

Thought for the day – Friday 22nd October 2021

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Bible Sunday and books again.

Kit's questions have got me thinking. There are some books I re-read; sometimes it feels like painting the Forth Bridge, I get to the end of a sequence or series and go back to the beginning.

Perhaps it is not that bad, but with the Lord of the Rings – prefaced by the Hobbit; Harry Potter and The Chronicles of Narnia I start to get itchy fingers on my Kindle or bookshelf.

They all involve adventures, quests, sacrificial love and redemption. Think of a passage or a character and there are lessons to be learnt and fun to be had.

C.S. Lewis is overt in using his writing to express his Christian faith and often his pictures and images are helpful in understanding Biblical concepts.

I have a theory that many stories express friendship and journeys.

In the gospel of Mark we are reminded of the urgency of the good news. Jesus is on the Way and people are following him on the way. The disciples bond as a group who become friends – struggling to follow Jesus.

But as we come to the end of the Gospel we are sent back to the beginning to start reading all over again. And seek to follow Jesus in the way.