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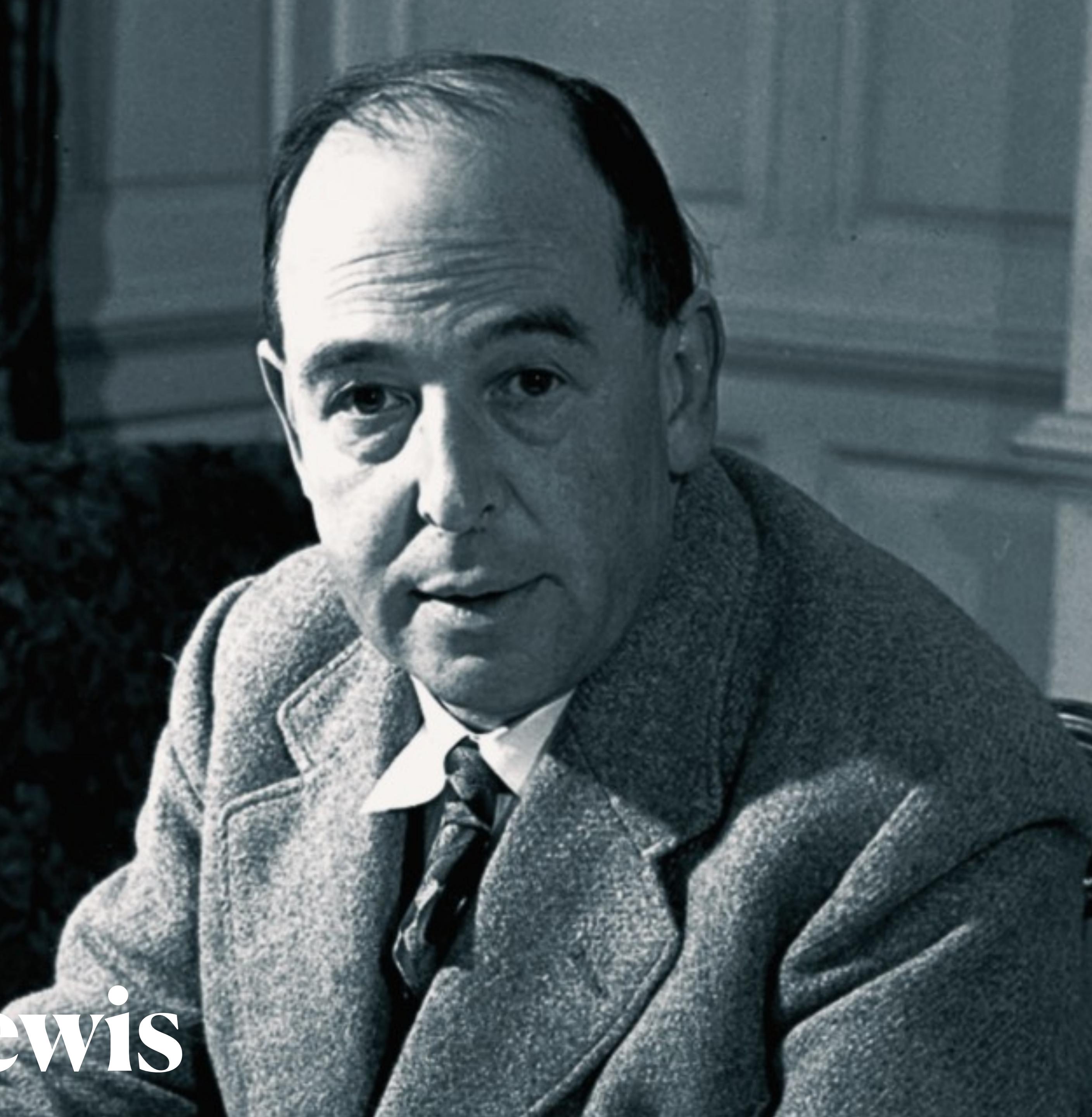
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READER: May God bless the reading of His Word. Together, we pray:
EVERYONE: May His Word transform our lives, In Jesus’ Name. Amen

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—C.S. Lewis



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— JOHN 14:1-3

In John 14, Jesus isn't just talking about a DESTINATION.
He's talking about DEVOTION.

He's saying:

I'm not abandoning you.

I'm devoted to coming back for you.

WHAT DOES “PREPARING A PLACE” MEAN?

The preparation Jesus is talking about is...

...His suffering,

...His death,

...His blood poured out to cleanse us...through the cross.

The preparation isn't about fixing “His *place*”

It's about fixing His *people*.

Because

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**Christian faith isn't just about where you're going...
It's about who you're following to get there.**

**Wrong directions don't just delay you...
They can take you somewhere deadly.**

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—JOHN 14:7-9

**Jesus is not just *pointing* to God.
He is *revealing* God.**

JOHN
CENA!





“If you’ve seen Me, you’ve seen the Father.”

“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact expression of his nature.”

—Hebrews 1:3 (CSB)

“He is the image of the invisible God.” —Col. 1:15 (CSB)

If you’ve ever wondered what God is like—
JUST LOOK AT JESUS:

How He loves.

How He forgives.

How He moves toward the broken.

How He touches the untouchable.

How He welcomes the outsider.

How He tells the truth *without* crushing people.

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—JOHN 14:10-11

The RESURRECTION doesn't just tell us that Jesus understands pain.
It tells us He has authority over it.

THE RESURRECTION shows us that...

God is in control...despite the chaos.

God is present...despite perceived distance.

God is trustworthy...despite our suspicions.

When we're struggling...

...Jesus invites us to REMEMBER:

Where have I seen God at work?

Where has He been faithful before?

Where have I witnessed His grace—in my life or in someone else's?

Sometimes faith isn't saying, "*I feel confident.*"

Sometimes faith is saying,

"God, I don't feel confident—but I remember what You've done."

**Where might Jesus be inviting you
—not to have more answers—
but to place deeper trust in Him today?**

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JESUS

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HAND ON

CHEST

“My faith feels fragile”

JESUS’

WORKS

HOLD US

If your faith feels fragile right now, you might place a hand over your heart and simply say:

“Jesus, hold me where I feel weak.”