

# CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pastor Marty was away from home, without his computer, this week, so we have a substitute message. The following is an excerpt taken from the book *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist* by Norman L. Geisler and Frank Turek. At this point in the book the authors had been presenting evidence supporting the reality of the Resurrection of our Lord—

### ONE SOLITARY LIFE

If you're still not convinced, consider one more piece of corroborating evidence: the incredible impact of Christ's life as expressed in a short sermon excerpt that is often titled "One Solitary Life":

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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.

{Adapted from "Arise, Sir Knight," a sermon by James Allan Francis, in *The Real Jesus and Other Sermons* (Philadelphia: Judson, 1926), 123–124.}

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If there was no resurrection, how could this life be the most influential life of all time? We don't have enough faith to believe that this one solitary life from a remote, ancient village could be the most influential life of all time ... *unless the Resurrection is true.*

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But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:8-9 (NKJV)

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



## ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Dawn Bell	15 August
Scott & Kerry Bidlespacher	22 August



## BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Pyrtle	01 August
Brenda Johnson	02 August
Marty Grainger	06 August
Laurin Owens	14 August
Nancy Brenner	15 August
Anita Grainger	29 August

# VBS



## SURPRISE

