

# Jesus on target      Part 4

## *His global inspiration*

Jesus inspired a small obscure group of men in an insignificant Mediterranean location, to “make disciples of all the nations”! Matthew 28.19.

Without prestige, strong financial backing or elaborate organisation – under Jesus influence alone – eventually one-third of Earth's population was enlisted!

It is the more remarkable that the original small group were followers of a despised, rejected and condemned leader. But his resurrected presence reassured them that with God nothing is impossible, not even the amazing task of making disciples of all nations.

History shows how Jesus influenced exploration of unknown and hostile territories, the mastery of many strange languages and dialects, and conversion of primitive and savage peoples – transforming whole communities from a menace into a blessing of mankind.

And as I have mentioned before, it can be said that, broadly speaking, almost the whole of education in the Western world from the first until the nineteenth century was in one way or another Christian. This paved the way for enormous global impact.

Think of it – missionaries and churches worldwide, Bible translations, Christian literature, Theological education, Bible Correspondence Courses, Missionary Aviation, Christian radio and television, Internet outreach and more, much more.

Who inspired all this? Just one man – Jesus.

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**Jesus is “the power of God and the wisdom of God.” 1 Corinthians 1.24.**

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