

THE ONE WHO HAS THE ANSWER TO OUR QUESTIONS

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We lost a true icon this weekend with the passing of Alex Trebek. For over 3 decades Alex was a daily presence in many people's homes as they tuned in to watch JEOPARDY.

Tributes have come in from so many people since news of Alex's passing. Monday morning, I had the opportunity to read tributes from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Toronto Mayor John Tory and actor Ryan Reynolds. The one tribute I found the most interesting was from Jeopardy champion Ken Jennings who many of us who have watched the show have come to know. Ken Jennings said: *Alex wasn't just the best ever at what he did. He was also a lovely and deeply decent man and I am grateful for every minute I got to spend with him.*

When I learned of Alex's death I thought back to a day in August 2018 when we actually visited the set of Jeopardy at Sony studio. They were not filming Jeopardy that day which allowed us to tour the set. Right next-door, Wheel of Fortune with Pat and Vanna was being filmed. I had my picture taken behind the Jeopardy desk with a cardboard cut out of Alex. Many of his awards were displayed there as well.

The set of Jeopardy surprisingly was not that big. We sat in the same seats that the audience would and saw where Alex would reveal the answers to the contestants who would have to come up with the question. It was very special and surreal to be on the set of Jeopardy having watched it countless times just like you.

Alex Trebek had the answers for Jeopardy's contestants. Thankfully as Christians we have Jesus who holds the answers to our questions. A good example of this is found in John 14 where Jesus told the disciples: ***'Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. ²There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for***

you? ³When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.”

Just like Alex would do with the contestants on Jeopardy, Jesus was providing the disciples here with the answers under the category of “ETERNAL LIFE”. There are only a few passages in scripture that describe eternal life, but these verses are rich with many promises:

- 1) Not to be afraid or fearful about ETERNAL LIFE
- 2) Jesus has prepared a place for us
- 3) He will come and get us.

Jesus gave the answers about eternal life, but the disciples had questions, particularly Thomas. The disciple referred to the “DOUBTER” responded with this question: ***We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way? (John 14: 5)***

Jesus showed once again He is the One with all the answers with this response: ***⁶Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!”***

Jesus shared here the true answer to the category of “ETERNAL LIFE”.

- *As the WAY, Jesus is our only path to the Father,*
- *As the TRUTH, Jesus is the reality of all of God’s promises,*
- *As the LIFE, Jesus joins His divine life to ours, both now and eternally.*

Jesus holds the answers to the category of ETERNAL LIFE and to all the questions we have in life. He is willing to answer our questions and has the power to be the answer to our questions as well. If we don’t look to Jesus to provide us with the answers we need, we are putting ourselves in “jeopardy” of making wrong choices.

The winner at Jeopardy has to come up with the right question for Alex Trebek. When we pose our questions to Jesus, we will always come as a winner because we can trust the answers that He will give to be the best for us, to be the absolute truth, and be the best for our lives moving forward.

Alex Trebek, a true icon when it came to giving the answers to contestants' questions on Jeopardy, has passed away. It will be hard for the next host whomever it is, to replace this icon. Thankfully for us, Jesus is not an icon. HE IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE and because of that He will always be there to answer our questions. Let's make sure we take full advantage of this whatever questions we might have.

Keep Safe and God Bless

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