

The Difference He Makes

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born.

He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.

While He was dying, His executioners gambled for His clothing, the only property He had on earth. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave, through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that One Solitary Life.

-Anonymous

The reading above not only describes the historical Jesus and His impact on human life but also describes the way He came to me and the difference He's made.

Jesus came to me personally, without arm-twisting, without fanfare. But I have never been the same.

Over the years since I first met and trusted Jesus, He's done many wonderful things for me. He has been there in love at every point of need. But one miracle continues to amaze me and fill me with gratitude:

***Jesus brings to us
the power to be.***

Have you struggled with the frustration and guilt of knowing the person you want to be but being unable to live that way? Jesus is that needed power. When we accept Him into our lives, He is the presence of God within us. As we trust Him, He changes us from the inside. He enables us to live lives that are full, loving, and good. That is true freedom!

No wonder Jesus has influenced our race more than armies or political leaders ever could. He is the power and love of God in the human heart.

Discover Him. Discover
Jesus.

Hymn: [Discover Jesus Christ](#)

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