

# CN Morning Rundown: Painting From 'The Chosen' Captures Heart of Jesus in Powerful 'You Are Mine' Moment

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## **Painting From 'The Chosen' Captures Heart of Jesus in Powerful 'You Are Mine' Moment**

The hugely popular television series, *The Chosen*, is the first multi-season story about the life of Jesus Christ. Garnering millions of dollars in support, it has become the top crowd-funded media project of all time.

So far, *The Chosen's* worldwide audience has paid it forward to completely fund Seasons One, Two and Three, with the hope of having a fully funded Season Four in 2023.

The series continues to captivate audiences and has even inspired one renowned painter to capture a poignant moment between Jesus and Mary Magdalene.

## **The Return of American Christendom in the Public Square**

"Liberals control institutions because they care more about politics, a disparity that grew larger around 2016," writes Richard Hanania, Research Fellow at the Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies at Columbia University. "This makes attempts to use government [i.e., bureaucracy!] to take back the culture unlikely to succeed, at least in the short term."

Liberals, in our view, care much more about culture than politics. Plato, the founder of the first institution of higher learning in the Western World, put his finger on it

some 2,400 years ago. According to him, the major precepts of the culture are decided by: 1) who teaches the children; and 2) what do we teach them? Politics is downstream from culture.

In the more fashionable words of the Canadian conservative author Mark Steyn, it goes like this: "If public education is radically secular; if Apple, Amazon, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, & Google discriminate against conservatives by censoring and manipulating social media, if Howard Stern, Miley Ray Cyrus, Ellen DeGeneres, and the Kardashians tutor America's youth, defining the tenets of common beliefs and social forms, well, then having an 'R' behind one's name isn't going to make much difference."

### **FBI Arrests American Woman in Syria for Planning ISIS Terrorism in US**

A Kansas woman was arrested Saturday for her role in organizing and leading an all-female battalion in support of ISIS.

According to the Justice Department, Allison Fluke-Ekren was apprehended in Syria, then transferred into the custody of the FBI in Alexandria, Virginia. She made her first appearance in a federal court Monday in Alexandria to meet her court-appointed attorney.

The 42-year-old is a former resident of Kansas and allegedly traveled to Syria several years ago for the purpose of encouraging terrorist activities. {eoa}

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