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more to **life...**



*Discover  
Jesus.*

For consideration for July – it is important to “get behind” some of the social/historical/anthropological background with the Gospel readings – i.e. in relation to life in first century Palestine. How were Jesus’ actions and stories understood in their original context? One website – Holy Textures helps unpack some of this, based on the writings of Bruce Malina (see separate Amazon link below for some of his books) the other excellent source is John Pilch, who is from the same school of social/anthropological biblical studies (works by Pilch are available from Amazon as well as the Book Depository, links below).

**Pentecost 6: 1 July 2018**

<http://www.holytextures.com/2009/06/mark-5-21-43-year-b-pentecost-june-26-july-2-sermon.html>

**Pentecost 7: 8 July 2018**

<http://www.holytextures.com/2009/06/mark-6-1-13-year-b-pentecost-july-3-july-9-sermon.html>

**Pentecost 8: 15 July 2018**

<http://www.holytextures.com/2009/06/mark-6-14-29-year-b-pentecost-july-10-july-16-sermon.html>

**Pentecost 9: 22 July 2018 – if not observing the Feast of St Mary Magdalene**

<http://www.holytextures.com/2009/07/mark-6-30-34-53-56-year-b-pentecost-july-17-july-23-sermon.html>

**Pentecost 10: 29 July 2018**

<http://www.holytextures.com/2009/07/john-6-1-21-year-b-pentecost-july-24-july-30-sermon.html>

**Book Resources:**

Bruce J. Malina

[https://www.amazon.com/Bruce-J.-Malina/e/B000APRY4A/ref=ntt\\_atr\\_dp\\_pel\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/Bruce-J.-Malina/e/B000APRY4A/ref=ntt_atr_dp_pel_1)

John J. Pilch

[www.amazon.com/John-J.-Pilch/e/B001HQ1J9C/ref=sr\\_tc\\_2\\_0?qid=1528341463&sr=1-2-ent](http://www.amazon.com/John-J.-Pilch/e/B001HQ1J9C/ref=sr_tc_2_0?qid=1528341463&sr=1-2-ent)

[www.bookdepository.com/author/John-J-Pilch](http://www.bookdepository.com/author/John-J-Pilch)