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# Jim Caviezel Says Jesus Appeared to Him Before Passion

*A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.*

**KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY**

*"Hang Out with Sean Hannity"*

*(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)*

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

## The Story - Part One

Actor Jim Caviezel, 58, says Jesus appeared to him more than 20 years ago as he weighed taking the lead role in Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ. Caviezel told Sean Hannity on the "Hang Out with Sean Hannity" podcast, which aired on 10 November 2026, that the figure sat at the foot of his bed at about five in the morning and told him, "I don't have anybody else." Caviezel accepted the part.

This is Caviezel's own account of what happened, told in his own words on the podcast this week. The encounter itself, if it happened as he describes it, took place more than 20 years ago. The news is that he has now told it publicly, in detail, to one of the biggest audiences in American media.

"About five something in the morning, this presence came over me, and I know it was him... He was sitting Indian-style on the foot of my bed." That is how Caviezel described the moment to Hannity. He was 33 at the time, the same age as Jesus at the crucifixion, and his initials are J.C. He has pointed to both facts before as signs that the role was meant for him.

### Jim Caviezel Jesus Appeared Before The Passion Of The Christ

When Caviezel refused the part, the figure answered him. "I don't have anybody else," he says Jesus told him.

That sentence, as Caviezel tells it, was the one that settled the decision. He said yes to Mel Gibson's film, and the result became one of the most watched and most debated religious films ever made.

The Passion of the Christ, released in 2004, took in hundreds of millions of dollars around the world and drew audiences who had never before sat through a film in Aramaic and Latin. For Caviezel, the film was also a personal ordeal. He has spoken for years about what the shoot cost him physically, and he returned to those stories on Hannity's podcast this week.

The story he told is not new in outline. Caviezel has spoken about his faith and about the film for two decades. What is new is the setting and the detail: a podcast conversation, aired on 10 November, in which he laid out the bedroom encounter in plain, unhurried language, as a memory he still carries with him.

## The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

### PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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