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Leonardo da Vinci's "Salvator Mundi" was on exhibition leading up to the sale. Image credit: Christie's

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