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The Passion of Our Lord

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On Good Friday, Christians around the world remember the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. This is a day of mourning as we reflect on the pain and agony Jesus suffered as he was crucified. Good Friday happened on the week of Passover where Jesus fulfilled the last cup of Passover on the cross.

Jesus's Passion had purpose. He died to save the world, and sacrificed Himself in atonement for our sins.

We observe Good Friday with fasting and penance, as we remember the sorrow of the Passion of Christ. *Passion* in Latin, *pati*, means suffer. This is exactly what Jesus did. The Passion includes everything he experienced from the agony of the garden through his death on Calvary.

The high priests treated Jesus as a criminal and accused Him of being a blasphemer, though He was the Son of God. He was then handed over to Pilate where Pilate had him scourged. The Roman soldiers nearly scourged Jesus to death. Pilate then had him carry the Cross and ultimately had him crucified. Crucifying someone in those days was only done to the worst criminals, it was a cruel and humiliating form of torture. Jesus endured and suffered it all to save the world from sin. He was a teacher, a healer, a peacemaker. Even as he hung from the cross, he was forgiving the people who put him there. On Good Friday as we reflect this, there is much sadness, but there is so much meaning behind the sacrifice of God's only begotten Son.

For the Teurlings Catholic High School Class of 2022's presentation of the *Passion of Our Lord* I had the privilege of portraying Jesus. This was one of the most humbling experiences I have ever been through. Acting out the scourging and the stations of the cross put what Jesus went through into great perspective for me. I will remember this experience for the rest of my life. It truly deepened my faith life and will always have a special place in my heart.