

God in the Jukebox

“Beer with Jesus” by Thomas Rhett

If I could have a beer with Jesus
Heaven knows I'd sip it nice and slow
I'd try to pick a place that ain't too crowded
Or gladly go wherever He wants to go

You can bet I'd order up a couple tall ones
Tell the waitress put 'em on my tab
I'd be sure to let Him do the talkin'
Careful when I got the chance to ask

How'd you turn the other cheek?
To save a sorry soul like me?
Do you hear the prayers I send?
What happens when life ends?
And when you think you're comin' back again?
I'd tell everyone, but no one would believe it
If I could have a beer with Jesus

If I could have a beer with Jesus
I'd put my whole paycheck in that jukebox
Fill it up with nothing but the good stuff
Sit somewhere we couldn't see a clock

Ask Him how'd you turn the other cheek
To save a sorry soul like me
Have you been there from the start
How'd you change a sinner's heart
And is heaven really just beyond the stars
I'd tell everyone, but no one would believe it
If I could have a beer with Jesus

He can probably only stay, for just a couple
rounds
But I hope and pray He's stayin' till we shut the
whole place down

Ask Him how'd you turn the other cheek
To save a sorry soul like me
What's on the other side?
Is mom and daddy alright?
And if it ain't no trouble tell them I said hi
I'd tell everyone but no one would believe it
If I could have a beer with Jesus
I'd tell everyone but no one would believe it
If I could have a beer with Jesus

*Songwriters: Thomas Rhett, Rick Huckaby, Lance Miller.
Big Machine Records.*

Charts: “Beer with Jesus” debuted at number 49 on the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Chart on September 8, 2012. The song peaked at number 26.

Background:¹ Thomas Rhett studied business and communications at Lipscomb University in Nashville. This song came from one night in college where he was studying for a test. Thomas recalled: "I had been drinking a lot of caffeine and my brain was just racing. I had all these sticky notes lying around with song titles instead of studying. I just thought how it would be cool to sit talk to Jesus and be able to ask Him any question I wanted."

Rhett explains the meaning of the song: "If Jesus was here today walking in the flesh like He was, back when He was here, I'd probably take him down to the Flying Saucer (in Nashville) and order up a Newcastle and just pick His brain about life," he said, "ask Him if I'm doing alright, ask Him how some of the people in my life that are close to me that have died, how they're doing in Heaven. So, it's just a really personal song to me."

¹ <https://www.songfacts.com/facts/thomas-rhett/beer-with-jesus>

“Tell the waitress put ‘em on my tab.” Do you think Jesus would have someone pay for his drink? (Isaiah 55:1)

“Careful when I got the chance to ask.” Should we wait for the “right time” to ask Jesus questions? (Luke 8:40-56)

“How’d you turn the other cheek?” (Matthew 5:38-42; Matthew 27:27-31)

In Matthew 5, Jesus speaks of a totally different attitude for His disciples, one He practiced: turning the other cheek. In turning the other cheek, Jesus is describing a person who is facing persecution. The slap is more of an insult than an attempt to do physical harm. He illustrated this nonresistance with four examples: slapping of the cheeks, tunic and cloak, walking two miles instead of one mile, begging and borrowing.

In Matthew 27, Jesus is mocked as a false king by the Roman soldiers. They despise His weakness, but it is the way that He would win His kingdom – He would redeem the world and win His subjects on the cross.

“To save a sorry soul like me?” (Romans 3:23)

No one can live a holy life, except for Jesus. We are far away from the perfection that the Law requires.

“Do you hear the prayers I send?” (Matthew 21:22; Isaiah 65:24)

Types of Prayer:

Confession – we acknowledge our sins to God (Psalm 51)

Request – we seek God’s help (Psalm 22)

Intercession – we pray for others (Psalm 82)

Thanksgiving – we express our gratitude to God for His gifts (Psalm 118)

Lamentation – we express our complaints and sorrows to God (Psalm 10)

Praise – we extol God’s wonderful deeds and qualities (Psalm 136)

“What happens when life ends?” (Romans 5:12; Romans 6:23)

A human is made up of body and soul (Matthew 10:28). When a human dies, his soul is separated from his body. His body decays, but his soul lives on. If a person trusts in Jesus for salvation, his soul will live in joy with God, awaiting the resurrection, the last judgment, and eternal life. If a person is wicked and unbelieving, his soul will live in torment, awaiting the resurrection, the last judgment, and eternal condemnation.

“And when you think you’re comin’ back again?” (1 Thessalonians 5:2; Matthew 24:44; Mark 13:3-8, 35-37)

“I’d tell everyone, but no one would believe it” (Luke 16:19-31)

“Have you been there from the start?” (Genesis 1:26; John 1:1-5, 14; Revelation 1:8, 21:6, 22:13)

“How’d you change a sinner’s heart?” (2 Corinthians 7:10) Law & Gospel

“And is heaven really just beyond the stars?” *The Bible refers to heaven as both the sky and the dwelling place of God and the holy angels (1 Kings 8:30). God dwells in heaven, far beyond us and our ability to comprehend.*

“But I hope and pray He’s stayin’ till we shut the whole place down” – (John 2:1-12; Matthew 18:20)

