

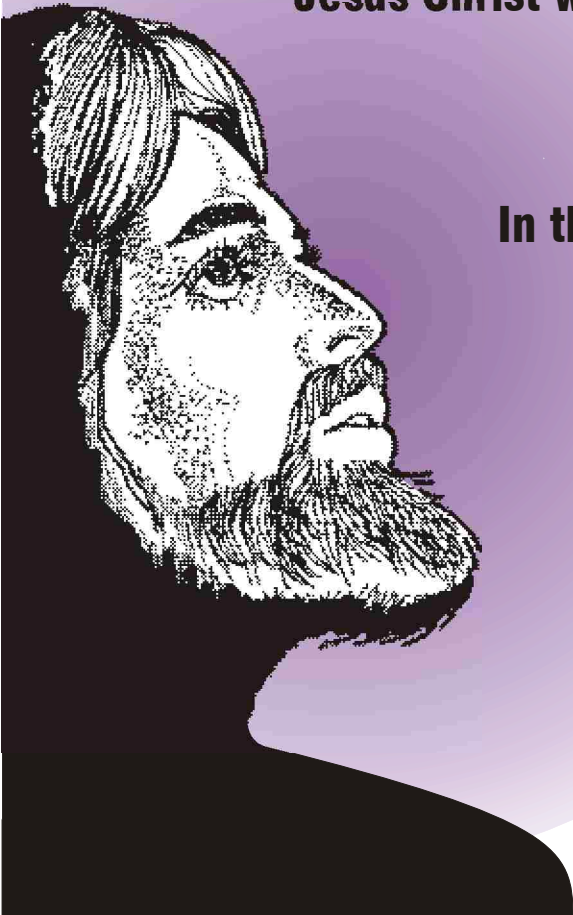
GOD BECAME A HUMAN

**God became JESUS CHRIST to show us...
what God is like and
what we can become.**

**Jesus Christ was, at the same time, both...
fully GOD and
fully a HUMAN BEING.**

**In the CHRIST, we see that God's
NATURE is to be
TOTALLY LOVING.**

**In the human JESUS,
we see that our
POTENTIAL is to be
LIKE GOD.**



JESUS LIVED FOR US

Jesus lived, loved, learned, suffered, cried, and died--all for the sake of OTHERS.

Jesus was BAPTIZED by John, COMMISSIONED for ministry, and EMPOWERED by the Spirit.

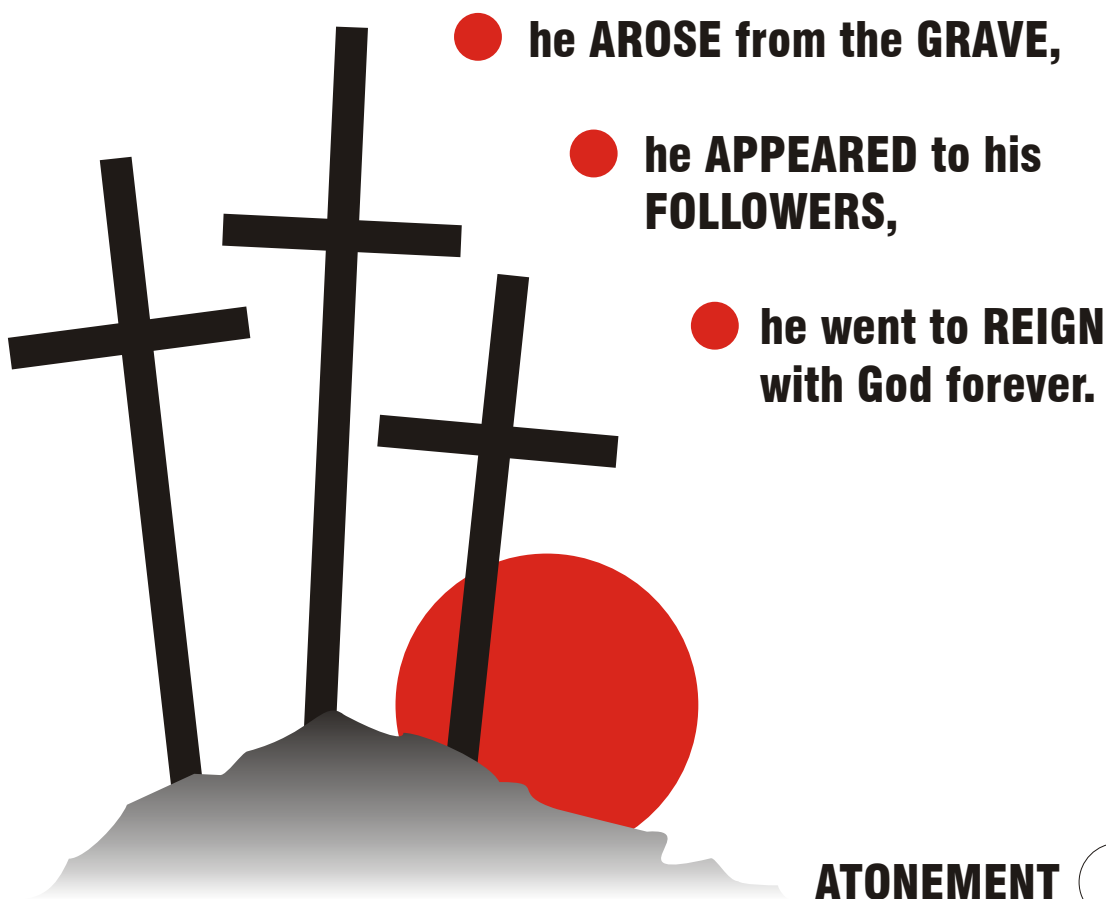
- **He LIVED without SIN.**
- **He MINISTERED to the POOR and OUTCAST.**
- **He ANNOUNCED the coming KINGDOM OF GOD.**
- **He TAUGHT us to love GOD and OTHERS.**
- **He CALLED us to be his DISCIPLES.**

JESUS **DIED** FOR US

The lifestyle and teaching of Jesus led to his **ARREST, TRIAL, and EXECUTION.**

SALVATION became possible for all persons because of the **SINLESS** life and **SACRIFICIAL** death of God's **SON.**

To give ultimate **MEANING** to the life and death of Jesus...



● he **AROSE** from the **GRAVE,**

● he **APPEARED** to his **FOLLOWERS,**

● he went to **REIGN** with God forever.

STRUGGLES TO REFORM



MARTIN LUTHER

MARTIN LUTHER (1483-1546) was one of several people desiring to reform the Medieval Church. He nailed his 95 subjects for debate to the church door in 1517, and

- set the stage for his own **TRIAL** and for
- a **REVOLT** of the German people against the authority of the **POPE**.



HULDREICH ZWINGLI

Luther s famous ideas became the basic pillars of the **REFORMATION**:

- Justification by **FAITH**
- Authority of the **SCRIPTURES**
- **PRIESTHOOD** of all **BELIEVERS**.

A few miles away in Zurich, **HULDREICH ZWINGLI (1484-1546)** was developing even more radical ideas about the **LORD S SUPPER**.

BELIEFS ARE FORMED

Perhaps more than any other Reformer, **JOHN CALVIN (1509-1564)** formulated the **BELIEFS** and the **FORM OF GOVERNMENT** that became the basis of the **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**.



JOHN CALVIN

Born in France and never ordained, Calvin wrote his beliefs in a systematic way at age 26 in the

- **INSTITUTES OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.**

Settling in **GENEVA**, he established that city as a

- place of **REFUGE**
- seat of **LEARNING**
- system of **GOVERNMENT** with **LAY PEOPLE** and **CLERGY** leading work and worship.