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James L. Paris: All right. Good evening everybody. Welcome to another addition of the broadcast. As I was telling a consultant that we hired this week to help us with the radio show-- I said, “Hey I’ve got a modest goal. I’m not trying to be the next Rush Limbaugh here. I just wanna own Sunday nights from 9 to 11 eastern on the radio.” So I guess I’m being realistic here, perhaps. I’m not trying to climb Mt. Everest. I’m being realistic, I think, about what my goals and expectations are.

Good to have you with us. This is our second week on GCN. Great to be here. My name is Jim Paris: Editor-in-Chief of the website christianmoney.com. As I always say, don’t be confused or deceived by that. I get into lots of stuff outside of the world of money. We also do talk a lot about money. We got a great program lined up for you tonight. Our general format is as follows: The first hour is going to be open; it’s going to be monologing or dialoging—that’s something you get to decide if you wanna join us with your topic tonight (i.e. your question, your issue, etc.). I will give out the phone line to call in. Usually in the second segment—maybe the third segment—of this hour I’ll announce the phone number. I’m a little bit weary, however, of people that call in before I even give the phone number out. We had someone last week that did that. We brought him on the air and he wanted to ask me some kind of trick question. He tried to stump me and he did. So we will take live calls, and we also will take calls in our second hour for our guest.

I am so, super excited about our guest tonight. Our guest is Barrie Schwartz. Barrie Schwartz is one of the few people in the world to ever actually handle the Shroud of Turin. He is an expert in photography. He was part of a group that was asked to come in—in the late 1970s—and take a look at this piece of fabric called the Shroud of Turin and determine if this was the burial cloth that Jesus was wrapped in after He died. I have been fascinated for years with the whole issue of this Shroud of Turin. We’re gonna do our entire second hour with Barrie Schwartz talking about the Shroud of Turin. There’s a lot of new developments; a lot of new things that I’m hearing about the Shroud of Turin. So I’m just excited to get an update on this. I know a lot of younger people don’t know what the Shroud of Turin is. I was mentioning this to my twenty-four year old daughter this week and she said, “Dad what is that?” So this will be a good opportunity to talk

about what could be one of the most significant pieces of physical, archeological evidence that proves not only the life of Jesus Christ and the death of Jesus Christ, but also the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Very, very interesting. We'll be getting into that in hour number 2.

Let me give you the line-up for the next few weeks. Before we do that though I need to tell you that we are now, as of tonight, on shortwave radio. I'm not sure exactly how this works, but we have contracted-- Oh I do know how it works. I do know that as someone told me this week, the Internet today is kinda like the new shortwave radio. Some people don't think there's many people still listening to shortwave, but I understand that there are quite a lot of people that listen still, especially those people that are conservatives; people that are in the patriot movement listen to shortwave radio. To make a long story short, as of tonight, this first hour that you're listening to is going to be carried—it is right now, I'm told—live on WWCR Shortwave Radio, which is World Wide Christian Radio. So I'm super excited about that. We will try to get the second hour added. It just turns out that they could only carry us the first hour due to other obligations that they have.

So here's the line-up coming up for the next several weeks:

Next week we have Ty Bollinger. His book is *Cancer: Step Outside the Box*. We're gonna be talking about alternative treatments to cancer, and also an exciting miracle, if you will, to share what happened in our own family in a cancer scare. It's tied into this *carnivora* product, which honestly I was skeptical about it. It's not an infomercial. Ty Bollinger probably doesn't even know that we're gonna be talking about a personal story.

The following week, July 6th, Jan Miller will be with us. He is a student loan consultant. If you're somebody that's trying to figure out this whole world of student loans-- You've already finished college and now you've got maybe five or six student loans. Do you consolidate them all into one? Does that make sense? Do you try to get into one of these programs called Income Based Repayment, where maybe you can get your student loan forgiven after a number of years of making payments? This guy knows all of the inside track on all that stuff.

Then July the 13th IRS problem solver Dan Pilla joins us. Somebody might say, "Why would you have a tax guy on the middle of July? It's not even the end of the year. It's not April 15th." But look: people have tax problems all year round. Dan Pilla has been a friend of ours for many,

many years. He's been on many of my radio shows. We even flew him into Orlando at one point a few years ago to appear on my nationally syndicated television show. So he'll talk about how to deal with IRS collection, about how to deal with a mistake where the IRS thinks that you owe money and maybe you really don't. Can you negotiate a debt you have with the IRS? All of that all July 13th.

This weekend I had a great weekend. My wife and I volunteered to work with the kids at our church. Once a month we work with the 3 and 4 year old class. I'm the teacher, and my wife is the helper. I love doing it, but I have to tell you that it is draining being around those kids. I love it, and it's really rewarding to be around those kids to be sharing Bible stories with them and all that. But some people would probably laugh. If you could see me teaching little kids and being goofy and silly, you'd say, "wow is that the same serious guy I listen to on the radio?"

Yesterday I did a huge bike ride up in Saint Augustine. I did 8 ½ miles which included going over this monstrous causeway called the Vilano Bridge. After I put 8 ½ miles on my bike, I took a short break for lunch, and then I did 3 more miles. Almost 12 miles yesterday on the bicycle, so I am fired up and ready to hit it tonight. Lots of good news here to get into. Lots of interesting topics.

As I asked you last week to do—and I'm gonna mention it at least once every program—help us out. Help us to pay for the cables and microphones and all the stuff we need to do the show. You don't even have to send us any money. We're not asking you to mail us a check or send us money by PayPal. That's fine. Others do that. But all I'm asking you to do is that the next time you're going to buy something at Amazon, instead of typing Amazon.com, just type in shop.christianmoney.com. The cool thing is that all the prices are the same. All the produces are the same. But a small percentage of everything that you buy gets sent to us. It can be sizable. We use that for purchasing cables, microphones, etc.

By the way, a note to producer Joy, who was in the next room from me: The live stream page at GCN is in fact working. If you go there and you select from the pull-down menu, instead of selecting the On Demand icon, select the checkmark next to the live player and you'll see the six different player buttons. Click on Jim Paris Live, and you'll be able to see that the live player is

working. We're still working on some of the bumps with the show, but the idea is that you'll be able to listen to the program in a lot of different ways: shortwave, over the internet, directly over at GCN's website; also we're going to be partnering with some internet radio networks (like TalkStreamLive is carrying us tonight, and other networks will follow).

A couple of other quick things to mention about the show, and then we'll move ahead into this week's news. I did something last week, and I'm just curious to get your feedback on it. Feel free to message me at Twitter: @jameslparis. My email is jim@christianmoney.com. I decided to do this last week. We found a way to do it where it's not super expensive. I actually did transcriptions of both hours of the show. So one of the things that we've done is, the show is now being transcribed, so that's available online. We're also taking each episode of the program, and we're turning it into videos. I know this sounds weird, but a lot of people listen to audio at YouTube. So if you go over to YouTube and you type in James L. Paris, you'll find my YouTube channel, and you'll see a lot of other prior shows that I did when I was broadcasting just on the Internet. You can listen there on demand, and on the GCN website, or you can find us over at iTunes as well. I believe one of our production people is actually not only putting it on YouTube, but we also put the replay of the show on four or five other video sites as well. So we're just out there everywhere with the show each week.

I wanna talk for just a minute about the ChromeBook computer. A lot of people have been asking me, because I started recommending this a few months ago-- The Google ChromeBook Computer. It's called a netbook, which means that it's smaller than a laptop and it's a lot lighter. In fact, if you wanted to compare it to something by size and weight, you could probably compare it to the MacBook Air. That would be the smaller Mac computer. I'm not a Mac guy, but I believe it's called the MacBook Air (their smallest computer). I've been using the ChromeBook now, I think, since January. It's only two hundred bucks. I have literally gotten so comfortable with this. I have a regular desktop computer, but this is the computer that I use if I'm out at a little bookstore, or out at a coffee shop. It's so easy to carry it with me. In fact, when I go on my long bicycle rides like I did yesterday, I just throw the ChromeBook in my backpack and I keep it with me so that maybe at the halfway point in a bike ride, I could stop at a little coffee shop, pull it out, go on the Internet, and check out everything that's happening on my email, on the

website, etc. Once yet get into the Google ChromeBook ecosystem, there's some pretty need things you can do. One of them that I love is the Chrome App. That's the remote desktop app. This allows me to connect to my desktop computer, and it's free. You've heard of, like, GoToMyPC, and some of these others where it's 15 or 20 bucks a month—at least it used to be (I was a subscriber to that at one time). If you're using Google Chrome and you've got a ChromeBook, you can get the app—the remote desktop—and then you can connect to your desktop computer, check emails, access files, and all that kind of stuff. The other thing that some people look at as a disadvantage with the ChromeBook-- Many times I've heard people say, “yeah but it has a really tiny hard drive, and all of the accessing of files is online.” Storing files in the cloud is actually, for me anyway-- I've grown to love that for a couple reasons: It's great for file sharing. So with my business partner, Bob, many times we'll be working on a project together, and I can give him a link, and he can just go right online and take a look at a Word document. It's not Word, but it's similar to that. It's a doc-type of a file. It's a free app within the Chrome ecosystem that you can use on Google Drive. I also love the security of the cloud. One of the neat things about creating documents in the Google Drive is that there's this auto-save feature. It saves everything, like, literally almost in real time. So if you've ever had your computer shut off, or somehow you lose the connection to the Internet and you're doing something online and you lose everything-- that doesn't happen in the Chrome ecosystem.

Another quick thing to mention to you here is the AAA card. I wrote an article on this a few months ago, but I continue to be amazed at how many places the AAA card can give you a discount. Clothing stores are now offering AAA discount. I eat at Denny's a couple times a month and get 10% off with my AAA card. In fact this week the Paris family had two occasions to use AAA. I had a dead battery, and then my son over at Orlando-- his car had a mechanical failure. I love using AAA. I love having it. We've had it for years as a family, but one of the little known things about the AAA card is how many places that you can go to get discounts. If you're at the mall and you're shopping at some of the big clothing stores, pull out your AAA card and just ask if there's a discount. You'd be surprised how many places today are giving discounts. I just ask everywhere if they have a AAA discount. More and more places have it, but they really don't make it obvious to you when you're in their store and at their restaurant. The obvious places are hotels and restaurants that are right off highways, or amusement parks—places that

you'd put in the category of *travel*. But there's a ton of places outside of the category of *travel* that you can use a AAA card as a discount.

Someone emailed me during the break saying, "Jim. Are you recommending the Chrome Book?" Yes! That was my point. I have a ChromeBook. If you're looking for a laptop-type computer that is portable to take with you, I can't recommend anything higher for the money. For \$200, what you get with the ChromeBook device is unbelievable. In fact, if you wanna order the exact one that I have, I have a link to it at christianmoney.com. I believe it's on the home page on the right hand sidebar if you wanna link to it directly. A lot of times I will recommend things. Three or four years ago I started recommending Ooma (the deal where you can get free home phone service). A lot of people waited. They didn't jump in there and get the service. They wanted to see what I thought about it after having it for six months or a year. "Let's let Jim kick the tires." That's why I thought I would mention the ChromeBook again tonight, because I know a lot of people are saying, "Well you've had it since January. Would you buy it again? Would you recommend it?" I'm thrilled with it. I love how light that it is and fully functional. It just does the job.

This was huge in the news. I want you to put this into perspective here—the perspective of what happened last year. Those that are on social security-- The government came out and said, "We're going to give you a cost of living adjustment of 1.5%." That's supposed to mirror roughly the cost of goods and services from one year to the next so that people can get an adjustment. So here we've got the government, through so-called quantitative easing, pumping billions and billions and billions of dollars into the economy every month. And now it's time to pay the piper, because here's the reality-- Look at this statistic here: beef prices are up 76% since 2009. This is so bad now that-- I see this more and more. My wife and I have cut down on eating meat. We're doing a lot of vegetarian meals now, because we think it's better for us. There's an occasion where you might wanna buy a little package of ground beef or steak. It is just horrifying when you go to the frozen meat section, or the fresh meat section of our grocery store, just to look at the cost of meat. This is not just meat. I believe it also applies to eggs and poultry and quite a lot of other things as well. All of this, of course-- Not even to mention what's gonna be happening to the price of gasoline-- It takes a few weeks, typically, when these middle East

events take place for the price of gasoline to react. So where we're at right now in Iraq is-- Literally we're on the verge of this splinter group of Al-Qaeda—some people are calling them Isis. It looks like they're largely taking control of Iraq. We don't even need to talk about what's going on in Afghanistan, the war that's going on in Syria, and on and on and on. The whole Middle East is a tinderbox. It makes me wonder—and I'm not a huge conspiracy guy—with all of the things that we have accomplished technologically with the Internet and putting a man on the moon and all of the things that we've done in this country with technology, why are we still using the combustion engine? We're still using gas. I know there's some of these hybrid vehicles out there but they're super expensive. The cars that are fully electric are super expensive, but they're very limited. I hear a lot of things online about people using different kinds of fuels: bio-fuels, if you will. I'll read things about people taking cooking oil, recycling it, and turning it into a fuel. Why are we not exploring-- It just seems like it would be a goldmine here for somebody. Of course the conspiracy theory is that the Saudis have a huge amount of money, and of course a huge amount of influence financially and politically, and just simply don't want us to get away from fossil fuels, especially for operating our vehicles. I just don't know how much more the economy can take. When we look at the price of foods skyrocketing like it has, what's the average middle class family going to do when they're priced out of the food market; when they can't afford to buy gas to put in their car? It really is getting scary.

Here's a story that I saw today. Very interesting. I agree with the take that this writer has on this. This is Jillian Berman of the Huffington Post. The article is entitled "Olive Garden A Bellwether." The whole point of this article is this: is Olive Garden sort of a bellwether for the economy? I agree with this writer. I believe that she's on to something here. As you know, Darden restaurants of Orlando spun off Red Lobster. They recently sold Red Lobster—I believe it was—for two billion dollars. The idea was that they were going to have—after the spin off of Red Lobster-- Then they're going to have all of their focus on Olive Garden. Olive Garden's sales continue to drop. Here's a quote from the article, "Same-store sales, a measure of performance at restaurants open a year or more, dropped 3.5 percent at Olive Garden and 5.6 percent at Red Lobster over the quarter." It also talks about LongHorn Steakhouse, which is another part of Darden. Their sales actually went up slightly. But the amount of people coming through the door, it says, dropped off. This is something that I've talked about before: people

don't have money to eat out. This is the thing that my wife and I will many times have conversations-- Anecdotal evidence, many people will dismiss. I know many people right now who are struggling financially. The question, "Is Olive Garden a Bellwether?"-- These are the kind of real-life statistics, if you will, that we have to look to. I really believe that the government is cooking the books and giving us a false impression that the economy is doing a lot better than it is. With the price of food up like this, the price of gas on its way up, and look at what's happening at Olive Garden. People cannot afford to eat out.

Let's go ahead and open up the phone lines. We only have about nine or ten minutes left in this segment. We can turn this into a dialogue. I'm hogging the airwaves, if you will. You can join us with your question or comment. 877-317-6432. I know I'm new. We may not get a lot of calls here in our first few weeks. That's ok. I've got tons of great stuff to go over. I just want to mention that my father would have been 70 years old on Tuesday. My mom is listening, I believe (she said she was going to listen tonight). It probably wasn't since high school radio that I made reference to my mother listening. But my mom is listening over in Orlando. Mom, I love you and I'm going to see you on Tuesday. My dad would have been 70 this Tuesday. He passed away in September of 2011. We kind of remember those special days: his birthday and the day that he passed. I'm going to meet her, and we're gonna go over to Olive Garden, because I'm the guy that wants to turn the economy around. We're gonna try and order enough food that we can actually turn this whole thing around. Can we do it? Can we order enough food at Olive Garden to possibly turn around everything that Obama has done to get us to where we're at right now? We'll try and do it, mom, on Tuesday night.

I digress. We recorded a video this week. This video is available over at christianmoneyplus.com. It's a one-hour video. We actually show you step-by-step how to buy Bitcoin, how to buy Ripple XRP, which is another digital currency, and some others that you can buy as well. This is in a one-hour video that's available to subscribers over at christianmoneyplus.com. I get into how to set up an online wallet; how to use 2-step authentication to protect yourself from having your Bitcoin stolen online. Lots of cool stuff.

This article was from an online newspaper called The Crypto Crimson. I wanna read just a quick blurb from this. “The Australian publisher and journalist, best known as the editor-in-chief of the whistleblower website WikiLeaks, Julian Assange, recently revealed in a reddit Ask Me Anything (AMA), that he has long supported bitcoin. Assange, who was frequently asked about the digital currency during the AMA session, said that it was he who was responsible for convincing Google’s Eric Schmidt to keep an especially close eye on bitcoin by originally telling the Google Executive: ‘You should be an early adopter because your bitcoins are going to be worth a lot of money one day.’” Interesting [story](#), if you wanna read the rest of that. I continue to just be fascinated at how many people are out there recommending Bitcoin (notwithstanding all the negative stuff that you’ve been hearing lately). Every two or three weeks there’s another kind of negative blast of news about something. There was recently this 50% issue that one mining network had gained 51% control of the Bitcoin network, and that was going to cause the network to have security issues. That was resolved amicably. No problem there. By the way, a lot of stuff is heating up online about the Winklevoss Bitcoin Trust, which we talked about last week. One of the things that I wanna mention about the Winklevoss Bitcoin Trust, which by the way is going to be sort of like a mutual fund where individuals can plow their money into Bitcoin from places like Fidelity or Scottrade or Charles Schwab—the normal places where you can invest. It’s going to be an exchanged traded fund (and ETF). Not to be confused with a traditional mutual fund, but an ETF, close cousin to a mutual fund. This ETF will have no minimum investment. That means you might wanna start putting 20 or 30 dollars a month into Bitcoin. What’s fascinating to me is to see these public funds—and this isn’t the only one, the Winklevoss Bitcoin Trust—beginning to become public, and there’s several of them. We’re simply asking the question, with this whole big wave of money that is coming into Bitcoin: where in the world is the price going to go? A couple of things to look for that I think will be significant: if we see a name like Amazon.com, or a name like eBay, to adopt Bitcoin, katy bar the door. It’s going to be unreal what happens to the price of Bitcoin, which right now is trading at around \$600.

I wanted to also transition here and mention to you that my wife and I gotta renew our passports. We let our passports expire and haven’t thought about it in a while. Some of these international trips that are being promoted through legit sites like Groupon, Living Social—which both have some great travel package sections to their website—some of these are just unreal. I’ve got a

bunch of articles over at blog.christianmoney.com on travel savings. But one of my favorite spots that I like to go is travelzoo.com/top20. You can just google “travelzoo top 20” and you’ll get there. This is not a scam or a fly-by-night website. Travelzoo has been around for a long time. They’re one of the mainstays in online travel discount sites. What we’re looking at here, the top deal they have listed: Ireland; 6 nights, including your airfare and your rental car and some other things are included in here as well. There’s some upgrades you can get here for just a few dollars. \$800 bucks a person! That means that my wife and I for \$1600 as a couple can fly to Ireland, get six nights there, including a rental car and a few other benefits as well. \$1600! I was telling my wife Ann earlier tonight, “How can we afford not to do that?” That’s one place we have absolutely wanted to visit. Tons of stuff there for you.

I’m gonna mention this quickly. I had a listener contact me. For fifteen years, in a suburb of Chicago, they were being overcharged for their property taxes because the county had the square footage of their home incorrect. So they figured this out and recently went back to the county to get their refund. And guess what the county said? In fact, we figured it out that they overpaid their property taxes by more than \$15,000 dollars. So they find the mistake. The county all these years thought their house was 400 square feet larger than what it really was. They found the mistake; go in with the bill thinking they’re going to get a refund, and the county says, “well we will adjust the most recent bill, but that’s it. All of the prior years, you don’t get any money back.” That’s it. They contact us, and I said, “wow that sounds hard to believe.” We recommended that they talk to an attorney. They actually talked to three different law firms, and all of them said there’s nothing you can do about it. You lost your money. That’s why it’s so important, folks, to check that property tax bill.

In hour number 2: the Shroud of Turin with Barrie Schwartz.