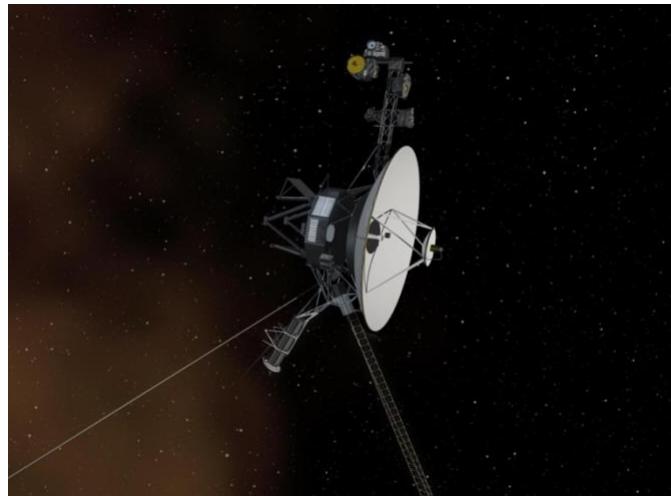


The Mystery of Christ

Col 1:25-27; 2:1-3



Background

In the film "Interstellar", director Christopher Nolan suggests that love is as powerful a force in our lives as gravity. As Christians, we know this to be more than a mere suggestion -- it is the truth we experience for ourselves, as outsiders who are being drawn to God by the love of Christ. Come join us this Sunday to hear more about "the Mystery of Christ" as we return to Colossians 1:25-27; 2:1-3.

Sermon Text: Col 1:25-27; 2:1-3 (ESV)

²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

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¹For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ²that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Discussion Questions

1. Preparation

- a. What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- b. What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- c. As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you the most?

2. Sunday questions

- a. Eugene began with explaining how we so often feel the temptation to set boundaries between “us/insiders” and “them/outsiders”? Do you feel this temptation? Why or why not?
- b. Currently, do you feel yourself moving toward Jesus or moving away from him? Explain.
- c. Do you find yourself sometimes forgetting the good news of the freedom that Christ brings? If so, what helps you remember?
- d. Where are you reaching out to the “outsiders,” and tearing down walls between “us/insiders” and “them/outsiders”?
- e. Did you come away feeling wonder in the fact that we live in an age where the mystery of Christ has already been revealed. Why or why not?