

*Matthew's*  
CHRISTMAS  
STORY



<sup>1</sup> This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: <sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup> Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, <sup>4</sup> Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, [Matthew 1:1-4](#)

<sup>5</sup> Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, <sup>7</sup> Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa, <sup>8</sup> Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram,

Matthew 1:5-7



Jehoram the father of Uzziah, <sup>9</sup> Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, <sup>10</sup> Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah, <sup>11</sup> and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.

Matthew 1:8-11

<sup>12</sup> After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, <sup>13</sup> Zerubbabel the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, <sup>14</sup> Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Elihud,

Matthew 1:12-14

<sup>15</sup> Elihud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, <sup>16</sup> and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah. <sup>17</sup> Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

Matthew 1:15-17



# **I. The genealogy tells us that the promise is true.**

"This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham ..."

Matthew 1:1



To Abraham, God said:

*Everyone on earth will be  
blessed because of you.*

Genesis 12:3



To David, God said:

*I have made a promise on oath to David, my servant: 4 'I will give you an eternal dynasty and establish your throne throughout future generations.'"*

Psalm 89:3, 4



But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day.<sup>9</sup> The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief.

2 Peter 3:8-10



...in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. <sup>4</sup> They will say, "What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again?"      2 Peter 3:3,4

Take delight in the Lord,  
and He will give you  
your heart's desires.

Psalms 37:4

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.      Proverbs 3:5,6



## II. The genealogy tells us about God's Grace.

vs. 3, "Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was **Tamar** ..."

vs. 5, "Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was **Rahab**,  
Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was **Ruth** ..."

vs. 6, "David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had  
been **Uriah's wife** ..."

vs. 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of **Mary**,  
and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.



verse 6

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Solomon, whose mother had  
been Uriah's wife ..."

(Bathsheba)





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Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. <sup>2</sup> You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world,...

<sup>4</sup> But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup> that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

Ephesians 2:1,2,4,5







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grandson of oil billionaire  
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"With a heavy heart, Gordon Getty announces the death of his son, John Gilbert Getty," "John was a talented musician who loved rock and roll. He will be deeply missed," a family spokesperson told the news.





So now Jesus and the ones he  
makes holy have the same  
Father. That is why Jesus is not  
ashamed to call them his  
brothers and sisters.

Hebrews 2:11



If you're ashamed of me, I will  
be ashamed of you before my  
father and the angels.

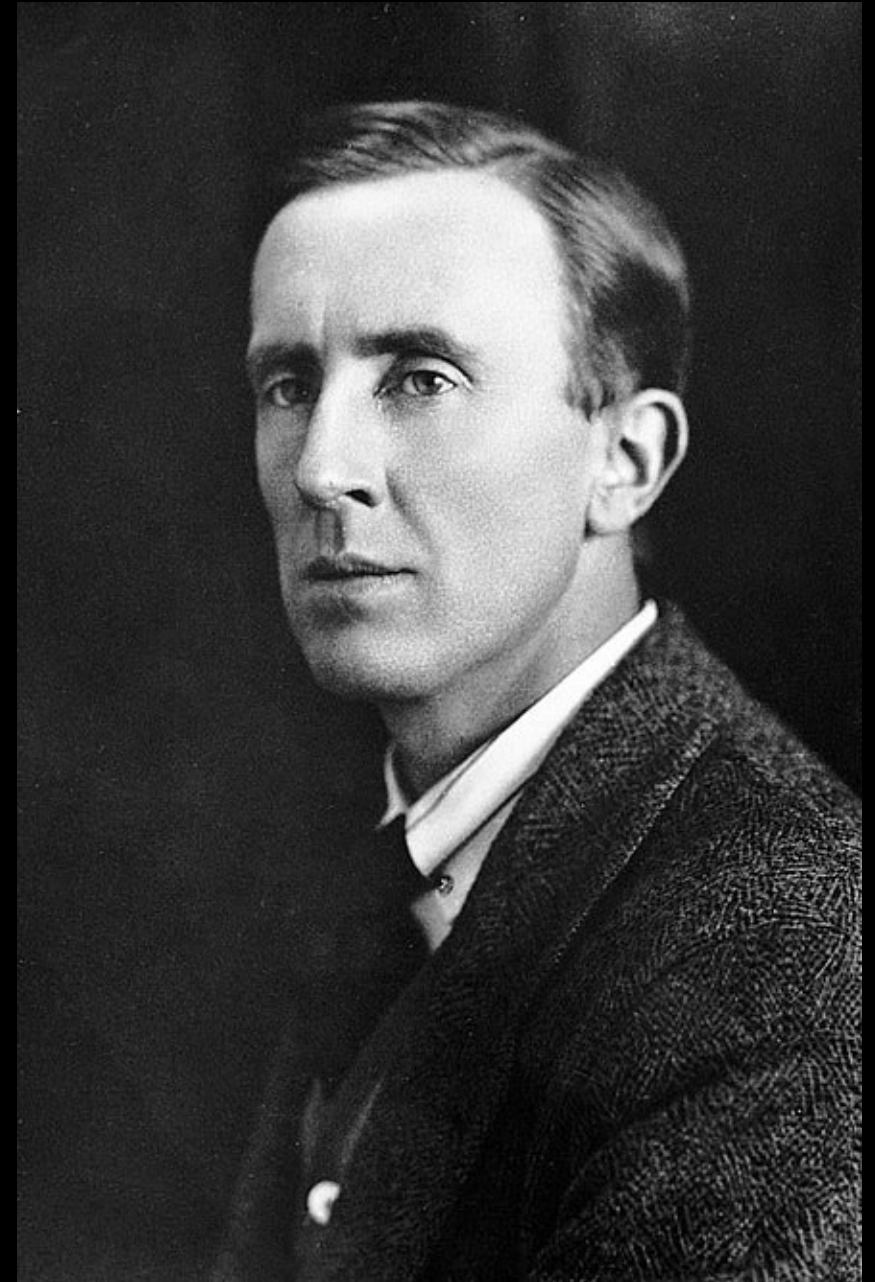
Mark 8:38



**III. The genealogy tells us that  
good will triumph over evil.**



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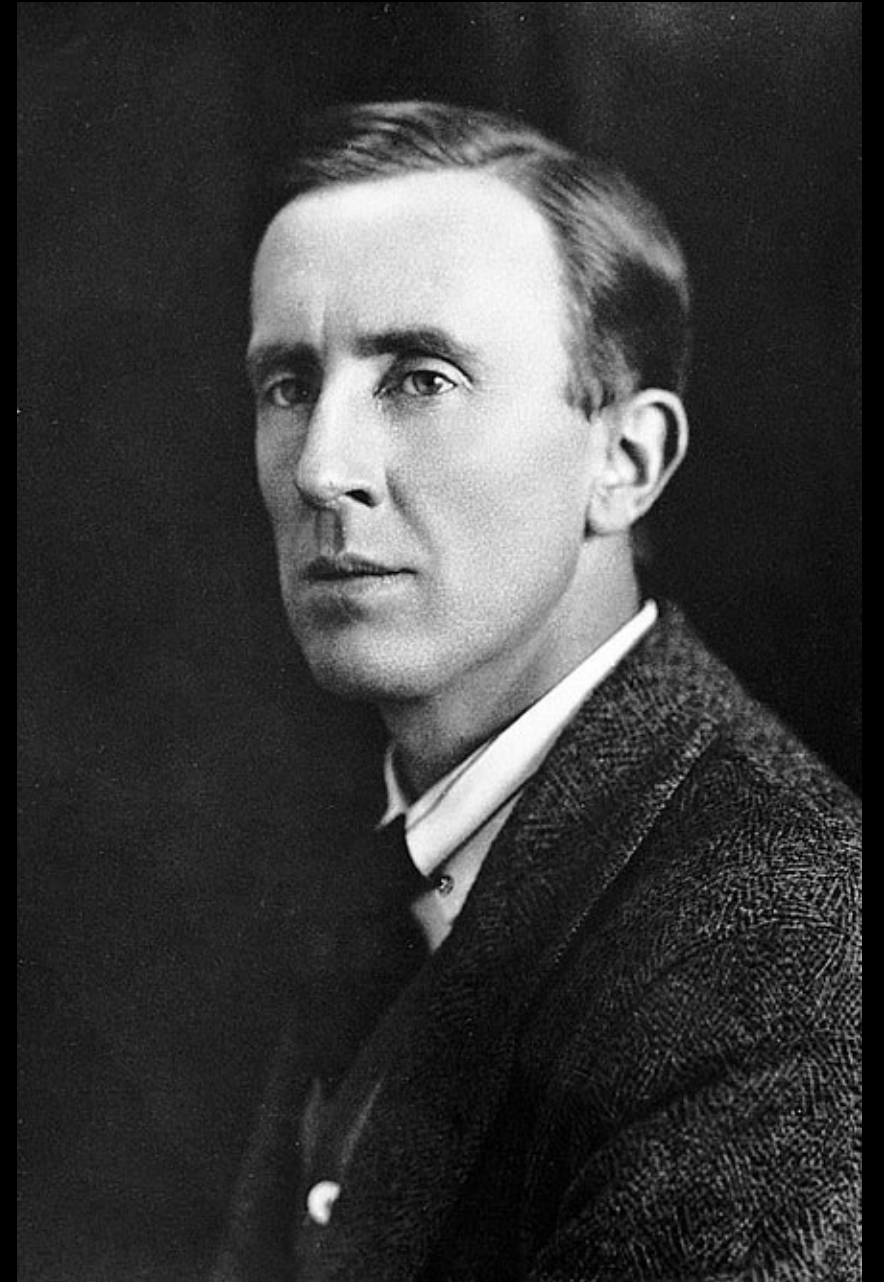




# J.R.R. Tolkien-“Lord of the Rings”

Tolkien's atheist friend  
protested,

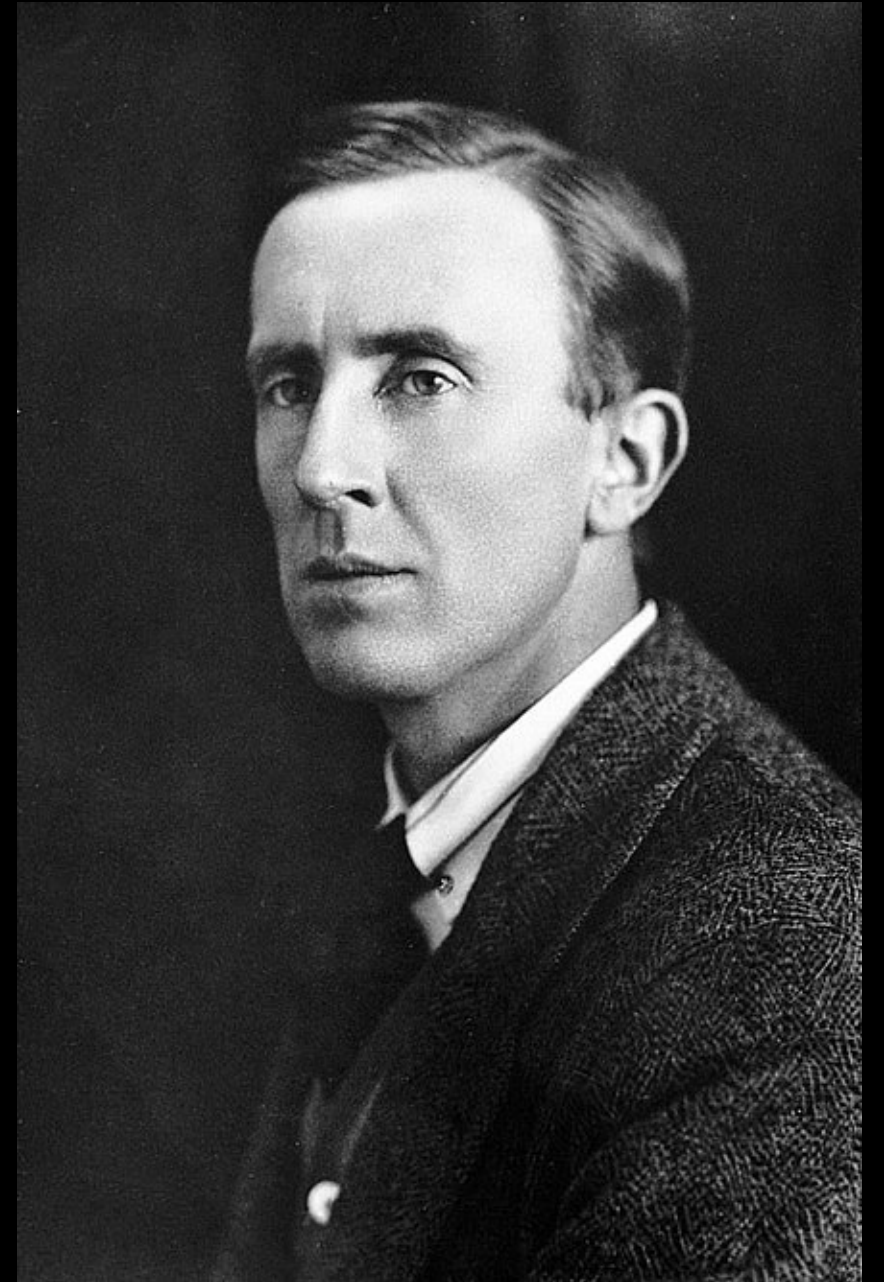
*“That those stories, as  
wonderful as they are,  
are not factual.*



J.R.R. Tolkien-“Lord of the Rings”

Tolkien asked him,

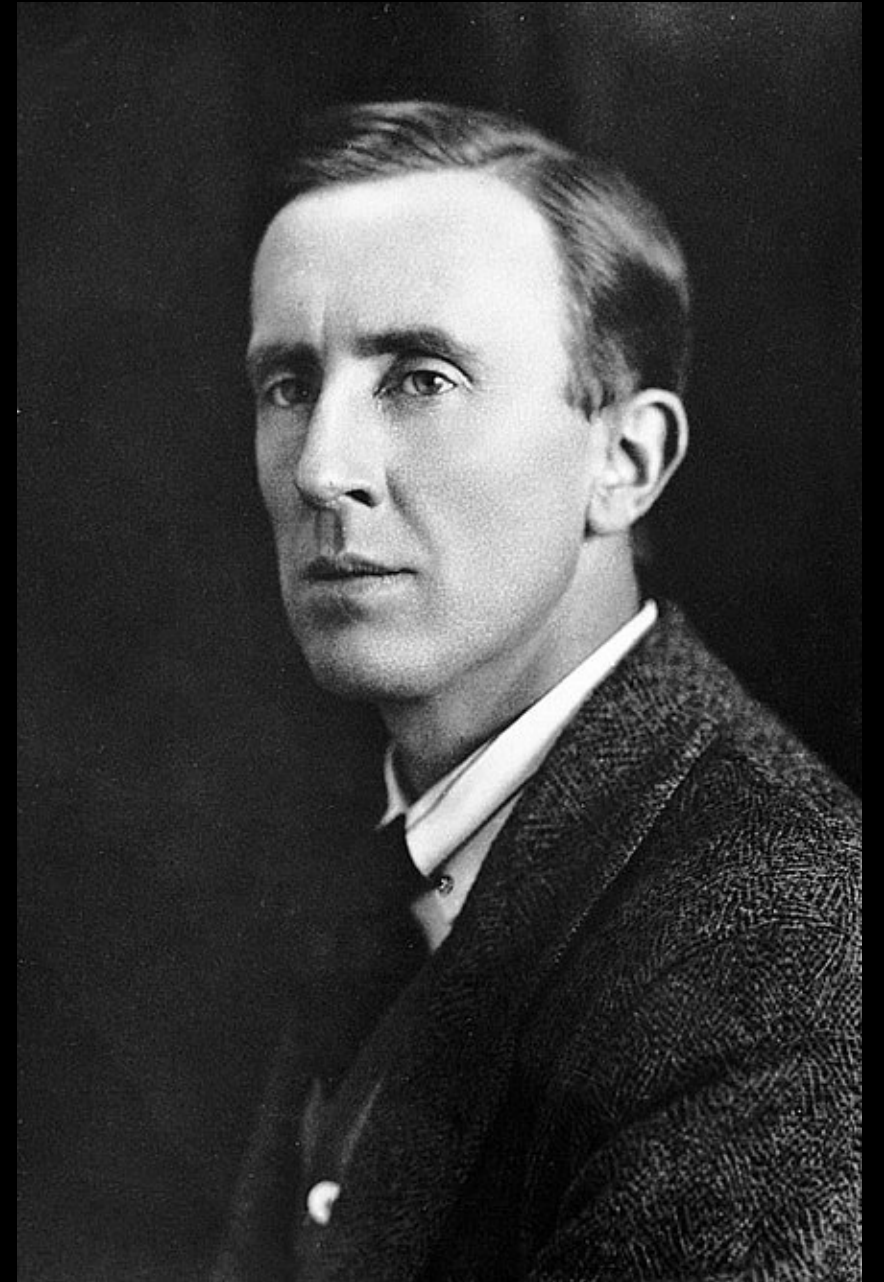
*“What if there were a hero  
who could awaken us from  
death and break the spell  
with a kiss?”*



# J.R.R. Tolkien-“Lord of the Rings”

His friend said,

*“That be wonderful, I do love  
the old myths, and legends,  
but alas in the end they are  
simply fairy tales, and lies.”*

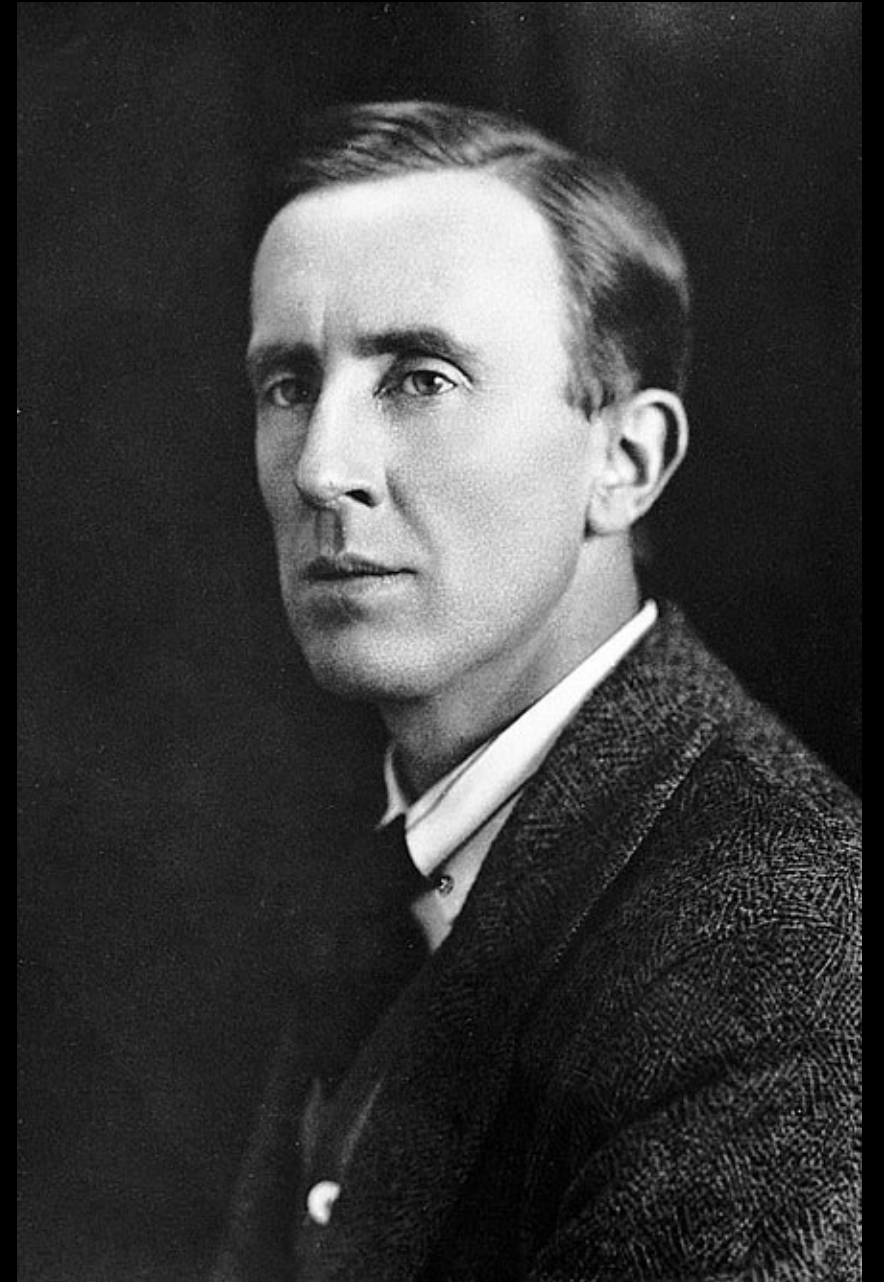




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To which Tolkien replied,

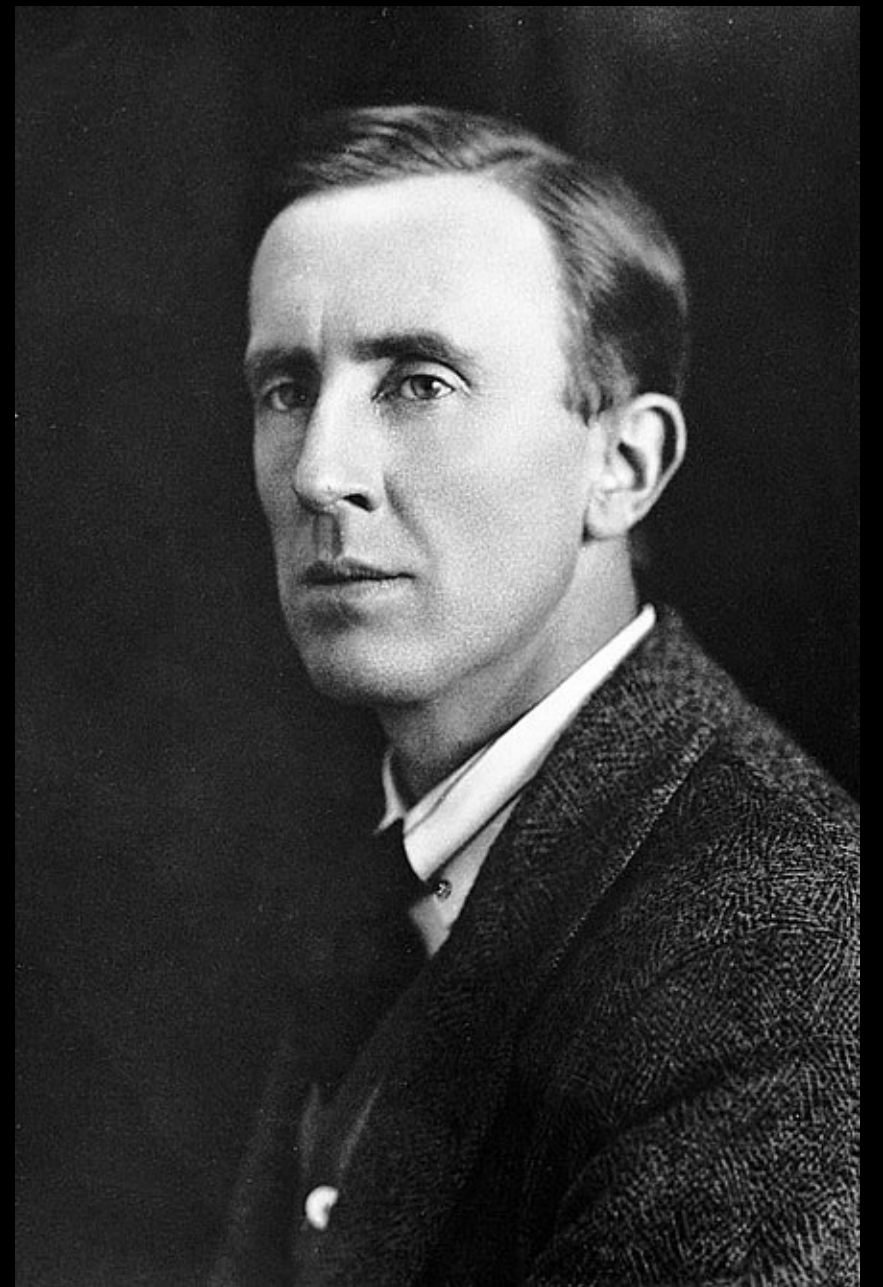
*“Not all of them.  
Think about this story.”*





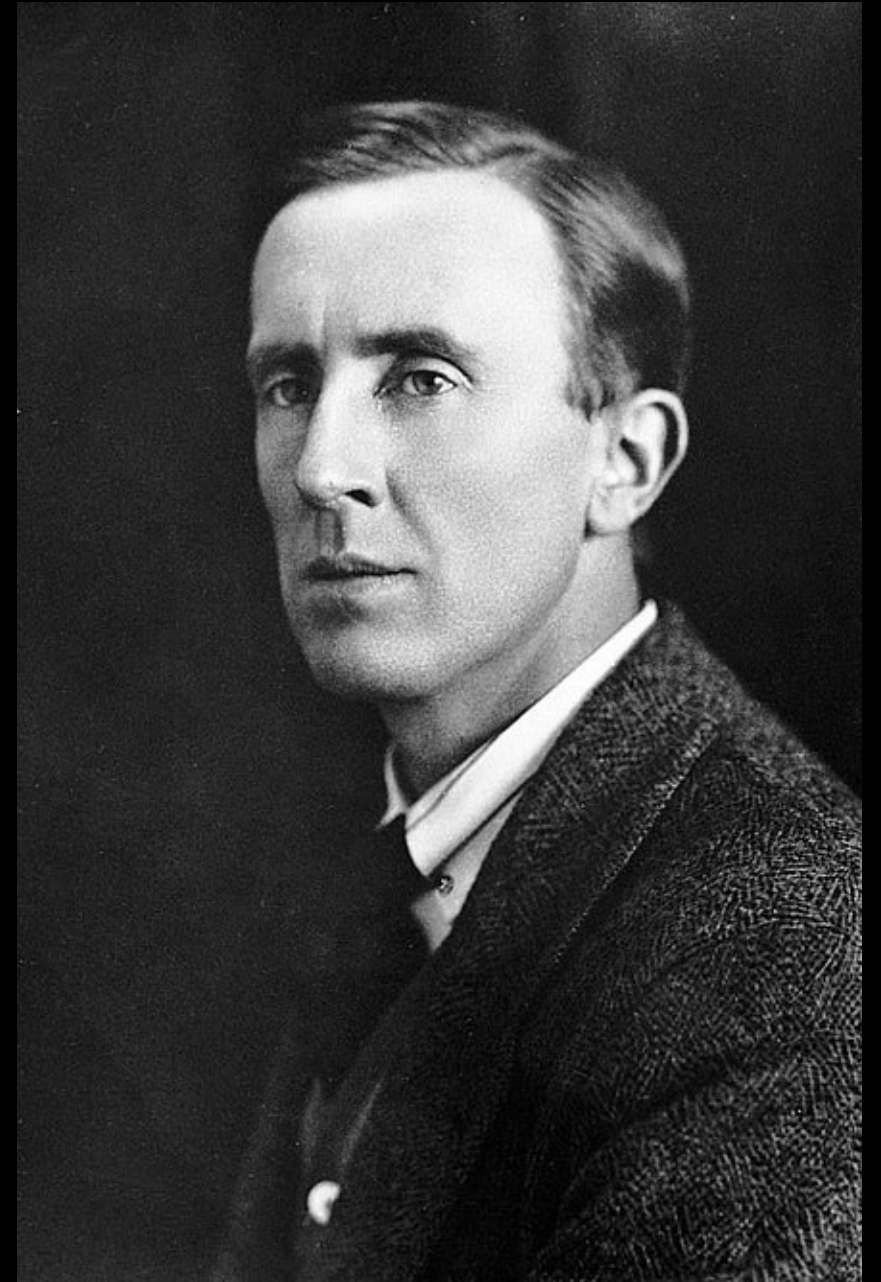
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*“A man from an obscure village, a nobody, is found to have a power that no one has ever seen before to resist evil. He’s raising children from the dead, calming the storm, feeding the multitudes, casting out demons, and loving poor and marginalized folks.”*



# J.R.R. Tolkien-*"Lord of the Rings"*

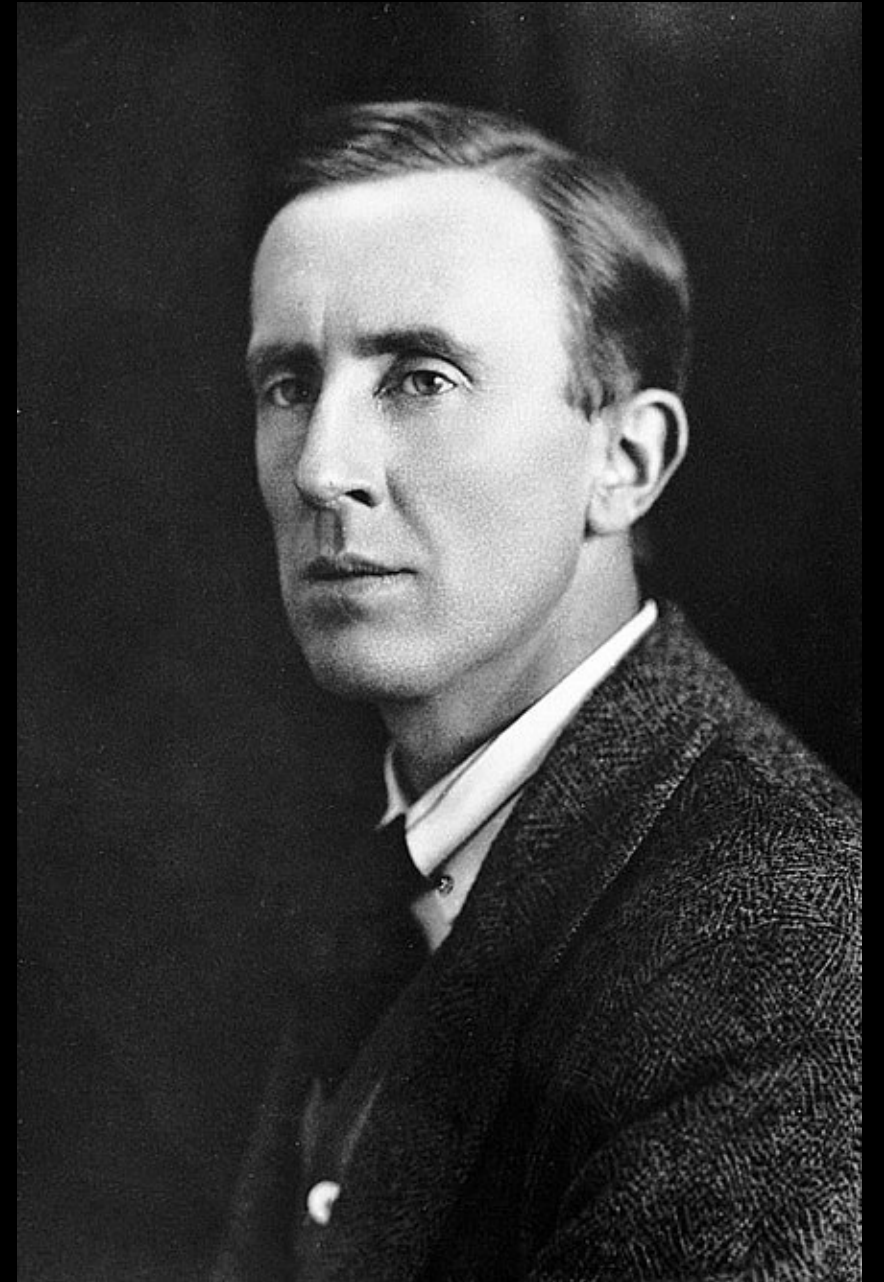
*But then he's betrayed by those in power who are threatened by his influence and so He's put to death, but three days later, He's miraculously raised back to life.*



# J.R.R. Tolkien-“Lord of the Rings”

Tolkien's friend says,

*“That sounds like another one of those great stories that isn't factually true.”*

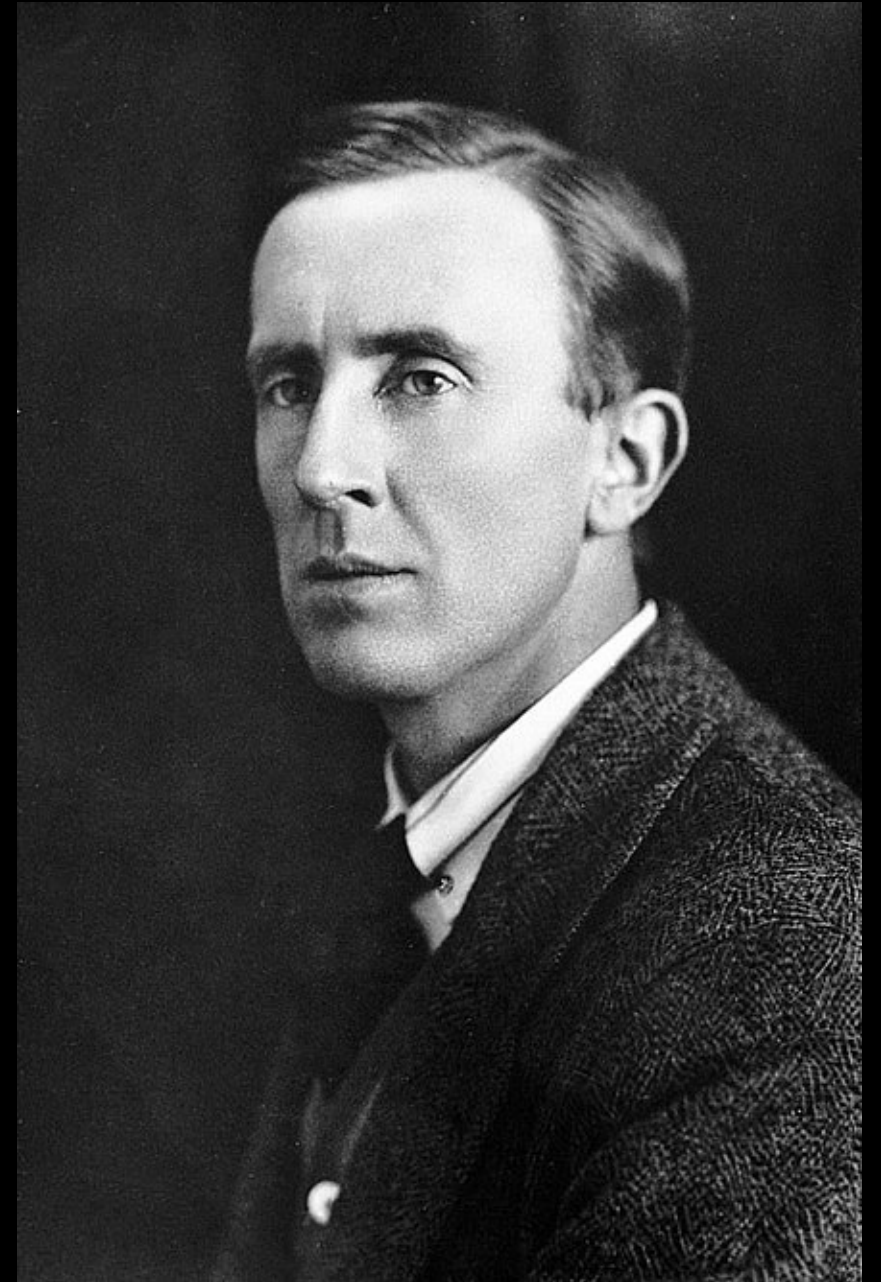




# J.R.R. Tolkien-“Lord of the Rings”

Tolkien said,

*But you're missing the point of the story, it's different. It doesn't start with, “Once upon a time. It starts with, ‘This is the historical record of the lineage of the One we call Jesus.’ This really happened.”*





"This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham ..."

Matthew 1:1





# C.S. Lewis

Prolific Christian author  
and apologist.



