

# Our unique leader

An essential characteristic of good leaders is that they know where they are heading. They have specific goals or objectives. And Jesus was no exception.

As a major goal, Jesus came “to give his life a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28. For this to be made widely known and understood, he had a further goal – installing a permanent agency, namely, his church. He therefore said, “I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18.

Jesus' leadership differs from that of any other leader who has ever lived –

**First**, he took just three years to impact our world for the next 2000 years.

**Second**, he didn't make mistakes, didn't take wrong turns. So he didn't have to retract anything he said, didn't have to apologise for anything he did. And indeed because he had God the Father's full approval, Jesus was able to say, “I always do those things that please him.” John 8:29.

**Third**, he achieved his major objective *perfectly* – “suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God.” 1 Peter 3:18.

**Fourth**, Jesus' ultimate uniqueness is summarised in Colossians 2:9 – “in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.”

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**Through the humanity of Jesus, God made himself known to our needy world.**

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