Orgin of Christmas sometime forgot

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In the Christian religion the basis for Christmas is Jesus' birth. For Christians Jesus is known as the son of God whom was sent to Earth to save sinners from an afterlife of suffering. Therefore,his birth is an important holiday to many Christians.

The term Christmas has a compound meaning of "Christ's Mass" originating from the Middle English term Christemasse. Many refer to Christmas as "Xmas" for short or to avoid the association with Christ, not knowing that the term comes from the Greek first letter of Christ, chi or X.

In the Bible, Mary, a virgin of Galilee of Nazareth, is engaged to Joseph, a Jewish carpenter, and is visited by an angel who said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with Child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name of Jesus. "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High," according to Luke 1:30. She questioned the idea of being pregnant and virgin, but the angel told her nothing was impossible for God, quelling her doubts.

The Bible describes Joseph as a good man who didn't want to publicly disgrace Mary so he planned to divorce her quietly. One night while he was sleeping an angel appeared and told him "do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins," written in Matthew 1:20.

The prophecy of Jesus' birth is found in Isaiah 7:14, "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call his name Immanuel."

The three Magi, wise men from the East, had seen a new star in the sky and recognized it as a symbol of the birth of the king of Jews, Jesus. The men followed the star until it shown directly above a stable. Inside they saw Mary and her newborn son. Each brought a special symbolic gift with him: gold, a gift for a king; incense, a gift for a priest; myrrh, a burial ointment for one who would die.

Christmas is now a widely popular holiday in the U.S. for both Christians and non-Christians. The holiday was once banned in the U.S. from 1659 to 1681. The celebration was outlawed in Boston. Anyone exhibiting Christmas spirit was fined five shillings as a result of the Puritans need to escape the Church of England and old-world customs. Christmas was not made into a federal holiday until June 26, 1870. Many non-believers take part in Christmas

celebrations. Americans have adopted many Christmas traditions, including visiting Santa at nearby malls, exchanging presents, and decorate their houses and fir or pine trees inside their houses. The popular tradition of Santa comes from Saint Nicholas. Saint Nicholas had a reputation for his kindness and generosity toward children and the poor.

According to the tale, a poor single father of three daughters could not afford a dowry for them to get married. Saint Nicholas didn't want the girls to be sold, so late at night he threw bags of money down the chimney which landed on stockings hung by the fire to dry.

Whether it's a religious celebration or just a family tradition many Americans will continue to have some "Christmas spirit".

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"It is important that everyone talks to each other," Molina said. "Everyone in the vehicle is responsible for being aware of surroundings."

Vehicle knowledge is also important when operating such a large piece of equipment.

"You have to know what your vehicle can and can't do which comes with experience," Molina said. "The vehicle should always be driven within its limitations."

Leaders should ensure only properly trained, qualified and licensed personnel are operating the vehicle and equipment. Drivers should receive qualification training to be properly licensed for the MRAP that they operate.

"It is critical that they (operators) understand the characteristics of the vehicle they are operating," Walker said.

Anderson said that a rollover should always be in the forefront of the crew's mind and that rollover drills should be conducted regularly.

"The biggest thing operators can use is common sense," Anderson said. "Follow the training guide and understand the capability of the truck and the drivers capabilities, this will help avoid getting into an accident."

Engaged leaders can make a difference in preventing vehicle rollover accidents that could potentially result in someone being killed.