

JS Bach - 1685 -1750
St Matthew Passion BWV 244
Performed by Van Veldhoven | Netherlands Bach Society

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwVW1ttVhuQ>

1. When and where has this great piece first performed?
2. Comment on the tempo, tonality and affection (mood) of the first 15 minutes. Please note any other interesting points such as instrumentation, solos, structure, compositional devices (eg pedal point, sequence, antiphonal effects).
3. What do you think Bach was trying to achieve by composing this piece?
4. If you have given this great work a fair listening you cannot be without an opinion. What do you like about it? Give musical reasons for your answer.