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Christ¹  (krīst)

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Jesus as considered in Christianity to be the Messiah.

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Christ²  (krīst)

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n.

The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures. Often used with *the*.

[Middle English *Crist*, from Old English *Crīst*, from Latin *Chrīstus*, from Greek *Khrīstos*, from *khrīstos*, anointed, verbal adj. of *khrīein*, to anoint; see **ghrēi-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

Christ *like'* *adj.*

Christ *li·ness* *n.*

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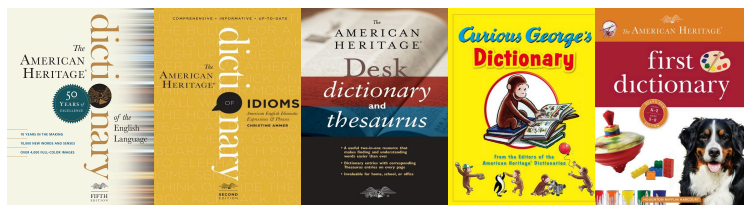
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