

## The Question is “Who?”

Just a week ago one of the most beloved television legends passed away. The popular Jeopardy! game show host, Alex Trebek, lost his battle with pancreatic cancer. Trebek hosted the show for 37 years, the longest running host of a TV game show. He bravely fought stage 4 pancreatic cancer for more than a year, continuing to host Jeopardy! until just 10 days before his passing. His final episode will be broadcast on Christmas Day, providing one final gift to millions of fans on the day we show our love and commitment to family and friends. Trebek was known as a humble, kind, considerate family man who was generous to worthwhile causes. And he was a man of faith who acknowledged the power of prayer as he fought the disease.



Jeopardy is a unique game show in that contestants are given the answer. They just have to come up with the right question.

As we go through our lives, we have been given the answer to life’s most important question. The answer can be said simply in two words: Jesus Christ. This relates to salvation and eternal life. Our clue can be found in the bible. Before Jesus’ ascension He tells the disciples that He is going to prepare a heavenly home for His followers and one day they will join Him there. (Doubting) Thomas asks Jesus the question: *Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" (John 14:5).* Jesus responded, *"I am the way and the truth and the life...(John 14:6).*

This is a simple, but powerful statement. What did Jesus mean when He said “I am the way?” It is human nature to want to be strong and in control, but there is nothing any of us can do to find our way to eternal life. A scripture verse from Proverbs tells us that we may think we know what we need to do, but we can’t get there on our own. *There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death (Proverbs 14:12).* Notice Jesus didn’t say, “I know the way” or “I will tell you how to get there.” Instead, Jesus said, “I am the way.”



Jesus also said, “I am the truth.” Jesus was saying that we can trust Him, and that our acceptance of His death on the cross is what makes salvation possible. While people will try to tell the truth, Jesus *is* the truth.

And the third statement is “I am the life.” A life with Jesus as your Lord and Savior is rich and abundant with hope, peace, and joy and it is eternal. It promises what only Jesus can do. He is the only way to eternal life. The Gospel of John concludes with, *“...No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).*

The beloved Alex Trebek is synonymous with the game of Jeopardy! When you think about Jeopardy! you immediately think about Alex Trebek, and then some of their most notable champions – Ken Jennings, James Holzhauser, Brad Rutter and others. When you think about salvation only the name of Jesus comes to mind. When it comes to eternal life there is only one answer: Jesus. To put your response in the form of a question you begin it with “Who” and then finish it with “leads to eternal life?” The question is not “how” or “what.” Those would make it about us. It is strictly about Jesus, so “who” is the only correct response. How do you respond?

**Prayer:** Dear Lord. We know that our salvation is only because of your sacrifice on the cross for our sins. You are the way, the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father except through you. That is where we want to go. We pray that you are preparing a place for us. Amen.