinger. Personerne mødes til sidst i kirken hos præsten omsluttet af religiøse symboler såsom engle, duer, lys og lynnedslag.

Teksten handler om, hvordan Gud opsøger mennesket, også selv om man ikke er Guds bedste barn. Sangen diskuterer hvordan Jesus går med mennesker af alle slags lige fra den største synder til præsten, der prædiker. Lige meget om man er troende eller tvivlende, så gentages det gang på gang i sangen, at Jesus går med. *"Jesus walks with me. I want to talk to God, but I'm afraid because we ain't spoke in so long."*

Baggrund:

"**Jesus Walks**" er en hiphop sang af den amerikanske rap-kunstner og producer Kanye West. Sangen udkom på hans debut album *The College Dropout* i 2004. Sangen er bygget op omkring en sampling af gospelsangen "Walk with me" sunget af ARC-koret (Addicts Rehabilitation Choir – et amerikansk gospelkor som er en del af et afvænningsprogram for narkomane/alkoholikere). Kanye West rapper hen over denne sang, hvori han beskriver forskellige gangster-miljøer og understreger at også her går Jesus med os. Derudover kritiserer han, hvordan medier forsøger at undgå sange, der omhandler tro og tvivl, men gerne vil spille sange, der omhandler vold, sex og stoffer. Han rapper: *"So here go my single, dog, radio needs this/They say you can rap about anything except for Jesus/That means guns, sex, lies, video tapes/But if I talk about God my record won't get played, huh? "*

"Jesus Walks"

Yo, We at war
We at war with terrorism, racism, and most of all we at war with ourselves
(Jesus Walks)

God show me the way because the Devil trying to break me down
(Jesus Walks with me) with me, with me, with me [fades]

You know what the Midwest is?
Young & Restless
Where restless (Niggas) might snatch your necklace
And next these (Niggas) might jack your Lexus
Somebody tell these (Niggas) who Kanye West is
I walk through the valley of the shadow of death is
Top floor the view alone will leave you breathless Uhhhh!

Try to catch it Uhhhh! It's kinda hard hard
Getting choked by the detectives yeah yeah now check the method
They be asking us questions, harass and arrest us
Saying "we eat pieces of shit like you for breakfast"
Huh? Yall eat pieces of shit? What's the basis?
We ain't going nowhere but got suits and cases
A truck full of crap rental car from Avis
My momma used to say only Jesus can save us
Well momma I know I act a fool
But I'll be gone 'til November I got packs to move I Hope

[Hook x2]

(Jesus Walks)

God show me the way because the Devil trying to break me down
(Jesus Walks with me)

The only thing that that I pray is that my feet don't fail me now
(Jesus Walks)

And I don't think there is nothing I can do now to right my wrongs
(Jesus Walks with me)

I want to talk to God but I'm afraid because we ain't spoke in so long

To the hustlers, killers, murderers, drug dealers even the strippers
(Jesus walks with them)

To the victims of Welfare for we living in hell here hell yeah
(Jesus walks with them)

Now hear ye hear ye want to see Thee more clearly

I know he hear me when my feet get weary

Cause we're the almost nearly extinct

We rappers are role models we rap we don't think

I ain't here to argue about his facial features

Or here to convert atheists into believers

I'm just trying to say the way school need teachers

The way Kathie Lee needed Regis that's the way I need Jesus

So here go my single dog radio needs this

They say you can rap about anything except for Jesus

That means guns, sex, lies, video tapes

But if I talk about God my record won't get played Huh?

Well let this take away from my spins

Which will probably take away from my ends

Then I hope this take away from my sins

And bring the day that I'm dreaming about

Next time I'm in the club everybody screaming out

(Jesus Walks)

God show me the way because the devil trying to break me down
(Jesus Walks)

The only thing that that I pray is that my feet don't fail me now
(Jesus Walks)

And I don't thing there's nothing I can do now to right my wrongs
(Jesus walks with me... fades)

I want to talk to God but I'm afraid because we ain't spoke in so long