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Did Christmas become Xmas???

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**Rom 6:23 (NIV)**

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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**John 3:16-17 (NIV)**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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**John 14:6 (NIV)**

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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**Matt 26:36-39 (NIV)**

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them,

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### Matt 26:36-39 (NIV) Cont

"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

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### Matt 26:42 (NIV)

He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

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### Matt 26:44 (NIV)

So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

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### Matt 26:50-54 (NIV)

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

"Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword."

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### Matt 26:50-54 (NIV) Cont

Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

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### Matt 26:67-68 (NIV)

Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him and said, "Prophesy to us, Christ. Who hit you?"

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### Matt 27:26 (NIV)

Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

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### Matt 27:27-29 (NIV)

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said.

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### Matt 27:30-31 (NIV)

They spit on him, took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

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### Matt 27:38-40 (NIV)

Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"

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### Matt 27:41-42 (NIV)

In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.

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### Matt 27:44 (NIV)

In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

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### **Matt 27:46 (NIV)**

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

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### **Matt 27:50 (NIV)**

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

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### **2 Cor. 5:21 (NIV)**

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.