

# Mel Gibson's "The Passion"

## CHRISTIAN OR CATHOLIC? GOD'S WORD OR MAN'S WORDS?

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Evangelical Christianity	The Passion	Roman Catholicism <small>Enclosed numbers are references to the Catechism of the Catholic Church</small>
Romans 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." 2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we walk by faith, not by sight"	Actors spoke in Aramaic. Unless you read everything 'said', most of your 'experience' was sight-based.	The Catholic Church (historically) has tried to keep the Word of God out of the hands the common man. Preaching in Latin, and persecuting those who translated the Bible into the common languages.
Only God can forgive sins (Mark 2:7), Jesus Christ is our only mediator (I Tim. 2:5, John 14:13-14, I Pet. 5:7)	Mary 'forgives sin' of Peter, after he denied 'Christ'.	Mary is the co-mediator to whom we can entrust all our cares and petitions. We should entrust ourselves to Mary, surrendering "the hour of our death' wholly to her care" (968-970, 2677, 2677)
To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord (II Cor. 5:8). Christ forgave our sins in full (Col. 2:13, Isaiah 43:25, Heb. 1:3). We can know that we have eternal life (I John 5:13)	Repentant thief is wearing a scapular, which 'excepts' him from hell fires, thus making what Jesus saying about 'today' he would be in paradise line up with Catholic doctrine.	Purgatory is necessary to atone for sin and cleanse the soul (1030-1031). Justification is lost through mortal sin (1033, 1855, 1875)
The elements are symbols of the body and blood of Christ (I Cor. 11:23-25, Luke 22:19) God forbids the worship of any object, even those representing Him (Exodus 20:4,5; Isaiah 42:8). The sacrifice is finished (John 19:30, Heb. 9:24-28).	false teaching of transubstantiation. (flashback scenes)	The bread and wine become the real body and blood of Christ (1373-1377, 1085, 1365-1367,1323, 1382)
	Focuses 95% on the death and suffering of 'Christ'.	The Mass makes Christ present in His death and victimhood (1353, 1362, 1364, 1367, 1409)
Justification of sin (Romans 3:21-4:8, II Cor. 5:21, Col. 2:10, Rom. 5:9, Eph. 2:8,9)	<i>absent</i>	Justification is through faith, sacraments, and good works (1247-1249, 1212, 1392, 2010)
Mary was a sinner; God, alone, is holy. (Luke 18:19, Romans 5:12, Psalm 51:5, Romans 3:23, Revelation 15:4)	The exaltation and veneration of Mary as co-redemptor and co-mediator is unbiblical. Christ was weaker than His own mother and had to continually draw strength from her.	Mary is the co-redeemer, for she participated with Christ in the painful ct of redemption (618, 964, 968, 970)
Mary was the earthly mother of Jesus (John 2:1)	disciples calling Mary "mother" is unbiblical.	Mary is the Mother of the Church, and Mother of God (963, 971,2677, 975)
Matthew 26:39 "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."	The cup of suffering referred to as a chalice	Catholic term. The Last Supper was a real sacrifice in which Christ's blood was poured out for our sins in the cup (610-611,621,1339)

II Corinthians 11:3-4 "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him."

References: The Gospel According to Rome, James G. McCarthy; A Woman Rides the Beast, Dave Hunt; Roman Catholicism: What You Need To Know, James G. McCarthy, articles by Daniel Valles, and various others articles documented on our website: informedchristians.com