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**ASLAN**

**REAL?**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Aslan was the Son of the Emperor from across the sea. He was the King of Narnia. Everyone who knew him loved him. Well, almost everyone. The White Witch called Jadis and her army of freaks hated Aslan. At the end of the movie the White Witch was killed and Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy were crowned Kings and Queens of Narnia.

Do you wish that Aslan was real?

He is.

Aslan is a symbol of the real Son, the real King.

The author of the book was C.S. Lewis. He was a Christian and he created Aslan as a symbol of Jesus.

Jesus is the Son of God who came from heaven to earth.

Jesus was sacrificed just like Aslan was and Jesus came back to life like Aslan did.

Jesus can take away your sins and forgive you just like Aslan took away the sins of Edmund and forgave him.

Jesus will return to earth as the King of Kings.

Do you want to be a King or Queen? Just like the children became Kings and Queens, you can too. When the winter is over, Jesus can put you on a throne.

Find out how.

## **THE REAL WAR**

When the movie started, planes were bombing London, England. Everyone in London ran for cover. The children, Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy and their mother hid in the cellar. The movie tried to show what happened in the last world war, World War 2.

The children had to leave the city to escape future bombing raids. Their mother stayed behind in the city.

Sad music played as the train left the city. The train moved into a more hopeful place, a greener place, the gardens and farmlands of the countryside of England. Some people say that England is like a garden.

War is real and war has caused problems ever since people were kicked out of the first garden of the world. The real war in the world is between Satan and God. Satan wants to be more powerful than God and he uses all of his power to attack what God has made.

The first garden of the world was planted by God. It was filled with trees and rivers were running through it. The garden was called the Garden of Eden and it was perfect. This is the first story in the Bible. The story is so old that it seems like a dream. In reality the story is true.

It seemed like a dream for the children to travel away to the countryside of England. But this is where the story of Narnia actually began.

The professor had a strange old house and it was full of mysteries. The children looked forward to all of the adventures that they could have in the old house.

The start to their biggest adventure happened on a rainy day. They decided that they would play hide and seek. Peter counted and the other children ran to hide.

## **THE REAL WINTER**

Lucy found the best hiding place in the strange looking wardrobe. But then she felt something picky. She turned around and saw an astonishing sight. It was a winter wonderland. She was amazed. And enchanted. Snow was falling down to her face. What a thrill it was!

But Narnia wasn't all fun. It was cold and barren. It had been winter for 100 years with no warmth, no spring and no Christmas. It wasn't fun for the animals of Narnia. Winter was a curse.

Winter brought disease. Colds and flu made them sick. Plants and animals died because of winter. For them there was no shelter from the curse of winter. They all looked back at the warm times and looked forward to the end of winter.

Winter is a symbol of the real curse on earth. We are all living under a curse. Death and disease are killing everyone on earth. Hatred and envy cause problems between people. The curse is everywhere on earth.

The curse has been here since Adam and Eve first turned their backs on God and agreed to obey Satan. They ate the fruit from the forbidden tree in the Garden of Eden. The curse came from their disobedience:

“Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground. For dust you are and to dust you shall return.” (Genesis 3:17-19)

## THE REAL GIRL

Mr. Tumnus was strange and he was amazed at Lucy.

**Lucy:** “Were you hiding from me?”

**Mr. Tumnus:** “No. I just. No. I didn’t want to scare you.  
You must be some kind of beardless dwarf?”

**Lucy:** “I’m a girl!”

**Mr. Tumnus:** “You mean to say that you’re a daughter of  
Eve. You are in fact human.”

**Lucy:** “Yes, of course.”

**Mr. Tumnus:** “What are you doing here?”

Mr. Tumnus was indeed hiding from her. He had secrets. He was a strange animal. His feet had hooves. He had a long pony tail. He appeared to be half goat and half human. He planned evil and did it to Lucy.

The first girl in the world was as innocent as Lucy was. She was perfect and sinless. She was a woman and her name was Eve. God made her to be a wife for the first man that He made. The first man was named Adam.

Together they would be the King and Queen over the whole earth. Their job was to rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over all the creatures that moved over the earth (Genesis 1:26).

He blessed them and told them to have children and increase in number to fill the earth. He gave them every tree that had fruit in it for food for them. Except one. This was the tree in the center of the garden.

They had no sin and no shame. They talked to God and had a perfect friendship with him. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. (Genesis 1:31).

## THE REAL TEMPTATION

Mr. Tumnus tempted Lucy.

**Mr. Tumnus:** “How would it be if you came and had tea with me?”

Lucy didn’t think it was a good idea.

**Lucy:** “Thank you but I probably should be getting back”

**Mr. Tumnus:** “Yes, but it’s just around the corner. With toast and tea and cakes and perhaps we’ll even break into the sardines.”

**Lucy:** “I don’t know.”

**Mr. Tumnus:** “Come on. It’s not every day that I get to make a new friend.”

**Lucy:** “I suppose I could come if you have sardines.”

The first girl in the world was also alone with a strange animal. She was tempted by that animal. She was also tempted with food. She listened to the animal.

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD GOD had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

The woman said to the serpent, “God said, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

‘You will not surely die’ the serpent said to the woman. ‘For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God.’” (Genesis 3:1-5)

## THE REAL SPELL

**Mr. Tumnus:** “Music. Oh, such music.”

“Would you like to hear some now?”

**Lucy:** “Oh yes, please!”

**Mr. Tumnus:** “Are you familiar with Narnian lullabies?”

**Lucy:** “Sorry no.”

**Mr. Tumnus:** “Good, because this probably won’t sound anything like one.”

The music was a spell song. It was intended to put Lucy under his control to kidnap her for the Witch.

Lucy saw his visions in the fire. Animals were dancing around the bonfire. She fell under the spell and she went asleep. She dropped her cup of tea on the floor.

Mr. Tumnus continued his spell and watched the success he was having.

Suddenly a lion’s roar blew out the fire.

When Lucy woke up, Mr. Tumnus was sad. He knew that he was wrong and guilty.

“I’m such a terrible faun.”

In the real spell, guilt was felt as well.

“When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings.” (Genesis 3:7)

## **THE REAL WITCH**

Edmund followed Lucy into Narnia. He saw the lamp post too. Edmund was cold with frosty breath. He met the Witch who called herself the Queen of Narnia.

**Witch:** “What is your name, Son of Adam?”

**Edmund:** “Uh, Edmund.”

**Witch:** “And how did you come to enter my dominion?”

**Edmund:** “I’m not sure. I was just following my sister.”

The Witch was the ruler of the winter. She had the power to bring death to her subjects. She sometimes killed them with a sword or with her

wand that turned them to stone. The Witch tempted Edmund with food just as Adam had been tempted in the Garden of Eden.

**Witch:** “You look so cold. Come and sit with me.”

“Now, how about something hot to drink?”

**Edmund:** “Yes, please, Your Majesty.”

**Witch:** “I can make anything you like.”

**Edmund:** “Can you make me taller?”

**Witch:** “Anything you’d like to eat.”

**Edmund:** “Turkish delight?”

And he ate it.

The real Witch in our world is Satan. Satan was the serpent from the Garden of Eden. He was the tempter. He helped Adam and Eve to sin against God.

Satan helps to enforce the curse that is on the earth. He has been given the power to bring death, disease and problems to the world.

## **THE REAL BETRAYAL**

The Witch tempted Edmund to betray his family to her.

**Witch:** “Edmund? I would very much like to meet the rest of your family.”

**Edmund:** “Why? They’re nothing special.”

**Witch:** “You are exactly the sort of boy I can see, becoming prince of Narnia, maybe even king. Of course, you’d have to bring your family. A king needs servants.”

**Edmund:** “I guess I could bring them.”

Edmund showed the betrayal that was inside of him.

Just like Edmund brought his family to the Witch’s power, Adam and Eve brought us into their betrayal of God. Edmund’s family had to work together to find the way out of the curse. We also have to find the way out of the curse that has been put onto the human race.

Adam and Eve’s betrayal happened against God himself. God had clearly told Adam not to eat from the tree. Spiritual death occurred

immediately to Adam and Eve. They knew that they had sinned and they were ashamed. Together they hid from God. Their physical bodies started to die from the curse as well. Even though they lived many years, their bodies became poisoned from disease and eventually they died.

Betrayal is inside us too. We have inherited the practice of sin. We betray others. We sin and fall short of God's glory. We also deserve to die as a punishment for our sins. And we are dying and we will be separated from God and punished in Hell unless we get help. Fortunately, it is available. Search and you will find.

## **THE REAL MESSENGERS**

When the four children entered Narnia, they heard a bird chirp at them. Mr. Beaver appeared and showed them the handkerchief that Lucy had given to Tumnus.

Mr. Beaver told them the news of Mr. Tumnus and also the history of Narnia. He led them through the forest to his home where Mrs. Beaver cooked them supper. They told them of the prophecies for the future.

“When Adam's flesh and Adam's bone sits at Cair Paravel in throne, the evil time will be over and done.”

Mrs. Beaver explained: “It has long been foretold that two sons of Adam and two daughters of Eve will defeat the White Witch and return peace to Narnia.”

The children couldn't believe it. “And you think we're the ones. We're not heroes.”

However, the beavers explained that they were not the most important characters that would cause the defeat of the Witch. It would be Aslan who would do it.

The Prophets of the Bible have long foretold the ending of Satan's reign on the earth. Many Prophets have said that sin would be destroyed and that forgiveness from God was possible.

The first prophecy was told by God to Satan about a hero who would defeat him:

“He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”  
(Genesis 3:15)

This hero is Jesus.

## **THE REAL KING**

They were in the beaver's home when they heard:

Mr. Beaver: "Aslan is on the move."

Edmund: "Who's Aslan?"

Mr. Beaver laughed out loud.

"He's the King of the whole wood. The King of Narnia."

"He's waiting for you at the stone table."

When the children heard the name of Aslan, they had a strange feeling-like the first signs of spring, like good news, had come over them.

Aslan was the lion of Narnia. He was powerful. He was called the Son of the Emperor over the sea. The Emperor was Narnia's god. Aslan was the son of god.

"Wrong will be right, when Aslan comes in sight,  
at the sound of his roar, sorrows will be no more,  
when he bares his teeth, winter meets its death,  
and when he shakes his mane we will have spring again."

Jesus had many names and titles. He was called the 'Lion of the tribe of Judah'. He was called the 'Son of God.' He was called the 'King of the Jews.' When he returns he will be called the 'King of Kings.' (Rev 19:16)

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace... He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom..." (Isaiah 9:6-7)

## THE REAL PRISON

A prison is a real place and Hell is a real place.

Edmund walked through the Witch's courtyard with all the stone animals. They were really dead.

“Be still stranger or you'll never move again.”

There was no mercy from Maugrim, the Witch's wolf, and there was no mercy from the Witch herself.

**Witch:** “Are your sisters deaf?

And your brother is he... unintelligent?”

**Edmund:** “Well I think so, but...”

**Witch:** “Then how dare you come alone?!”

“You couldn't even do that.”

**Edmund:** “I did bring them halfway. They're at the little house at the dam with the beavers.”

**Witch:** “I suppose you're not a total loss then, are you?”

“Our guest is hungry.”

Ginarrbrik: “This way for your num-nums.” (into prison)

**Witch:** “Maugrim. You know what to do.”

(The wolves went snarling down the trail.)

Against the Witch, there was no hope. She could put any of them into prison and death. Mr. Beaver said:

“Only Aslan can help your brother now.”

Likewise we need Jesus to help us to escape the prison that awaits us. Without Jesus, our future is going to include a sentence in Hell for eternity. We are all guilty, but Jesus can save us from the penalty of our sin.

## **THE REAL CHRISTMAS**

The beavers led the children over the frozen river for miles. A sleigh started to chase them. The children ran from the Witch, but they were losing the race.

They hid under the ledge and waited. They were tense and heard footsteps above them. Finally Mr. Beaver went out to find if the danger was gone.

They met Santa Claus.

C. S. Lewis put Santa and Christmas into the story because this is a story about Jesus. When Aslan came into Narnia, the Witch started to lose her power.

When Jesus came to the earth as a baby, the reign of Satan on earth was given a huge defeat. Of course Satan knew about the prophecies of Jesus, but he didn't know exactly what he should do. Many of Satan's acts in history were done to try to stop the prophecies from coming true, but God was more powerful and wise.

Jesus had to be born as a person because humans needed someone on their side. We needed a saviour who could lead our team against the enemy. This hero had to know what our problems are by experiencing them like us and being able to feel the pain of sin and death.

Then our leader had to attack the enemy and defeat it. He had to come alive again from death and conquer death for us so that he could bring the whole team of humans into the championship of life.

Jesus became a human baby and although he was much more than that, he started out small. His birth is the most famous birth of all time. Do you remember it?

## **THE REAL SPRING**

In Narnia, the signs of spring started to become obvious. The sky was blue, the ice on the river was melting and the trees started to bloom.

Quickly the snow melted and the plants started turning green. The children could smile at the new life that was beginning all around them.

The Witch was not happy with the way things were changing. She found out the information that Aslan had arrived and had gathered an army at the stone table.

“Thank you, Edmund. I’m glad this creature got to see some honesty before he dies. Think about whose side you’re on Edmund, mine, or theirs. If it’s a war Aslan wants, it’s a war he shall get.”

When Jesus was alive, spring was in the air. Jesus did miracles that brought wonder and joy to thousands of people. People came from everywhere to see what he did and they asked for his help. He gave his help and love to everyone who had faith in God. They learned his teaching and many accepted him as the Saviour.

Satan hated the appearance of Jesus on earth. He was working in the hearts of many people to reject Jesus. Satan had the control of many people. There were some who had demons and could not control their own actions. Satan was planning a war against Jesus. He used the political powers to gather a legal case against Jesus. He used criminals to tell stories against Jesus.

The world we are in now is at war. Evil forces are still working to destroy the good that is in the world.

## **THE REAL LION**

Aslan’s army was gathered. Those that loved him were building the camp and preparing for war. The children walked through the camp and everyone watched.

“We have come to see Aslan.”

The wind was blowing the tent and its banners. All of Aslan’s army bowed down in expectation of him. The kids looked and out of the tent came the Lion. As Aslan walked out of the tent the children were amazed. Lucy smiled happily. The others looked in wonder at him. They bowed to his Majesty.

“Welcome, Peter, Son of Adam. Welcome, Susan and Lucy, Daughters of Eve. And welcome to you Beavers. You have my thanks. But where is the fourth?”

He spoke lovingly and strongly. He also spoke of their need to save Edmund. He knew the whole story.

Jesus spoke lovingly to those who came to him.

Blessed are those who are sad, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the gentle, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

(Matthew 5:4-8)

Jesus also came to save. He came to seek and to save the lost. He came in order to give his life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:28) People had to be bought back because of the betrayal of Adam and Eve.

## **THE REAL MAGIC**

The children doubted the prophecies about themselves and they didn't really believe in Aslan.

**Peter:** “Aslan, I'm not what you think I am.”

**Aslan:** “Peter Pevensies, formerly of Finchley.

Beaver also said you planned to turn him into a hat.

Peter, there is a Deep Magic, more powerful than any of us that rules over all of Narnia. It defines right from wrong and governs all of our destinies, yours and mine.”

**Peter:** “I couldn't even protect my family.”

**Aslan:** “Peter, I will do what I can to help your brother.

I, too, want my family safe.”

There is a Real Magic in our world too. It is known and upheld by God himself. It allows for life to exist and encourages us to live truthful lives. God rewards those who diligently look for him and who follow his commands (Acts 9:35).

God knows the future and he is working all things together for the good of those who love him and are called to follow him (Romans 8:28).

God wants his family safe as well. If you love Jesus, then you are in his family. He is bringing you closer to himself. Eventually, Jesus will bring us home:

“Don’t let your heart be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. I’m going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me so that you also may be where I am.” (John 14:13)

## **THE REAL PROMISE**

The Witch demanded a meeting and came to camp.

**Witch:** “You have a traitor in your midst, Aslan.”

**Aslan:** “His offence was not against you.”

**Witch:** “Have you forgotten the laws upon which Narnia was built?”

**Aslan:** “Do not cite the Deep Magic to me, Witch. I was there when it was written.”

**Witch:** “Then you’ll remember well that every traitor belongs to me. His blood is my property.”

**Peter:** “Try and take him then.”

**Witch:** “Do you really think that mere force will deny me my right... little King?”

**Witch:** “Aslan knows that unless I have blood, as the law demands, all of Narnia will be overturned, and perish in fire and water. That boy will die on the stone table... as is tradition.  
You dare not refuse me.”

**Aslan:** “Enough. I shall talk with you alone.”

They came out of the tent.

**Aslan:** “She has renounced her claim on the Son of Adam’s blood.”

**Witch:** “How do I know your promise will be kept?”

**Aslan:** (a Powerful Roar)

God made a promise to save us because he loves us. God wanted us to live in heaven with him and not to die in Hell. When Jesus neared the end of his life, his disciples learned how his promise would be kept.

## **THE REAL SACRIFICE**

Lucy couldn't sleep and then she saw Aslan's shadow go by outside the tent. Lucy and Susan followed Aslan.

**Aslan:** "It is time. From here, I must go on alone.  
You have to trust me. For this must be done."

**Witch:** "Behold. The great Lion."

Aslan didn't open his mouth. He didn't bite them.

**Witch:** "Bind him!  
Wait! Let him first be shaved.  
Bring him to me."

They dragged him up onto the stone table. The Witch's army of freaks were howling and making noise.

**Witch:** "You know Aslan, I'm little disappointed in you. Did you honestly think by all this that you could save the human traitor? You are giving me your life and saving no one. So much for love."

"Tonight ... the Deep Magic will be appeased.  
But tomorrow... we will take Narnia forever!  
In that knowledge, despair... and die!"

The Witch stabbed Aslan with a long knife.

**Witch:** "The Great Cat is dead!  
General, prepare your troops for battle, however short that will be."

Jesus also began his path to death in the night. Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.'

Judas, one of his disciples, betrayed him. Judas brought a large crowd armed with swords and clubs. They arrested Jesus and took him to the high priest in Jerusalem, where the teachers of the law and elders had assembled. The high priest said to him, 'I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.'

'Yes, it is as you say,' Jesus replied.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. 'Hail, king of the Jews!' they said. Then they led him away to crucify him.

When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. Above his head they placed the written charge against him: 'THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.'

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' (Matthew 26 – 27)

Jesus said, 'I am thirsty.' They put vinegar in a sponge and lifted it to his lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said,

'It is finished.'

He bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19)

## **THE REAL RESURRECTION**

Lucy and Susan sat with Aslan's dead body. Finally, they turned to leave. It was so cold.

Suddenly a big cracking sound was heard. The girls turned around and saw that the table was broken and Aslan was gone. What had happened?

The sun came up and Aslan appeared.

He chuckled happily as he came to the girls.

**Aslan:** "If the Witch knew the true meaning of sacrifice

she might have interpreted the Deep Magic differently. That when a willing victim that had committed no treachery is killed in a traitor's stead that the stone table will crack and even death itself would turn backwards."

Climb on my back. We have far to go and little time to get there. You may want to cover your ears."

Aslan roared over all of Narnia.

Jesus came back to life. After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus. He has risen...'

The women hurried away from the tomb. Suddenly, Jesus met them. 'Greetings,' he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid.' (Matthew 28)

## **OTHER REAL RESURRECTIONS**

Aslan took the girls to the Witch's fortress. It was filled with stone statues of animals that had fought against the Witch. They found Mr. Tumnus and the girls cried because of the death they saw.

Aslan blew on the statue of Mr. Tumnus. Slowly life returned to him. He fell down and Lucy caught him. They laughed together.

"Come," Aslan said, "We must hurry and search the castle. Peter will need everyone we can find."

When Jesus rose from the dead other people rose from the dead also. "The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. (Matthew 27:53)

It was a sign that eventually everyone who believes in Jesus will rise from the dead. Eventually all of us who believe in Jesus will live with God in heaven and death will be finished forever.

When Aslan revived the stone animals in the Witch's palace it was showing that he could bring life again. He could give the breath of life.

This is similar to when God first created Adam and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (Genesis 2:7).

Jesus said:

“I am the one who raises the dead and gives them life again. Anyone who believes in me will live again, even though he dies.” (John 11:25, The Living Bible)

## **THE REAL BATTLE**

**Witch:** “I have no interest in prisoners. Kill them all.”

Peter drew his sword and spoke to the centaur, Oreius.

**Peter:** “Are you with me?”

**Oreius:** “To the death.”

**Peter:** “For Narnia, and for Aslan!”

The battle raged. The battle of good against evil.

The battle could not be won. The Witch and her army were defeating them all. Bravery alone could not defeat the evil of the world. The Witch had magic and power. Soon all would be under her control again.

The Witch stabbed Edmund. Finally, Peter himself faced the Witch. He fought until he was too tired to fight anymore. Suddenly, Aslan appeared on a hill.

Aslan ran at the Witch and pinned her down. He looked at her and she looked back. Aslan destroyed her.

Aslan turned to Peter and said,

“It is finished.”

The real battle of good against evil still exists. It is a complicated battle and has not been solved yet. Jesus defeated death, but death still exists. Satan’s control over people and nations is more powerful than we can imagine. He is not interested in prisoners. He wants to kill us all. And death will kill us all.

However, we have been given a promise that the battle will be won. We wait for the return of Jesus.

## **THE REAL RETURN**

After Jesus came alive again, he showed himself to the disciples and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

On the day of his resurrection, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

One morning Jesus appeared to them after they had been fishing all night and had caught nothing.

He called to them, 'Friends, haven't you any fish?'

'No,' they answered.

He said, 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.' When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then he spent the morning talking and eating with them (John 20:19-20, John 21:1-14).

Jesus will return. We don't know when it will be, but there will be an end to evil and the re-creation of a perfect world just as God had originally planned.

As the disciples watched Jesus rise into heaven, suddenly two men dressed in white (angels) stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee' they said, 'this same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go to heaven.' (Acts 1)

Jesus mentioned his return many times.

"Behold, I am coming quickly! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done." (Revelation 22:12)

## **THE REAL CORONATION**

The Witch was defeated and Aslan enabled the whole land to celebrate. Aslan announced the ceremony.

"To the glistening Eastern Sea,  
I give you Queen Lucy the Valiant.

To the great Western Wood, King Edmund the Just.  
To the radiant Southern Sun, Queen Susan the Gentle.  
And to the clear Northern sky, I give you King Peter, the Magnificent.  
Once a King or Queen of Narnia, always a King or Queen. May your  
wisdom grace us until the stars rain down from the heavens.”

Their reign lasted many years.

The real coronation will occur when Jesus comes again. The Bible says that when Jesus comes again, he will be the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He will have many crowns. This will show that he is the one who deserves all the praise and worship. He paid for the salvation of the world when he died on the cross. His crown of thorns will be replaced with beautiful crowns.

The Bible says that humans will receive crowns too. There will be rewards for all who have loved Jesus and lived for Jesus on the earth.

“Happy is the one who doesn’t give in and do wrong when he is tempted, for afterwards he will get as his reward the crown of life that God has promised those who love him.” (James 1:12)

God wants us to care for other people,

“Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care. Not because you must but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve. And when the chief Shepherd (Jesus) appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.” (1 Peter 5:2-4)

Those who suffer for God will receive a reward.

“Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison, to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.” (Revelation 2:10)

Heaven will be glorious.

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing down from the throne of God and of the Lamb (Jesus)

down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.” (Revelation 21:1-5)

See you there!

Jesus wants you to know him. He wants you to look for him and understand him. He is available every moment to be your friend. His words are in the Bible and if you read them, he will give you advice about how to live your life.

Ask him to forgive your sins.

“Thank you Jesus for dying on the cross for my sins. Please forgive my sins and give me eternal life. I open the door of my life and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Change me into the person you want me to be.”

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