

SERMON NOTES  
**CHRISTMAS: ONE SOLITARY LIFE**  
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## "One Solitary Life"

Here is a 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 shop until He was thirty. Then for three years, He was an itinerant preacher.

He never owned a home. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany 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 enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While 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.

Nineteen long centuries have come and gone, and today He is a centerpiece of the human race and leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built; 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 powerfully as has that one solitary life.

**When God wanted to create fish, he spoke to the sea.**

**When God wanted to create trees, He spoke to the earth.**

**But when GOD wanted to create man, He turned to Himself.**

**Then God said: "Let us make man in our image and in our likeness."**

**Note:**

**If you take a fish out of the water, it will die, and when you remove a tree from the soil, it will also die. Likewise, when a man is disconnected from God, he dies.**

**God is our natural environment. We were created to live in his presence. We must be connected to him because it's only in him that life exists.**

**Stay connected to God to live.**

**Water without fish is still water, but fish without water is nothing. Soil without trees is still soil, but the tree without soil is nothing. God without a man is still God, but men without God are nothing.**

- **John 15:4–6 (NIV84)** <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; **apart from me you can do nothing.** <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.