

### *Who was Jesus ben Ananias?*

During the Feast of Tabernacles in AD 62 Jesus ben Ananias was a man who, as Craig Evans wrote:

...stood in the temple precincts and “suddenly began to cry out, ‘A voice from the east, a voice from the west, a voice from the four winds, a voice against Jerusalem and the sanctuary, a voice against the bridegroom and the bride, a voice against all the people.’ ” Jesus’ words are based on Jeremiah 7:34: “I will bring to an end the sound of mirth and gladness, the voice of the bride and bridegroom in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; for the land shall become a waste.”

...Jesus ben Ananias continued his gloomy ministry for seven years, especially crying out during the feasts, until he was struck and killed by a Roman siege stone in A.D. 69...<sup>1</sup>

The historical account comes from Josephus.

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<sup>1</sup> Evans, C. A. (2000). Jesus Ben Ananias. In *Dictionary of New Testament background: a compendium of contemporary biblical scholarship* (electronic ed., pp. 561–562). InterVarsity Press.