

**Eleveneses with C. S. Lewis**  
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## **Description**

Arguably the most effective Christian apologist of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the words of C. S. Lewis continue to speak powerfully in our day. This fall we will attempt to give an overview of the major themes of Lewis' popular writing, drawing on his major apologetic works as well as his *Chronicles of Narnia* and other works of fiction. Necessarily we will be giving very brief introductions to these themes, perhaps somewhat like you might have heard if you were able to have a conversation with Lewis over "eleveneses" in his rooms at Magdalen College, Oxford.

## **Tentative Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
9/24	Introducing Someone Who Needs No Introduction: <i>The Life and Writings of C. S. Lewis</i>
10/1	The Grand Panorama: <i>C. S. Lewis on the Meaning of Life</i>
10/8	Stories We Live By: <i>C. S. Lewis on Narnia and the Importance of Stories</i>
10/15	Baptizing Lewis' Imagination: <i>George MacDonald's Influence on C. S. Lewis</i> Led by Don Lauser
10/22	The True Myth: <i>The Relationship of C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien</i> Led by Ty Camp
10/29	The Lord and The Lion: <i>C. S. Lewis on Aslan and the Christian Life</i>
11/5	Sharing the Faith: <i>C. S. Lewis on Apologetics</i>
11/12	No class because of combined worship service at 10:30
11/19	"Men Without Chests": <i>C. S. Lewis on Education</i>
11/26	<u>That Hideous Strength</u> : <i>C. S. Lewis on Scientism</i>
12/3	"The Cardinal Difficulty with Naturalism": <i>C. S. Lewis' Argument from Reason</i>
12/10	<u>Screwtape Letters</u> : <i>C. S. Lewis on Temptation</i>
12/17	In the Valley of the Shadow of Death: <i>C. S. Lewis on Pain and Suffering, Hope and Heaven</i>