



KEY THOUGHTS

- We love mysteries! There's something about a hook, a crime, an eerie atmosphere, an unsolved drama.
- Throughout the New Testament, particularly in Paul's writings, we hear about the mystery of Christ and the gospel. What is that? And what's so mysterious?
- Col. 2:2-3 – "Mysterious" describes the way of Jesus
- It's mysterious because it was previously not known. (1 Cor. 16:25-27)
- It's mysterious because it was previously not understood. (Mark 4:11-12 and 1 Cor. 2:6-8)
- It's mysterious because it was previously not available. (Eph. 3:1-6)
- This mystery is so much more than knowledge – it has to do with experience.
- Gen. 4:1 – And the man had relations with his wife Eve... Most translations footnote this with the fact that "had relations" is literally "knew" – this is experiential!

SCRIPTURES

- Colossians 2:2-3
- Romans 16:25-27
- Mark 4:11-12
- 1 Corinthians 2:6-8
- Ephesians 3:1-6
- Genesis 4:1

PRACTICAL & REFLECT

Some things I need to do to recapture the wonder of the mystery:

- 1. We will take a look these weeks at multiple layers of this gospel message to revisit the beauty of this mystery.
- 2. For Jesus-followers, remember the depths from which Christ pulled us, AND help others experience this mystery as well.
- 3. For those who aren't following Jesus yet, the gospel message is a powerful mystery. You're in an enviable position to experience it for the first time!