

Colossians 1:24-2:5

Discuss: Do you enjoy mystery stories e.g. Sherlock Holmes, Agatha Christie, Father Brown? Or are you someone who prefers all the answers straight away? Why?

Recap: What is Paul praying for the Colossian church? What has he reminded them about the Jesus they have believed in?

Hear from God: Read Colossians 1:24-2:5

1. What do you think Paul means in v24?
2. What is 'the mystery'?
3. How has it been disclosed?
4. Why was it a mystery initially?
5. What is Paul's aim and method in ministry (v28)? Why is that helpful for us to read considering the upcoming interregnum?
6. What is Paul's goal for the Laodiceans? How is it like his goal for the Colossians?
7. Why must he be so clear about Jesus (v4)?
8. Can you think of any 'fine sounding arguments' that may deceive them/us?

Apply these things to your life

1. How does it help us in our humility that the gospel was a mystery that we had to have revealed to us?
2. Why is that important to keep in mind as we study the Bible?
3. How can we have the same goal as Paul in 1:28 and 2:2?
4. What 'fine sounding arguments' may we need to be aware of?

PRAYERS

Give thanks that the mystery of the gospel has been revealed to us.

Pray for the Argentina team as they unwrap the mystery of the gospel and proclaim Christ.