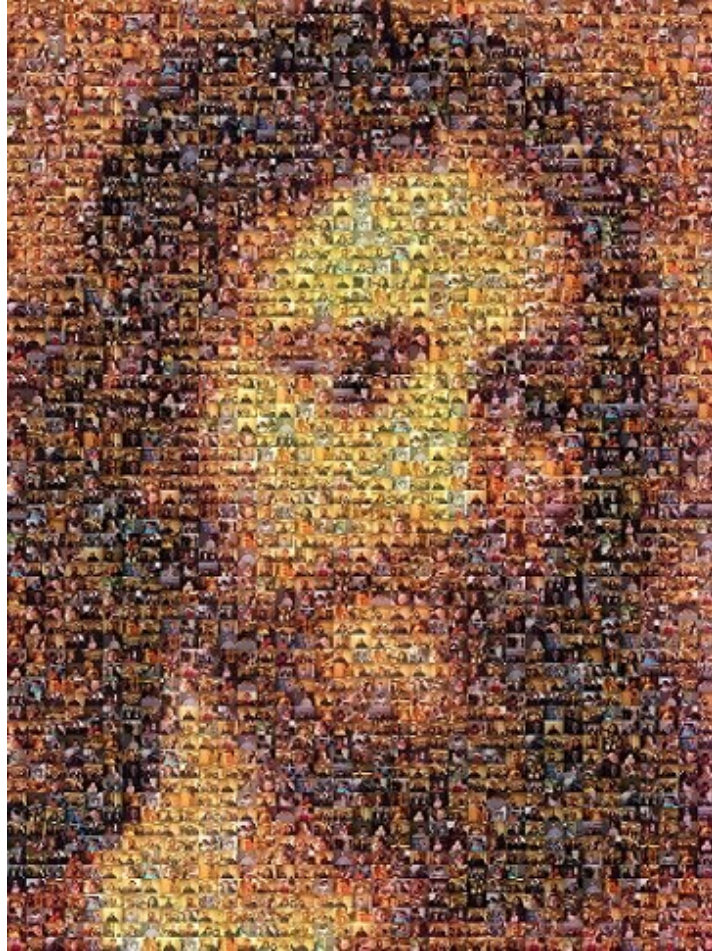


One Solitary Life



HIS LIFE

1. **He** was born in an obscure village.
2. The child of a peasant woman.
3. Until **He** was thirty, **He** worked in a carpenter shop.
4. And then for three years **He** was an itinerant preacher.
5. **He** wrote no books.
6. **He** held no office.
7. **He** never had a family or owned a home.
8. **He** didn't go to college.
9. **He** never travelled two hundred miles from the place **He** was born.
10. **He** had no credentials but **Himself**.
11. **He** never did any of the things that usually accompany greatness.

HIS DEATH

12. The authorities condemned **His** teachings.
13. **His** friends deserted **Him**.
14. One denied **Him**.
15. One betrayed **Him** to **His** enemies for a paltry sum, the price of a slave.
16. **He** went through the mockery of a trial.
17. **He** was nailed upon a cross between two thieves.
18. While **He** was dying, **His** executioners gambled for the only piece of property, **He** owned on earth: **His** coat.
19. When **He** was dead, **He** was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave.

HIS IMPACT

20. Nineteen centuries have come and gone.
21. Yet today, **He** is the crowning glory of the human race.
22. The adored leader of hundreds of millions of the earth's inhabitants.
23. All the armies that ever marched;
24. And all the navies that ever sailed;
25. And all the parliaments that ever sat;
26. And all the kings that ever reigned;

27. MESSAGE

All put together,

have not affected the life of man upon this earth as much as that

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This Jesus of Nazareth.

The Man You Cannot Ignore

He died for us and will come back again for us.

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