



Reading Our Bible Together in 2020

The Songs of Summer

Theology in Popular Music: Mostly The Good (because we're not in the mood for bad or weird)

A lot of us had fun last summer with the first edition of this study, and readers sent so many songs that I couldn't use them all. Now it's hot and I'm lazy, and we're going to do another edition!

May 18	Luke 11:1-13; James 5:13-20	English & Italian: "The Prayer" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CT1kO8mxbUE
May 19	Psalms 148:1-14	Zulu: "Hallelujah" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-hahJfvFtE
May 20	Luke 15:11-32	Tagalog: "Child" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gG7Ykrpx3ks
May 21	1 Sam. 17:54 – 18:4; John 15:11-17;	Spanish: "Guantanamera" – a song of loving friendship. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6-N28efRMc
May 22	Exodus 2:5; Leviticus 19:36; Matthew 22:17-21, 26:53; Mark 15:15-16, 39	Japanglish: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TBaI_U9Qg7I Here are a few of the "Hebryption" and "Leek" words in the Bible. The words translated Pharaoh, river, ark, flags, ephah, and hin are Egyptian words taken into Hebrew. The words translated tribute, Caesar, money, penny, scourge, Praetorium, band, and centurion are Latin words taken into Greek.
May 25	Genesis 37:25, Jer. 8:22, 46:11 (no New Testament)	"There is a Balm in Gilead" seems to be the first connection between Jesus and the healing herb. Lovely: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=okl2XbTM7xM Rockin': https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zW0S1sowcyA
May 26	Matthew 15:29-31	"What a Healing Jesus" walked beside the sea. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBZydj1Dzlg
May 27	Ex. 25:17-22; Heb. 4:14-16; John 14:15-18, 16:19-22	"Come Ye Disconsolate" With lyrics: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BhES-xpWc8w Matt's pick: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MBZLeB1Fa0o
May 28	Luke 12:35-40; Matthew 25:1-13	It's a pandemic: "Are You Ready?" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWTZfQ3HVg8
May 29	John 14:25-29; Philippians 4:1-9	Even in times of distress, we have "Peace in Christ." https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Waitmz6C100

June 1	Ezekiel 37:1-14	God can put life even into “Dry Bones.” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYeQUXXYvK0
June 2	Eccl. 4:7-12; Matthew 11:28-30; Gal. 6:1-5	We’re all in this together, so “Lean On Me.” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdlPVBvkr-s
June 3	Isaiah 56:1-8; Luke 14:12-24	“God Help the Outcasts” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1rcSWQBb7A
June 4	Matt. 8:19-20; Mk. 9:33; Luke 10:1-9	“Would Jesus Wear A Rolex?” No. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJ6ltWPqfpA
June 5	Matt. 7:13-14; Lk. 7:28 2 Timothy 1:1-5; Hebrew 11:32 – 12:1	“Drop Kick Me Jesus” is catchy, with surprisingly good theology. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jsWg0bt9kp4
June 8	Matthew 10:34-39; Luke 21:9-19	I never liked “Rose Garden,” in spite of the decent theology. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-eclUz-RYI
June 9	Matthew 5:1-12, 6:25-34	Jesus said “Don’t Worry Be Happy” before Bobby McFerrin did. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-diB65scQU
June 10	Genesis 1:1-31	“Everything is Beautiful” – God don’t make no junk. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QU-CODP6sc8
June 11	Psalms 145:1-21	David loved God “Forever and Ever Amen.” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ohFLeWijl4
June 12	Hosea 1:1 – 2:1; 3:1-5, 11:1-4, 8:8	Hosea loved Gomer so much that he knew God was saying, “You Are Loved.” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ri5XocxGyT8
June 15	Deut. 8:3; 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalms 29:1-11	One Sunday School class nominated “The Entire Bluegrass Genre.” “Turn Your Radio On” because God’s available 24/7. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xTPmCSu_55M
June 16	Matthew 22:23-40	Good advice—read your Bible so you know what it is you “Believe.” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEmYUsDOhaE
June 17	Ps. 126:1-6; Isa. 25:6-8; Revelation 21:1-4	“Holes in the Floor of Heaven” don’t make it rain. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IK3H5cHfgzw
June 28	1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-18	“I’ll Fly Away” may be my favorite bluegrass song. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PYyfw349FI
June 29	John 14:1-21	Build Me a Cabin in the Corner of Glory Land.” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXrFl8cmxvU&t=39s
June 22	Revelation 6:1-2, 19:6-21	“That’s our future,” according to the late Rev. Dr. Bob Templeton. “Ride on King Jesus” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIykHTxFKjQ
June 23	Deut. 6:4-9; Eph. 6:11-20; 1 Cor. 9:23-27	“Go Hard” means “Do it with all your might.” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDo9iLzUKtc&list=PL425CE1A3E34CA1D2
June 24	1 Maccabees 1:41-42; 4:34-59	“A Small Piece of Heaven” is part of a kids’ Hanukkah program. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o57ct0u1hMk
June 25	John 15:1-12; 1 John 2:1-11	“Every Move I Make” is made in Jesus. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY
June 26	Matthew 26:36-56; Luke 24:36-41	The bitterness of “Gethsemane” contrasts with the child’s sweetness; just as betrayal contrasts with resurrection. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWIx24J00Wc

June 29	Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 3:1-5, 5:25-34	Reach out to your “Personal Jesus” and touch faith. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dB5gtx2CNXY
June 30	Ezekiel 13:1-23	“Ouch. Too many people like me tell you what “God Thinks” ... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-PX2Z4r-e4
July 1	Isaiah 55:6-11	... But “The love of God is broader/ Than the measure of our mind.” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygkkX9FxFHg0
July 2	Luke 13:1-5; Eccl. 9:11-12; Genesis 50:16-20; Romans 8:28	“Three Wooden Crosses” revisits an unanswered question. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cP8lCapcqwM
July 3	1 Peter 1:14-19; Revelation 7:9-17	“Are You Washed in the Blood of the Lamb?” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQ1pfbmCKb0
July 6	2 Corinthians 11:1-21	Last year, angels. This year, devils. Paul warned us to watch out for the “Devil in Disguise.” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wQFaX83l1E
July 7	Exodus 12:1-13, 21-27	“Somebody’s Knockin’,” but don’t let him in. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZmiou7BI3I
July 8	Mark 5:1-20	Jesus casts out “My Demons”: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSvOTw8UH6s
July 9	Job 1:1-12, 1:22 – 2:1-10	We can’t possibly leave out “The Devil Went Down to Georgia.” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98-JNZzfQj4
July 10	Matt. 4:1-11; James 1:12-16, 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9	But a better way to beat the Devil is just to “Say I Won’t.” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CR7SBRCKIuU
July 13	Exodus 2:1-19	Show Tunes! I never really considered how Moses might have felt about “The 10 Plagues.” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJleW4TCQM0
July 14	Genesis 37:1-11	Aww: Scholars say “Joseph’s Coat” had “long sleeves,” not “many colors.” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtpzoGj-1V8
July 15	Colossians 1:1-12, 4:2-4; 1 Thess. 3:9-13, 5:25	Paul urged his converts “Somewhere Out There” to pray for him as he prayed for them. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=an0j7_zu9vI
July 16	2 Sam. 12:1-10; Prov. 10:4, 15:25, 17:1, 21:9, 28:11, 1:1-6	“If I were a rich man” I’d behave badly? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBHZFYPQ6nc
July 17	Mark 3:14-19; Matt. 10:2-4; Luke 6:13-15; Acts 1:1-13	“Simon Zealotes” doesn’t get it, and neither do we, mostly, but Jesus sure loves us. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOMgCUcmJkI

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