

A photograph of an astronaut in a white spacesuit working on the Hubble Space Telescope. The astronaut is positioned in the center, with the telescope's complex structure and gold-colored thermal blankets visible to the left. The background is the blackness of space. The text 'SERVICING MISSION 4' is overlaid in large white letters, and 'HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE' is overlaid in white letters on a red rectangular background below it.

SERVICING MISSION 4
HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE

1
00:00:05,749 --> 00:00:02,790
by the year 2002 hubble had done more

2
00:00:07,909 --> 00:00:05,759
than make a name for itself

3
00:00:11,749 --> 00:00:07,919
hubble had changed how we see the very

4
00:00:15,350 --> 00:00:13,589
galaxies became familiar neighborhoods

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00:00:17,830 --> 00:00:15,360
to explore

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00:00:22,150 --> 00:00:17,840
far off planets felt like old friends

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00:00:23,830 --> 00:00:22,160
and nebulas a beautiful sight to behold

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00:00:25,830 --> 00:00:23,840
and with servicing mission four coming

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00:00:28,150 --> 00:00:25,840
up quickly the excitement was almost

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00:00:29,589 --> 00:00:28,160
palpable for the new wonders hubble was

11
00:00:32,470 --> 00:00:29,599
about to uncover with its

12
00:00:36,389 --> 00:00:32,480
state-of-the-art upgrades

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00:00:37,770 --> 00:00:36,399

that was until servicing mission 4 was

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00:00:56,310 --> 00:00:37,780

anceled

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00:00:58,389 --> 00:00:56,320

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00:01:00,709 --> 00:00:58,399

hubble's servicing mission 4 originally

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00:01:02,549 --> 00:01:00,719

planned for the year 2004 was designed

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00:01:04,420 --> 00:01:02,559

to bring hubble's scientific equipment

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00:01:06,630 --> 00:01:04,430

to its peak performance

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00:01:07,990 --> 00:01:06,640

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00:01:10,469 --> 00:01:08,000

this would ensure hubble would stay

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00:01:15,150 --> 00:01:10,479

operational as long as possible since

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00:01:20,870 --> 00:01:18,630

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00:01:22,870 --> 00:01:20,880

however in the early stages of preparing

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00:01:25,280 --> 00:01:22,880

for this important mission

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00:01:26,870 --> 00:01:25,290

disaster struck

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00:01:29,510 --> 00:01:26,880

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00:01:32,310 --> 00:01:29,520

the loss of this valiant crew is

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00:01:33,749 --> 00:01:32,320

something we will never

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00:01:35,749 --> 00:01:33,759

be able to get over and certainly the

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00:01:38,390 --> 00:01:35,759

families of all them

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00:01:41,429 --> 00:01:38,400

we have assured we will do everything

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00:01:43,270 --> 00:01:41,439

everything we can possibly do

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00:01:48,550 --> 00:01:43,280

to guarantee that they work

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00:01:53,109 --> 00:01:50,710

the world was shocked after the brave

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00:01:55,670 --> 00:01:53,119

crew on space shuttle columbia was lost

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00:01:59,590 --> 00:01:55,680

upon re-entry through earth's atmosphere

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00:02:04,069 --> 00:02:01,990

soon after former nasa administrator

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00:02:05,830 --> 00:02:04,079

sean o'keefe canceled hubble's final

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00:02:07,590 --> 00:02:05,840

servicing mission over concerns about

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00:02:09,480 --> 00:02:07,600

the safety of hubble servicing

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00:02:14,790 --> 00:02:09,490

astronauts

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00:02:18,790 --> 00:02:16,470

nasa tried to keep the spirit of hubble

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00:02:20,949 --> 00:02:18,800

alive by switching to an entirely remote

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00:02:22,630 --> 00:02:20,959

robotic servicing mission but concluded

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00:02:24,550 --> 00:02:22,640

that it would be too expensive and would

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00:02:26,630 --> 00:02:24,560

not be developed in time to be useful to

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00:02:27,970 --> 00:02:26,640

hubble before it would become

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00:02:31,350 --> 00:02:27,980

non-operational

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00:02:31,360 --> 00:02:34,830

just under three years ago

51
00:02:40,150 --> 00:02:37,990
nasa had to announce

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00:02:42,390 --> 00:02:40,160
a very troubling decision that decision

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00:02:44,070 --> 00:02:42,400
being to cancel shuttle servicing

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00:02:46,390 --> 00:02:44,080
mission 4

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00:02:48,550 --> 00:02:46,400
for the hubble space telescope

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00:02:50,470 --> 00:02:48,560
and today i'm here to announce a much

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00:02:53,750 --> 00:02:50,480
more pleasant decision on behalf of the

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00:02:58,869 --> 00:02:57,030
we are going to add a shuttle servicing

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00:03:01,030 --> 00:02:58,879
mission to the hubble space telescope to

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00:03:03,990 --> 00:03:01,040
the shuttle's manifest to be flown

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00:03:05,990 --> 00:03:04,000
before it retires

62
00:03:08,309 --> 00:03:06,000
the news everybody was waiting for

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00:03:20,229 --> 00:03:08,319

servicing mission 4 was reinstated and

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00:03:20,239 --> 00:03:36,490

do

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00:03:40,070 --> 00:03:37,990

[Music]

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00:03:41,750 --> 00:03:40,080

it's a great day to go fly a great

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00:03:42,900 --> 00:03:41,760

mission good luck godspeed we'll see you

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00:03:48,070 --> 00:03:42,910

back

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00:03:48,080 --> 00:03:54,140

is

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00:03:54,150 --> 00:04:02,949

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00:04:07,350 --> 00:04:04,869

surfacing mission 4 was going to be one

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00:04:09,350 --> 00:04:07,360

of hubble's most ambitious missions to

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00:04:10,949 --> 00:04:09,360

date

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00:04:13,110 --> 00:04:10,959

right away the astronauts of servicing

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00:04:15,429 --> 00:04:13,120

mission 4 were tasked with installing a

76
00:04:18,789 --> 00:04:15,439
brand new instrument into hubble

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00:04:20,870 --> 00:04:18,799
wide field camera three

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00:04:22,790 --> 00:04:20,880
but this instrument didn't go in without

79
00:04:24,870 --> 00:04:22,800
a fight

80
00:04:27,690 --> 00:04:24,880
one singular bolt stood in the way of

81
00:04:28,770 --> 00:04:27,700
installing this instrument

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00:04:33,270 --> 00:04:28,780
[Applause]

83
00:04:37,030 --> 00:04:35,030
this new panchromatic camera would

84
00:04:39,590 --> 00:04:37,040
allow astronomers to better understand

85
00:04:41,430 --> 00:04:39,600
galaxy evolution dark matter and dark

86
00:04:43,350 --> 00:04:41,440
energy

87
00:04:45,830 --> 00:04:43,360
next up to bat was installing another

88
00:04:48,390 --> 00:04:45,840

new instrument the cosmic origin

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00:04:49,670 --> 00:04:48,400

spectrograph

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00:04:51,749 --> 00:04:49,680

this would be the most sensitive

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00:04:54,230 --> 00:04:51,759

spectrograph ever flown on hubble

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00:04:56,629 --> 00:04:54,240

allowing us to peer even further into

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00:04:58,310 --> 00:04:56,639

the ultraviolet spectrum

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00:04:59,670 --> 00:04:58,320

but the punches hubble through weren't

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00:05:02,310 --> 00:04:59,680

finished yet

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00:05:03,990 --> 00:05:02,320

both the advanced camera for surveys acs

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00:05:06,629 --> 00:05:04,000

and the space telescope imaging

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00:05:08,950 --> 00:05:06,639

spectrograph stiz needed to be repaired

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00:05:10,550 --> 00:05:08,960

following recent failures but these

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00:05:13,110 --> 00:05:10,560

instruments weren't designed to be

101
00:05:14,550 --> 00:05:13,120
repaired in space

102
00:05:17,350 --> 00:05:14,560
astronauts had to open up both

103
00:05:18,469 --> 00:05:17,360
instruments and perform surgery to fix

104
00:05:20,390 --> 00:05:18,479
them

105
00:05:22,390 --> 00:05:20,400
the acs repair went well but when it

106
00:05:24,790 --> 00:05:22,400
came time to operate on stis hubble

107
00:05:27,189 --> 00:05:24,800
threw another hurdle in the way

108
00:05:30,150 --> 00:05:27,199
before astronauts could repair stis they

109
00:05:32,390 --> 00:05:30,160
needed to remove a handrail

110
00:05:33,670 --> 00:05:32,400
but a screw on that handrail got

111
00:05:37,270 --> 00:05:33,680
stripped

112
00:05:41,189 --> 00:05:38,950
after some quick thinking by engineers

113
00:05:43,110 --> 00:05:41,199

on the ground astronaut mike massimino

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00:05:49,510 --> 00:05:43,120

was able to use brute force to pull the

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00:05:53,749 --> 00:05:51,590

an unconventional yet effective method

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00:05:57,350 --> 00:05:53,759

of getting the job done and the stis

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00:05:58,790 --> 00:05:57,360

repair was a success

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00:06:01,270 --> 00:05:58,800

not only that the astronauts of

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00:06:03,670 --> 00:06:01,280

servicing mission 4 replaced gyroscopes

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00:06:06,309 --> 00:06:03,680

batteries a failed computer installed

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00:06:08,550 --> 00:06:06,319

new thermal blankets and a soft capture

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00:06:11,029 --> 00:06:08,560

mechanism to allow for a future robotic

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00:06:13,029 --> 00:06:11,039

spacecraft to dock with hubble and send

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00:06:20,390 --> 00:06:13,039

it to its final resting place when its

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00:06:29,110 --> 00:06:22,790

servicing mission 4 made hubble better

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00:06:33,830 --> 00:06:31,029

and it wouldn't be without the crews of

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00:06:35,350 --> 00:06:33,840

people in space and on the ground that

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00:06:37,990 --> 00:06:35,360

allowed for that dream to become a

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00:06:43,990 --> 00:06:41,189

and because of those people to this day

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00:06:45,749 --> 00:06:44,000

hubble continues to expand our knowledge

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00:06:49,909 --> 00:06:45,759

and wonder about the universe

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00:06:54,390 --> 00:06:51,990

the hubble space telescope a piece of

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00:06:56,390 --> 00:06:54,400

engineering and astronomical majesty

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00:06:59,670 --> 00:06:56,400

once again released to uncover the