

Jesus is on the wire

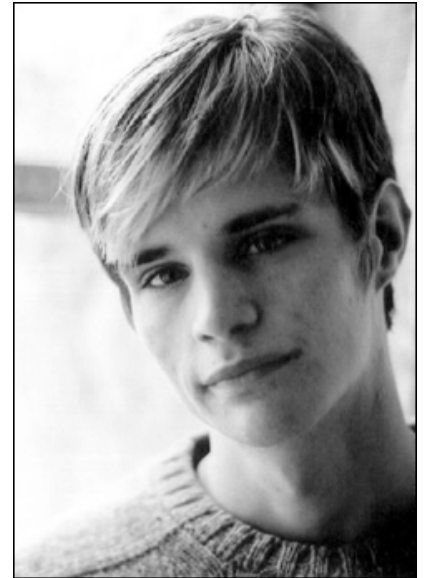
Background Information

Shortly after midnight on October 7, 1998, 21 year old gay university student Matthew Shepard met two men at a hotel in Laramie, Wyoming who offered him a lift home.

After Shepard admitted that he was gay, the two men robbed him, pistol whipped and tortured him and then tied him to a fence in a remote, rural area where he was left to die.

Still tied to the fence, Shepard was discovered 18 hours later still alive but in a coma. He never regained consciousness and died the following Monday.

The anti-gay Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas, picketed Shepard's funeral as well as the trial of his assailants, displaying signs with slogans such as "Matt Shepard rots in Hell", "AIDS Kills Fags Dead" and "God Hates Fags".



Jesus is on the wire (Thza Hopkins – recorded by Peter, Paul & Mary, 2004)

Run-down church red clay
River covered in a smoky haze
Sunday morning the fires out
Sunday morning no one about

The earth is soft this time of year
Boots get caked from there to here
Down the road Route 25
Found this boy barely alive

*Jesus is on the wire
So far away higher and higher*

Took him down off a fence
Cold as ice almost dead
They said that he slept with guys
They said that he deserved to die

*Jesus is on the wire
So far away higher and higher*