

Questions for Week 4 (July 20)

7. The Invasion

Lewis discusses what he calls Christianity-and-water.

1. There are many people who reject Christian doctrine because it is not simple. What is Lewis' answer to this criticism?
2. There are two views of good and evil that are discussed by Lewis, what are they?
3. Why does Lewis reject dualism?
4. According to Lewis' analogy of being in enemy territory, we go to church in order to...?

8. The Shocking Alternative

Lewis discusses free will, Satan, and the nature of Christ.

1. What is the analogy that Lewis offers to answer the question of how something can happen that is contrary to the will of a being with absolute power?
2. Do you think it is possible for a creature to have free will and be incapable of doing wrong?
3. What was the sin of Satan and the sin he taught the human race?
4. What are the three things that Lewis suggests were done by God to counter the schemes of Satan? Are you aware of strange stories in other religions mentioned by Lewis?
5. What is the claim of Jesus that Lewis says tends to slip by unnoticed because we have heard it so much? Why is it significant?

6. Why does Lewis think it is foolish to call Jesus just a great moral teacher?

Resources:

Audio of this book can heard on our podcast or at our webpage at <http://www.beaconnet.org>

A professional recording can be heard on YouTube, with Chapter 7 starting very near the end of this file: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgoav7-n0sk>

The **radio address** that became the final chapter of *Mere Christianity* is here in Lewis' own voice: http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/people/cslewis_16.shtml

The entire text can be read on-line here (among other places): <http://www.philosophyforlife.com/mctoc.htm>

A more detailed study guide can be downloaded here (the next-to-last file): <http://scholia.net/mccoy.html>

Finally, **a detailed outline designed for small group leaders** can be found below. It may also be useful for general use or review: http://www.opendiscipleship.org/Mere_Christianity_leaders_notes