

The **ONE** and **ONLY**

"The first thing I did was place before you what was placed so emphatically before me: that the Messiah died for our sins, exactly as Scripture tells it; that he was buried; that he was raised from death on the third day, again exactly as Scripture says; that he presented himself alive to Peter, then to his closest followers, and later to more than five hundred of his followers all at the same time, most of them still around (although a few have since died); that he then spent time with James and the rest of those he commissioned to represent him; and that he finally presented himself alive to me. It was fitting that I bring up the rear. I don't deserve to be included in that inner circle, as you well know, having spent all those early years trying my best to stamp God's church right out of existence.

But because God was so gracious, so very generous, here I am. And I'm not about to let his grace go to waste."

I Corinthians 15:3-10

The Message

"For God
so loved the world
that he gave his **one** and **only** Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have
eternal life."

John 3:16

NIV

It's a twenty-six word declaration of hope. It begins with God, and ends with life.

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the **One** and **Only**, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

John 1:14

NIV

"No one has ever seen God, but God the **One** and **Only**, who is at the Father's side, has made him known."

John 1:18

NIV

"For God so loved the world that he gave his
One and **Only** Son."

John 3:16

NIV

"Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's

One and **Only** Son."

John 3:18

NIV

"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his
One and **Only** Son into the world that we might live
through him."

I John 4:9

NIV

"My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."

John 10:10

NLT

Jesus aimed at one goal—to save humanity from its sin.
Shall we accept his offer?