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So That Gentiles Could Come In

11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.
12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. **John 1:11-13**

So That We Could Gain Access To The Father And Be Adopted

37 With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. 38 The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. **Mark 15:37-38**
15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. **Romans 8:15-17**

To Give Us New Life

20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. **Galatians 2:20**
17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! **2 Corinthians 5:17**

To Show Us Love Action

8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **Romans 5:8**

To Show Us Forgiveness

34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. **Luke 23:34**

Jesus Changed Everything

Today is the day that hope came into the world through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Billions around the world celebrate this day. No one in the history of humanity has affected human life and the human story the way Jesus has.

One Solitary Life

Attributed to James Allen Francis

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant. He grew up in 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 home. He didn't go to college. He never lived in a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

He was only 33 when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied 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. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his garments, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave, through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race. I am well within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned--put together--have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one, solitary life.