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**GRAMMY WINNING CASTING CROWNS
EXTENDS 'ONLY JESUS' TOUR INTO 2020
WITH SPECIAL GUEST MATTHEW WEST**



***Presented by Compassion International,
Spring 2020 Leg of Tour Set To Launch in March***

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – GRAMMY® winning multi-platinum group **Casting Crowns** has announced plans to extend its widely popular **Only Jesus Tour** into 2020, following successful runs in 2019 which included stops in nearly 60 major markets and multiple sell-outs in arenas across the country. The tour takes its name from the band's current top-selling album *Only Jesus*. The 2020 spring leg will feature award-winning singer-songwriter **Matthew West** as special guest.

Presented by Compassion International, the spring 2020 leg of the Only Jesus Tour kicks off in March and will travel to major venues across the country, making stops in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, New Jersey, Virginia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi and more before wrapping up in late April. For ticket details, visit www.CastingCrowns.com/tour.

With more than 11 million records sold, Casting Crowns has held the position of Billboard's top-selling act in Christian music since 2007. The band continues to impact audiences with their powerful live shows, having performed for more than 7 million fans. The Only Jesus Tour marks one of the band's most successful tours to date. Through their concerts, Casting Crowns has been able to unite more than 120,000 children with sponsors and it remains a huge part of their calling to take care of the widows and orphans all over the globe.

ABOUT CASTING CROWNS

Prolific CCM band **Casting Crowns** has achieved sales milestones with more than 11 million albums sold including one RIAA 2x multi-Platinum album, five RIAA Platinum albums, two RIAA Platinum DVDs, seven RIAA Gold albums, four Gold DVDs, one RIAA Platinum certified single and five RIAA Gold certified digital singles. The band currently holds the position as Billboard's top-selling act in Christian music since 2007. Casting Crowns has also been honored with four American Music Awards (out of seven total nominations), a GRAMMY Award for its 2005 album *Lifesong*, and seven GRAMMY nominations. In addition, the group has garnered 18 GMA Dove Awards and two Billboard Music Awards from 11 total Billboard Music Award nominations. Casting Crowns' seven band members all remain active in student ministry in the Atlanta area and tour according to their local church commitments. Serving his 25 plus years in youth ministry, lead singer/songwriter Mark Hall maintains his role as the student pastor at Eagle's Landing First Baptist Church in Atlanta. For more information, visit www.castingcrowns.com.

ABOUT MATTHEW WEST

Matthew West is a four-time GRAMMY® nominee, a multiple ASCAP Christian Music Songwriter/Artist of the Year winner and a 2018 Dove Award Songwriter of the Year (Artist) recipient. He has received an American Music Award, a Billboard Music Award, a K-LOVE Fan Award and named Billboard's Hot Christian Songwriter of the Year. A recipient of the Rich Mullins Impact Award, West also received a Primetime Emmy® Award nomination for Original Music & Lyrics for the title track for the feature film "The Heart of Christmas." He has been awarded a RIAA Gold certification for his single "Hello, My Name Is" and RIAA Platinum certification for the song "The Motions." In addition to his own recording career, he has co-hosted the K-LOVE Fan Awards five times and has more than 130 songwriting credits to his name, including cuts by Rascal Flatts, Scotty McCreery, Michael W. Smith, Amy Grant, Mandisa, Danny Gokey and others, along with back-to-back No. 1 songs by Casting Crowns including their recent single, "Nobody," which West is featured. Adding author to his list of accolades, West has written five books to date: *Give This Christmas Away*, *The Story Of Your Life*, *Forgiveness*, *Today Is Day One* and his latest, *Hello, My Name Is*. For more information, visit www.matthewwest.com.

ABOUT COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

Founded in 1952, **Compassion International** is a Christian child development organization that works to release children from poverty in Jesus' name. Compassion revolutionized the fight against global poverty by working exclusively with the Church to lift children out of spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty. Compassion partners with more than 6,700 churches in 25 countries to deliver its holistic child development program to over 1.8 million babies, children and young adults. It is the only child sponsorship program to be validated through independent, empirical research. For more information, visit www.compassion.com.

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