

I Was Made For Another World

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Because Lewis was a writer as well as a broadcaster, his evangelistic influence has extended far beyond his own times. I know this firsthand: his words were instrumental in my own journey to faith.

Growing up in a Jewish home, I heard very little about Jesus. Religion meant reciting prayers, participating in rituals, and celebrating holidays...

As I read Matthew's quotations from the Old Testament and Jesus' claims to be God, C.S. Lewis's arguments stoked my searching. He eliminated one of my firmest convictions—that Jesus was just a good teacher. I'll never forget reading, "A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse."

That convinced me that Jesus was the Messiah. But mere intellectual assent has never saved anyone. It was the other strand of Lewis's presentation that pushed me over the line of surrender. When I got to his chapter on hope, I saw why every concert left me feeling empty. After offering "two wrong ways" of dealing with life's disappointments, Lewis wrote, "If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

It was at the intersection of the intellect (Jesus was who he said he was) and imagination (I was made for another world) that the gospel became irresistible to me.

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