

## 20 The life and death of Jesus in God's purpose

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What is the big problem that Jesus came to solve?



Can you think of other ways in which God might have solved the problem? Would they have worked?

Why is it that we die?

How was it that Christ's life solved the problem?

How does this save us?



### 'One Solitary Life'

"There was a young man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter's shop until he was 30 and then for 3½ years he was a travelling preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held public office. He never had a family. He never travelled more than 200 miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.



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While he was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through a mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave, through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that One Solitary Life."

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