

# Trans ‘Jeopardy’ Contestant, a Biological Male, Lauded as ‘Woman With the Highest Overall Earnings in the Show’s History

Amy Schneider—a biological male who identifies as female—has usurped a biological female to become the “woman with the highest overall earnings” in the history of *Jeopardy!*

Larissa Kelly, the biological female who previously held the title, congratulated Schneider on the accomplishment.

*Well, it was fun to hold a Jeopardy record for a few it's been even more fun to watch @Jeopardamy set new standards for excellence, on the show and off. Congratulations to Amy on becoming the woman with the highest overall earnings in the show's history!*

– Larissa Kelly (@Larissa\_K\_Kelly) December 24, 2021

Schneider gladly accepted the accolades and the title as the highest-earning “woman.”

*Thanks so much, I'm honored to be in your company, and I look forward to some day watching the woman who beats us both!*

– Amy Schneider (@Jeopardamy) December 24, 2021

The transgender contestant has won 20 games, raking in \$768,600 in earnings—outstripping the \$655,930 previously earned by Kelly.

Schneider addressed being transgender on “Jeopardy!” in a Twitter thread posted in late November.

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## **‘God Was With Us’: House Fire Rages, but Couple Finds Bible Unharmed**

A Texas couple is lucky to be alive after an early-morning house fire on Christmas took all of their belongings—except the family Bible.

WOAI-TV reports that Robert and Darla Voigt’s mobile home in San Antonio is a total loss after flames tore through it Saturday.

“I always thought this will never happen to me... that’s a lie,” said Robert.

They said it’s a blessing that everyone is OK, and what was left behind in the rubble, some might even call miraculous.

Reporter Amanda Henderson from News 4/Fox San Antonio tweeted

images of the devastation and what remains of the family's home. Fighting back the tears, Darla holds up their Bible.

"Not one page is burnt in the Bible. Not one page," Robert told the news outlet.

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## **For New Year's Resolutions, Better Health Ranks Higher Than God, Family or Money**

When making a New Year's resolution, Americans take a bit of advice from the beloved 1987 film *The Princess Bride*.

"If you haven't got your health, you haven't got anything."

Just under half of Americans (44%) said they have made resolutions in the past to address their health, according to a new survey from Lifeway Research, an evangelical group based in Nashville, Tennessee, that studies matters of faith and

culture.

Fewer Americans say they have resolved at past New Year's to address their finances (29%) or their relationship to God (29%). Other topics for resolutions have included a relationship with a family member (26%), time usage (22%), work (18%) or a relationship with a friend (15%).

But while they are less religious than older Americans, younger Americans were more likely to have made resolutions about God, according to Lifeway. A third of those 34 and under (35%) or 35 to 49 (35%) said they made such resolutions. Those from 50 to 64 (25%) or those 65 and older (17%) were less likely to do so.

Frequent churchgoers also are more likely to make a resolution about God, while Black Americans (41%) are more likely to have made a resolution about God than white Americans (27%).

The unaffiliated—also known as “nones”—were much more likely to have made a resolution about money (36%), time (29%) or work (22%) than about God (14%).

“The COVID-19 pandemic may have forced or encouraged more people to make changes outside of the annual reminder a new year brings,” said Scott McConnell, executive director of Lifeway Research. “But a New Year's resolution is still something most Americans have made at some point in their lives.”

Resolutions about health also topped a recent Economist/YouGov survey of 1,500 Americans, which asked about resolutions for the year 2022. In that survey, about a quarter of Americans who plan to make 2022 resolutions said they will resolve to live healthier (23%), followed by those who want to improve their happiness (21%), lose weight (20%) or work on career goals (16%) or finances (13%). Fewer plan to make resolutions about issues such as improving relationships (11%) or exercising (7%).

Almost no one (2%) resolved to drink less.

The Economist/YouGov survey also found that just over a third of Americans (38%) believe life will be better in 2022 than in 2021, while 14% said it will be worse. The Economist/YouGov survey did not ask about God.

In the 2021 Lifeway survey, based on interviews with 1,005 Americans, and which had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.3 percentage points, young adults—those under 35—were more likely to make resolutions. Americans over 65 were less likely—with 54% saying they'd not made a resolution about any topic Lifeway asked about.

Among self-identified Christians, those who go to church less than once a month were less likely to make a resolution (44%) than those who go more frequently. Protestants (33%) were more likely to have made no resolutions than those who are religiously unaffiliated (24%) or those from non-Christian religions (22%). {eoa}

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# 'God Is Sowing Seeds for a Fertile Revival,' Says Actor Who Plays Jesus in 'The Chosen'

Walking along Paris' famed Champs-Élysées this week, actor Jonathan Roumie, who plays Jesus in the television series *The Chosen*, tells CBN News that he's humbled by how God is using the show to touch millions of people around the world.

"Do you often pinch yourself realizing the magnitude of the role that you are playing and how well the show has done?" CBN News asked.

"I don't know if I pinch myself, I'm more 'bow my head to the ground' because I never feel that I'm worthy of the things that are happening as a result," Roumie replied.

Three years after its premiere episode, the series now hits television screens for the first time across France airing on one of this country's top TV channels.

"To be on a major network is a first," said Katherine Warnock, one of the show's producers. "We love our platform; we love having a free app that's available to the whole world, but to be embraced by Canal + has been such an honor."

Roumie and cast members joined 500 people for a showing of *The Chosen* at a Paris movie theater ahead of next week's broadcast, many watching it for the first time.

"The intimacy between the disciples and Jesus, I like that very much," said one attendee.

"It was different from other films about Jesus, it was just fantastic, I can say," said another.

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## **‘ Good Shepherd ’ Ring Discovered off the Coast of Caesarea**

The Marine Archaeology Unit of the Israel Antiquities Authority discovered ancient treasures from two shipwrecks off the coast of Caesarea in Israel. According to Jacob Sharvit and Dror Planer of the Israel Antiquities Authority’s Marine Archaeology Unit, “The ships were probably anchored nearby and were wrecked by a storm.”

The artifacts included a special gold ring engraved with the figure of the good Shepherd. The theme of the good Shepherd is throughout the Bible; in the Old Testament, Isaiah 40:11 (NIV) says, “He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart.”

The image is also one of the earliest and oldest images used in Christianity for symbolizing Jesus as humanity's compassionate shepherd. Jesus even called himself a shepherd, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11).

The ring was discovered near the port of Caesarea, a site of great significance in Christian tradition as it was one of the earliest centers of Christianity and housed one of the first Christian communities. At first, only Jews belonged to this community, and it was here that the apostle Peter baptized the Roman centurion Cornelius in Caesarea Acts 10.

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## **Biblical 'Wandering Star'? Christmas Comet Makes Final**

# Appearance in Our Solar System

Thursday night, right before Christmas, set your eyes on the skies to see something that astronomers say will never pass this way again.

Comet C/2021 A1, better known as Comet Leonard, will make a close approach to Venus after passing by the Earth just a few days ago.

According to Arizona University's A News, the comet can be seen low in the southwestern sky just around sunset.

But the comet will come so close to Venus Thursday night that its discoverer likened it to a "cosmic close call."

"There is a small chance Venus will pass close enough to the comet's path where it may pick up some dust grains in its atmosphere, producing a meteor shower on our neighboring planet," Gregory Leonard, a senior research specialist at the University of Arizona Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, and the discoverer for whom the comet is named.

While scanning the night sky last January, Leonard discovered the comet while looking for near-Earth asteroids.

The tail of the comet was a dead giveaway, he said. Another incredible feature is how fast it's moving. According to Star Walk, the comet is traveling at the speed of 43 miles per second. Due to its speed, the comet's position will change every day when observers view it from the Earth.

Leonard told A News he encourages anyone who's interested to try to view the comet in order to see an effect called forward scattering. He explained that as the comet comes closer to the sun, the comet's tail and "coma"—a cloud of dust and gas—may

scatter the sunlight from behind, potentially dramatically enhancing the comet's brightness.

"I feel there is going to be something to be seen even for the casual observer," Leonard said. "Find yourself a dark sky with a good view of the horizon, bring binoculars and I think you may be rewarded."

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## **'God Is Moving': More Than 1,000 People Accept Christ, Church 'Blown Away' by Response to Christmas Spectacular**

For anyone who might doubt or underestimate the power of annual church Christmas shows to transform hearts and minds, look no further than Champion Forest Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, where 1,114 people recently came to faith.

The church, led by Pastor Jarrett Stephens, saw a remarkable outpouring of faith commitments while running its annual Christmas Spectacular show from Dec. 8-12, the Baptist Press reported.

Something incredible happened each night during the show—a powerful spectacle with music, lights and awe-inspiring performances—when Stephens shared the gospel and asked people to hold up the flashlight on their cell phones if they had, indeed, decided to accept Jesus.

In the end, more than 1,100 lights shined bright, symbolizing these stunning personal commitments to allow God to transform individual hearts and minds.

“God is moving, and to Him be the glory. It is all about Him,” Stephens told Baptist Press. “I’m amazed, and our team is blown away by the response.”