

# One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was 30. 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 travelled more than 200 miles from the place He was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

He was only 33 when public opinion turned against Him. His friends deserted Him. He was turned over to His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. When He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth – His coat. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Some 2000 years later, He today remains the central figure of the human race, the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the monarchs that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on earth as much as that One Solitary Life. Do you know who He is and why this is so?

If you would like to know, why not come along and find out at the **Alpha course starting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February at the Parish Hall on Park Street from 7.00pm.** For more details please contact either Stefan Kuziara on 01455 290725; or Beth Allison on 01455 293408; or Simon Learoyd on 01455 291549.

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