

# “FIRST BLACK MAN ON THE MOON”

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**Synopsis:**

Breaking News! NASA has discovered there is a man on the moon. Unknowingly, Mr. Leroy Jones, a member of the prep crew of Apollo 17, was still on the spacecraft when Mission Control initiated its launch in 1972. Now, nearly 50 years later, NASA has learned that Mr. Jones is still alive. Mission Control will make contact with him for the first time. We are witnessing an historic event; the first black man on the moon.

*This is an over-the-top comedy. Reality has been suspended for this hilarious sketch in celebration of Black History Month.*

**Scripture:** “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee”

**Theme:** Christian Fun

**Lesson:** God is everywhere; even on the Moon!

**Genre:** Comedy

**Cast:**

- News Correspondent - Female (25-35)
- Dr. Elaine Stevenson - Female (40+)
- Leroy Jones - Adult Male

**Costume:**

- Leroy Jones - Afro wig, long beard, astronaut crew uniform.
- News Correspondent - Business casual
- Dr. Elaine Stevenson - White lab jacket

**Prop:**

- Hand microphone
- Note pad
- Food tray - soil/dirt, chicken nuggets
- Moon backdrop
- Bible

**Screen Displays:** *(capture images from the internet)*

- Breaking News opening video
- Johnson Mission Control Center
- Recorded Video of Leroy Jones on the Moon

**Time:** 8 minutes

Important Note: This script requires the use of video display screens in your church.

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EXT. MISSION CONTROL - NASA

SCREEN DISPLAY - BREAKING NEW YOU-TUBE VIDEO

NEWS CORRESPONDENT ENTERS.

(She is holding a microphone and note pad)

SCREEN DISPLAY - JOHNSON MISSION CONTROL CENTER

**NEWS CORRESPONDENT**

Good Morning. This is Heather Williams  
CNN News. We interrupt your program to  
bring you this special news report. We  
are live inside NASA's Johnson Space  
Center in Houston Texas. We have just  
learned there is a man on the moon.

This is an AMAZING discovery. (*Looks*)  
Here comes the Director of Mission  
Operations for NASA, (*Looks at her*  
*notes*) Dr. Elaine Stevenson.

DR. STEVENSON ENTERS

**NEWS CORRESPONDENT (CONT'D)**

Hello Dr. Stevenson. Is it true? Is  
there a man on the moon?

**DR. STEVENSON**

Yes, a Russian moon rover discovered the  
man about 2 days ago. He's been  
identified as (*Reading notes*) Mr. Leroy  
Jones, an American. We are coordinating  
with the Russian cosmonaut on the  
International Space Station to connect  
us with the man.

**NEWS CORRESPONDENT**

(Confused) How is that possible? I thought that last American moon landing was Apollo 17 in 1972?

**DR. STEVENSON**

(Embarrassed) Well, that's true. Our records show that Mr. Jones was a member of the Prep Crew. Apparently he was cleaning the spacecraft for launch, and we took off before he got off.

**NEWS CORRESPONDENT**

This is unbelievable! A man has survived on the moon for nearly 50 years. I would love to talk to him.

**DR. STEVENSON**

Well, we are expected to make contact with him at any moment. I'll tell Mission Operations to connect the feed to your TV network so you can speak with him.

DR. STEVENSON EXITS

**NEWS CORRESPONDENT**

(Excited) Ladies and Gentlemen, this is truly historic! We will have an opportunity to speak with a man on the moon. (Pause) Oh I think the video feed is coming through now.

*Note: The following dialogue by Leroy Jones is a recorded video. A video of Leroy's dialogue will show on the church screens, whereas the News Correspondent dialogue will be live in the church. You will need to allow time (non-verbal space) in the video to account for laughter and the News Correspondent questions before*

*Leroy provides a verbal answer in the video.*

SCREEN DISPLAYS THE VIDEO OF LEROY JONES FROM THE MOON.

LEROY JONES, A BLACK MAN IS SITTING ON THE GROUND. He has an Afro bush (popular hairstyle in the 1970s), a long beard, and is wearing a prep crew uniform.

*Note: I ordered a moon backdrop (via a Google search) for the video. You can create a moon surface background using a green screen app.*

**NEWS CORRESPONDENT (CONT'D)**

Hello! Hello! Mr. Jones, can you hear me?

**LEROY**

Yes! Yes! I can hear you.

**NEWS CORRESPONDENT**

(Shocked) Oh my goodness, you are an African American!

**LEROY**

Well, I was when I left earth. Glad the moon hasn't changed me.

**NEWS CORRESPONDENT**

That makes you the first black man on the moon!

**LEROY**

I never thought of it like that, but I guess you're right.

**NEWS CORRESPONDENT**

What happened? How did you get to the moon?

**LEROY**

Well, I was cleaning the spaceship and I misunderstood Mission Control. They said it was time to LAUNCH, and I thought they said it was time for LUNCH.

**LEROY (CONT'D)**

So I sat down to eat. The next thing I knew, I was in orbit.

**NEWS CORRESPONDENT**

But how did you get stranded? Why didn't you come back with the astronauts?

**LEROY**

Well, I was planning to, but when they told me I had to sit in the back of the bus...I mean spaceship, so I decided to stay.

**NEWS CORRESPONDENT**

But how did you survive all this time on the moon? What did you eat?

**LEROY**

Well, let me tell you; this moon soil is AMAZZZING!!! You see I had a Chicken Nugget meal from McDonalds in my lunch box. And I was looking for a place to eat when I tripped on a rock and my food fell on the ground. So I just left it there. But something amazing happened. Apparently, the moon's soil replicates the DNA of matter. The next morning new chicken nuggets grew under the old food. Let me show you. (Quickly grabs a tray). This grew yesterday!

WE SEE SEVERAL CHICKEN NUGGETS ON A TRAY OF SOIL.

LEROY POPS A NUGGET IN HIS MOUTH.

**NEWS CORRESPONDENT**

Oh my God, that's unbelievable. Well, what have you been doing?

NEWS CORRESPONDENT (CONT'D)

You've been alone for nearly 50 years.

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- End of Preview -

How in the world was Mr. Jones able to survive on the moon all these years? Mr. Jones eventually shares the good news that no matter where you are, God is there also; even on the Moon.

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