



Cumbria Bible Challenge

Testimony Eight

Finding Hope

C.S.Lewis

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Clive Staples Lewis was the author of the 'Narnia' books, including *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. For a long time, he was an atheist – someone who does not believe that God exists. But he was a very clever man, and he did a lot of thinking and talking with other people. At last, he had to admit that God *was* real, and he knelt down to pray. He was surprised by the joy this discovery brought him, and it inspired many wonderful stories, which he wrote down. Through reading his stories, many people can share some of the truths he discovered.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe tells of the great lion, Aslan. He dies in the place of the traitor, Edmund, but then comes back to life again. This is very similar to the story of Jesus, whom Christians believe died and then came back to life again.

The final book of the series is *The Last Battle*. In it C.S.Lewis describes the wonder of Aslan's kingdom, which represents God's heavenly kingdom. "The term is ended; the holidays have begun," he says. "The dream is ended; this is the morning." He knew that, for a Christian, there is always hope of a better world to come, better than we can ever dream of.

At the end of the book, he tells us how his characters will go on with the story. "Now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no-one on earth has read, which goes on forever, in which every chapter is better than the one before."

