

# Johnny Cash

## "Man In White"

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I studied at the feet of a master  
Gamaliel we called him, the beauty of the law  
I was born of the Tribe of Benjamin, I was a Pharisee  
And I could quote from memory the Holy Torah

That day that the Nazarene was brought to trial  
It was on a Sabbath eve, there was a earthquake when  
He died  
Just another passing preacher who came up from  
Galilee  
Blaspheming trouble-maker, we let Him be crucified

Then I thought that I would hear no more about him  
But his friends found his tomb empty  
Claimed that he rose from the dead  
Then they said he walked among them  
With the nail wounds in his hands  
That King upon a donkey with a thorn crown on his  
head

His followers kept growing in great number  
And the one that they call Caiaphas mocked us in the  
judgment hall  
And with the Greek name Stephen, we knew the  
gentiles had come in  
I cast my vote against him, he was stoned I saw him fall

Then the friends of the Nazarene became united  
And I became enraged then led a slaughter zealously  
I found their secret places, they were beaten, they were  
chained  
But some of them were scattered, justified in fearing  
me

Then the Man in White, appeared to me  
In such a blinding light it struck me down  
With it's brilliance, took away my sight, then the Man in  
White  
In gentle loving tone spoke to me  
And I was blinded so that I might see, the Man in White

But like the wind that blows the scattered sea

From Alexandria to Antioch their congregation grew  
I went to the high priest for letters of permission  
To go to other cities, to see my mission through

Six days on the hot road to the masters  
And just outside the city in the middle of the day  
A great unearthly light struck and overpowered me  
Prostrate on the hot road, I was blinded were I laid

Then I thought I heard the rushing of great water  
And a multitude of angels singing sweet and heavenly  
And through the sound of wind, came a voice so soft  
and kind  
Meant for only me to hear, "Saul, why do you persecute  
me?"

As I lay there on the ground, in my blindness  
He asked me once again, and suddenly the voice I  
knew  
So finally I managed, a trembling response  
Who are you Lord? I asked him, but I already knew

I am Jesus of Nazareth the voice answered  
Arise go to Damascus on the street called Straight will  
be  
A place where you will wait for my servant Ananias  
He will open up your eyes, you'll be a witness unto me

So now I live to serve my master  
As zealous in his service as I once was as his foe  
And keeping his commandments given on Damascus  
road  
I go to all the world, and I let the whole world know

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