



## *Celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of Clive Staples Lewis's Entrance into Heaven*

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Fifty years ago, on November 22, 1963, the same day that President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, C.S. Lewis entered the presence of the Lord, dying in his home near Oxford, England, a week shy of age sixty-five. Lewis had gained fame for his wide array of writings including fictional works such as *The Chronicles of Narnia* and books on faith such as *The Problem of Pain*. Though popular in his day both in the United Kingdom and in the United States, Lewis expected that his name would become obscure and little known by the late twentieth century. Lewis would be surprised today to learn that his books sell in the millions annually; some have been turned into movies; and his book *Mere Christianity* was named by *Christianity Today* as the most influential Christian work of the twentieth century.

On November 22, 2013, a memorial was unveiled in the Poet's Corner of Westminster Abbey honoring Lewis's contribution to British literature as well as his influence within the global Christian world, an honor reserved for the likes of Shakespeare and Dickens.

While Lewis's accomplishments are amazing and worthy of honor, the C.S. Lewis Institute (CSLI) believes that his greatest work was that of committing his life to serving Jesus Christ in a manner that encouraged others to explore the truth and joy of faith in Christ. We at CSLI are grateful for the life of this brother in Christ who has helped many live out the mission of our organization, "Founded in 1976 in the legacy of C.S. Lewis, the Institute endeavors to develop disciples who will articulate, defend, and live their faith in Christ in personal and public life."



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