

Daily Devotion For December 18, 2022

“They saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and **worshipped** Him.” Matthew 2:11

For our Thursday night Bible Study, I talked about the influence that the coming of Jesus has meant in the realm of history, really His Story. One of the poems that speaks to me is the poem “One Solitary Life” written by James Allen Francis in 1926. Let me remind you of this powerful writing:

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.

**Thought For Today:** Take time to reflect upon the influence that One Solitary Life has had upon your life and human history. As Matthew 2:11 says, when they saw the child they bowed down and worshipped. How will you worship Jesus today? Will you worship Jesus today?

**Today’s Prayer Focus:** Take time to praise and worship God for the One Solitary Life of our Lord Jesus. Pray that the Lord will be honored and glorified in our worship service today. Deo Volente.