

J.S. BACH'S *SAINTE MATTHEW PASSION*
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RESOURCES

BOOKS

These books may be of interest to you for further reading about J.S. Bach, his life and his music:

- Bach* Malcolm Boyd Oxford Univ. Press, 2000.
Johann Sebastian Bach: The Learned Musician
Christoph Wolff W.W. Norton, 2001.

This book deals specifically with the *Saint Matthew Passion*:

- Bach's St. Matthew Passion: A Closer Look* Victor Lederer Bloomsbury, 2008.

An examination of Bach's use of music to deal with theological issues:

- My Only Comfort: Death, Deliverance, and Discipleship in the Music of Bach*
Calvin Stapert Eerdmans, 2000.
Bach Among the Theologians Jaroslav Pelikan Wipf and Stock, 1986

VIDEOS

J.S. Bach St. Matthew Passion (complete) Netherlands Bach Society

A complete recording of the *Passion* which includes English subtitles. Viewable at YouTube.

J.S. Bach St. Matthew Passion (complete) Chamber Orchestra of Paris and
Schola Cantorum of Oxford. Available as a two-DVD set.

J.S. Bach St. Matthew Passion (complete) Berlin Philharmonic

An unusual (and effective!) staged rendition of the *Passion*. This is the performance we viewed in most of our classes. Unfortunately, it seems to be unavailable at Amazon, but you may be able to find it through private sellers (e.g. eBay)