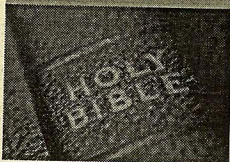


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### . One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village The child of a peasant woman  
He grew up in another obscure village Where he worked in a carpenter shop  
Until he was thirty

He never wrote a book He never held an office He never went to college  
He never visited a big city He never travelled more than two hundred miles  
From the place where he was born He did none of the things  
Usually associated with greatness He had no credentials but himself

While still a young man The tide of popular opinion turned against him  
His friends ran away One of them denied him He was turned over to his ene-  
mies

And went through the mockery of a trial He was nailed to a cross between  
two thieves

While 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 Jesus is the central figure of the human race

And the leader of mankind's progress All the armies that have ever marched

All the navies that have ever sailed All the parliaments that have ever sat

All the kings that ever reigned put together Have not affected the life of man-  
kind on earth As

powerfully as that one solitary life.

James Allen Francis

