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In the absence of texts, archaeology has shed light on past cultures and tribal societies. This fact is especially true of early medieval Ireland and Britain where historical texts are few. Twenty years ago Thomas Cahill published a book titled *How the Irish Saved Civilization*, arguing that we cannot understand the development of Europe without first recognizing the role of Celtic Christianity. This book would remain on the *New York Times* Bestseller list for two years and, with that kind of success, there came a flood of critics who attacked its sensationalism and historical claims. Unfortunately, most scholars today remember the criticism and forget the actual archaeological and historic evidence. In this presentation, Dr. Charles Stewart will provide a fresh perspective on this issue and explain how archaeology and art history have shed light on Ireland's role in Europe in the "Dark Ages".

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