

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe - The Chronicles of Narnia

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
John 10:9-11 ESV

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 NIV

CS Lewis wrote the Chronicles of Narnia as children's stories. Although he was raised in the Anglican church, he became an avowed atheist at the age of 15. As a college professor he often debated religion with his colleagues until one day he became a believer in Christ. He wrote of his conversion in his book, Surprised by Joy. Many people who are not Christians see faith as a set of controlling rules when in reality it is very different. When we accept Christ as our Savior, He changes our lives and gives us peace and joy that cannot be found any where else. Christ came to set us free to live our lives more abundantly. When we study the commands of God they help us to live our lives better and more joyfully than ever before.

In the Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, the witch represents evil. She froze the landscape and tried to keep the entire kingdom under her control. She knew the ancient prophesy that when 4 sons and daughters of Adam came to Narnia they would overturn her evil kingdom and reign as kings and queens.

In the Bible King Herod knew the prophesy that a king would be born. He tried to kill the baby Jesus so that he could be the only king.

Aslan, the lion, represents good in the story. While the witch wanted to control the kingdom, Aslan wanted Narnians to be free. Aslan taught the children and the Narnians how to do what was right and work together. The witch wanted everyone to obey her and controlled them with her power to destroy them. When the witch ruled Narnia everyone was scared. It was always winter but never Christmas. When the children arrived in Narnia it began to thaw because the prophesies were beginning to come true.

When Edmund wanted to be a king over his brother and sisters, he chose to listen to the witch instead of Aslan. Edmund's selfish decisions brought great pain to his family and the Narnians. When the witch demanded that Edmund die for his sins, Aslan chose to give his life in exchange for Edmund's. When Aslan came back to life he broke the evil power of the witch and death.

Jesus gave His life in exchange for ours. Jesus rose from the dead and broke the power that sin and death held over our lives so that we can be free and live with Him forever.

Edmund was forgiven for the wrong choices he made, but in the end his disobedience cost him the most.

When we choose to do wrong it can bring great pain to those around us and have lasting consequences in our own lives. If you are making wrong choices ask God to forgive you and help you make things right. It is never too late to start again.

The Chronicles of Narnia is a fictional journey into a world where good and evil are very real. The Bible shows us that good and evil are very real in our world today, also. While many people live their lives just trying to get ahead, God wants to open our eyes to the battle of good and evil that is happening all around us. Evil tries to control us and keep us in its clutches. Christ came so that we can be free to live our lives abundantly in Him.

Dear Lord, we thank You for the sacrifice that You made when You gave Your life for us. Help us to live for You and each other in all we do. Thaw the hardness in our hearts and fill us with Your abundant joy. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.