One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village.
He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty.
He then became an itinerant preacher.
He never held office. He never had a family or owned a house.
He didn't go to college. He had no credentials but himself.
He was only thirty-three when the public turned against him.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone,
and today he is the central figure of the human race.
All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed,
all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned
have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that
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