

I Won – Now What?

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Overview: What would you do if you won a billion dollars? Would it change your life? Sam wins a billion dollars and turns the tables on game show host, Phil Heartburn, posing a serious question. What's at stake? Everything.

Time: 4-5 minutes

Characters: Sam – game show contestant – average guy
Phil Heartburn – game show host – suave, sophisticated, a little stuffy
Pastor – off stage

Props: None

Lighting: General stage

Sound: Two wireless mics – 1 off stage mic

Sam and Phil are seated in stools facing each other at a 45-degree angle. Both are peering into 'monitors' which can be music stands or invisible.

Phil: Is that your final answer?

Sam: *(pausing – in deep thought)* Yes... yes it is...

Phil: *(pausing for effect)* It's a good one... You've just won one billion dollars!

Sam: *(excited – jumps up and runs around the stage)* Wow!!! This is great!! I won!! I won!!! *(sits back down.)*

Phil: Sam, you've won a billion dollars – what are you going to do now?

Sam: *(smiling)* I'm going to Disneyland!!! *(jumps up and runs around some more. Sits back down)*

Hey! (to the audience) I'll BUY Disneyland!!! (Sam laughs – Phil rolls his eyes)

I'm not going to get you into trouble am I? I mean that's a lot of money to give away...

Phil: No – you don't need to worry about that.

Sam: That's good. I was a little concerned.

Phil: Now... all kidding aside – what are you going to do now?

Sam: I hadn't really thought about it. Hmmmm... *(pondering the question)* I'm pretty happy with or without the billion dollars.

Phil: You mean your life isn't going to change much?

Sam: Nope... not really... Can I ask you a question?

Phil: Is it worth a billion dollars? *(Phil chuckles)*

Sam: *(grins)* It's worth a lot more.

Phil: *(patronizing Sam)* Sure – ask away.

Sam: I'll give you three help lines...

Phil: Okay..

Sam: I'll give you four answers to choose from...

Phil: All right – ask the question already! *(losing patience with Sam)*

Sam: *(smiling)* Okay... okay... Here we go... *(pauses for effect)* Who is Jesus to you? Is He **a**) Lord, **b**) a lunatic, **c**) a liar or **d**) a left handed pitcher from the Dominican Republic?

Phil: *(Becoming angry)* You can't be serious.

Sam: Why yes... I am quite serious... do you want to use a help line?

Phil: Sure why not... *(going along with the game)* I'd like to poll the audience...

Sam: All right audience... *(to the audience)* Make your selections now... Who is Jesus? Is He **a**) Lord, **b**) a lunatic, **c**) a liar or **d**) a left handed pitcher from the Dominican Republic?

(Pause for results to be tallied...)

Sam: The results have been tallied... According to the audience – 10% believe Jesus is Lord... 25% believe He is a lunatic... 25% believe He is a liar... and 40% believe he is a left handed pitcher from the Dominican Republic.

Phil: I'm not much of a baseball fan... *(pondering)* and the audience is usually right... what's at stake here?

Sam: Oh, nothing... just your eternal soul. *(Phil looks shocked – starts getting nervous)* You have two help lines left.

Phil: You're right. I'd like to go with the fifty-fifty...

Sam: Okay.. computer... take away two of the wrong answers... *(pause)* Oh, I'm sorry... your computer is not programmed to respond in that area... *(Phil – visibly disturbed, gets up and starts pacing.)* You still have one help line left. *(Phil sits back down.)*

Phil: Okay – I'll use my final help line...

Sam: So you're going to call a friend?

Phil: *(curtly)* No – I'm going to call a pastor...

Sam: Okay... We'll have our friends at the phone company get a hold of Nick Lillo, senior pastor at Centennial Community Church*

(* you may substitute your church and pastor here)

(Phone ring and pick up.)

Pastor: *(offstage)* Hello?

Sam: Nick? This is Sam... I just won a billion dollars on that T.V. game show!

Pastor: Really? That's great! *(excited)* I'm sure the deacons will be very happy with next week's offering...

Sam: *(laughing nervously)* That's not the reason I called... I'm still on the show and... well ... Phil has a question for you...

Pastor: *(confused)* Phil?

Phil: Yes... Phil Heartburn... the host of that T.V. game show that gives away a billion dollars.

Pastor: *(excited)* Oh, hey, Phil... It's an honor to meet you...

Phil: I'm sure it is...

Pastor: I never miss a show...

Phil: I'm sure you don't...

Pastor: I get a lot of material for my sermons from you...

Sam: Okay – can we get on with the question?

Phil: Please, let's do...

Sam: Nick, Phil is going to read you a question... You will have 30 seconds to give him the correct answer.

Pastor: All right, ask away!

Phil: Who is Jesus? Is He **a)** Lord, **b)** a lunatic, **c)** a liar or **d)** a left handed pitcher from the Dominican Republic?

Pastor: I know this one... I know this one... *(pauses)* I was asking myself this just the other day... Who is Jesus? It's right on the tip of my tongue...

Phil: Well... spit it out!

Pastor: I'm sorry... You will have to answer this on your own...

Sam: Well – It looks like time is up...

Phil: I just don't know... (*becoming frantic*) Can I have more time?

Sam: I'm afraid that's really not up to me...

Phil: Can we at least go to a commercial?

Sam: Sure... (*to audience*) Who IS Jesus? We'll find out right after this important message...

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