

What Did Jesus Ask For?

Jesus didn't give us a Christmas list; He gave us a *dying request*. The night before He was crucified, He instituted **the Lord's Supper** and ...He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

"This is my body, which is given for you. **Do this** in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19)

What a simple request. What a simple remembrance. The bread is His body; the juice is "the new covenant in [His] blood. (v. 20) We "do this" every week, the same as the early disciples.

One time I got a little yo-yo for Christmas. I barely know how to work one, and *I didn't ask for one!* The **religious observance** of Jesus' birthday is simply a "yo-yo." It **is not what Jesus asked for**. The winter solstice is the reason for the season, and some people, in their human reasoning, attached religious significance to it. In the eyes of some, I suppose the "Christianized" celebration was a fitting replacement for pagan practices.

But Jesus is the "reason" for LIFE, and the celebration of His life and death is not seasonal!

Colossians 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Every Sunday, we offer **worship** to Jesus *that He requested*. May we remember His death, in His way, by doing this. And may we examine ourselves and purify our hearts before Him and take this "Lord's Supper" in a worthy manner.