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Photograph of C.S. Lewis taken in 1949 at age 50. Image online, courtesy Wikimedia Commons.

*Aim at Heaven
and you will get earth "thrown in":
Aim at earth
and you will get neither.*

C. S. Lewis

When he was four, the only thing Clive Staples (C.S.) Lewis aimed for was a new name. He didn't like "Clive." His dog, Jacksie, had been run over by one of the first cars in Ireland. Lewis announced he would forever after be known by the name of his dead dog.

The surprise was not that a young child wanted a new name. The surprise was his parents agreed. It was just the start of a life marked by persuasive, independent thinking.

While at least 200 million readers worldwide have always known him as C. S. Lewis, his friends never did. Soon, "Jacksie" was shortened to "Jacks" and, ultimately, to "Jack."

This is the story of Jack Lewis - the man of Shadowlands (in which he was brilliantly portrayed by Anthony Hopkins).

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