

The Best Teacher (Revised for the 21st Century)

He never taught a lesson in a classroom.
He never used an interactive white board.
Not once did he use PowerPoint to make His case.
He did not have internet access ... or a computer ... or even electricity.

He was not trained by a university education department.
He never gained qualified teacher status.
He was never inspected by Ofsted.
He never crossed the teacher pay threshold.
He never spent time photocopying and laminating resources,
or putting up classroom displays.
He never handed out gold stars, house points or certificates.
He never wrote end of year reports.

He never referred to the National Curriculum
or followed QCA guidelines.
He kept no records, gave no grades,
and His only text was ancient and well-worn.

His lessons were socially inclusive.
He taught the economically deprived as well as the wealthy;
He taught the physically disabled and the mentally ill
as well as those healthy in body and mind.

His teaching method was the same with all who came to hear and learn.
He opened eyes with faith,
He opened ears with simple truth,
and He opened hearts with love ... a love born of forgiveness.

He challenged, inspired and healed those He taught.
He changed individuals and transformed communities.
Even so, He was never nominated for a Teacher of the Year Award
or knighted for His services to education.

And yet this quiet teacher from the hills of Galilee continues to feed the needs,
fulfil the hopes, and change the lives of many millions around the world,
for what He teaches brings heaven to earth
and reveals God's heart to all peoples everywhere.