

Easter Day Sermon 21st April 2019
Haverhill Methodist Church 10.30am
Revd Peter Goodhall

Famous Bridges:

Tower Bridge
Pooh Sticks Bridge
Golden Gate Bridge
Bridge of Sighs
Milau Bridge











What is the point of a bridge?

A bridge makes it possible to go between two places that were previously difficult to cross. Bridges fill a gap, make a crossing point. Bridges connect people.

I have seen all of those five bridges at some point in my life but I've seen no greater bridge than Jesus.

On Easter Sunday we can picture Jesus as the greatest bridge in the world.

Remember we said 'bridges fill a gap'?

There was once a gap between God and us.

Adam & Eve had destroyed our bridge to God.

Ever since, humanity had been separated from God because of sin & selfishness.

We had cut ourselves off from God.

Many people still live life cut off from God.

But God has done something about it.

Because he loves us. He loves you.

God sent his only son Jesus to be a bridge. He is our go-between.

Jesus is the bridge.

Jesus is your bridge.



He is your bridge from sin to forgiveness.

He is your bridge from guilt to peace.

Jesus is your bridge from captivity to freedom.

Your bridge from defeat to victory!

Your bridge from sorrow to happiness.

Jesus is your bridge from selfish living to serving others.

Best of all

Jesus is your bridge from death to life

Jesus is the bridge from hell to heaven.

How? By his cross. By his blood.

Only Jesus could build a bridge to heaven with only two pieces of wood

Wood and nails built the bridge back to God.

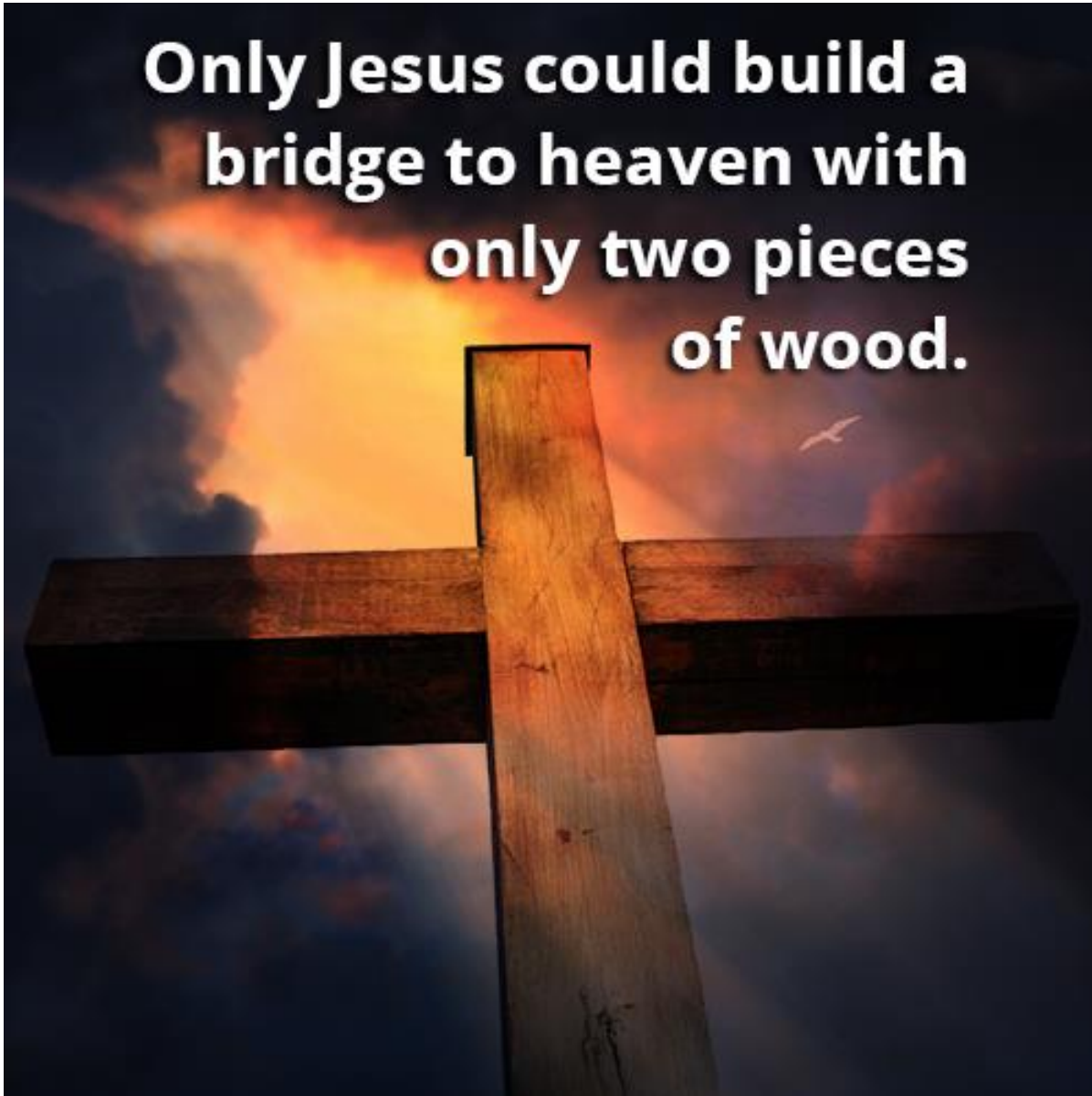
By the cross of Jesus we are united with God and with each other.

The empty tomb confirms the victory of the cross.

Jesus was outstretched, outcast and outlived, but not outdone.

Jesus is alive!

**Only Jesus could build a
bridge to heaven with
only two pieces
of wood.**



Jesus is the strongest bridge in the world. A solid foundation.

Do you know him?

Have you said yes to him?

You have to choose to cross any bridge.

Have you crossed the bridge to life?

We need to take a step of faith across the bridge.

For all he has done for us – in response can we give him less than our all?

On this Easter Sunday - don't just give him a flower give him your heart.

Let us not just transform our cross, let the risen Jesus transform our lives!

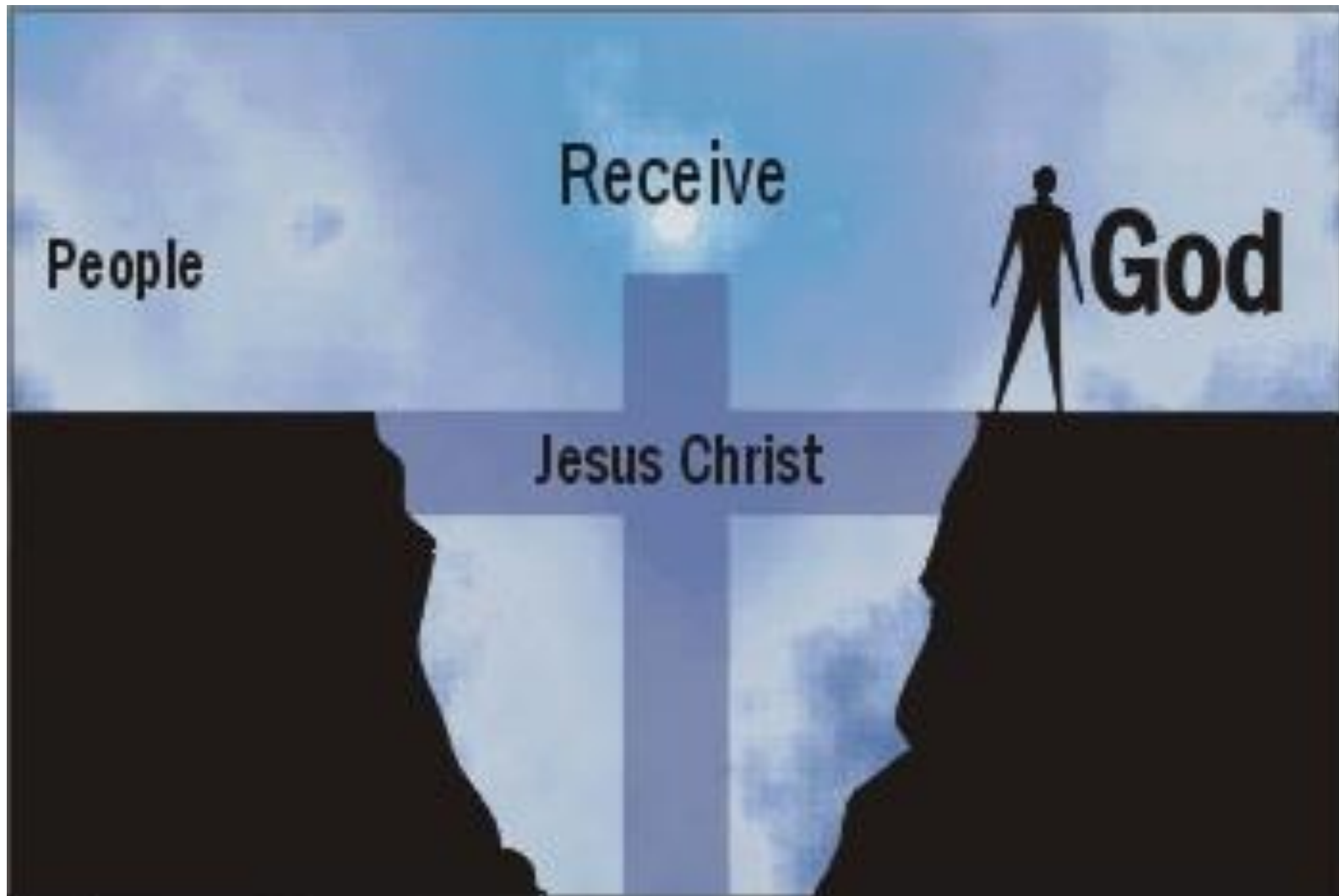
The risen Lord says to you – come, follow me!

Praise God!

Jesus is the bridge.

Jesus is the way to new resurrection life!

Let us respond in worship.



If anyone here senses God is calling them to make their very first commitment to Jesus for the first time, I invite you to take a step of faith across the bridge. Jesus is calling.

And if anyone here senses the love of Jesus pulling them back to God and want to renew their commitment to Jesus come - and make it public and stand with me at the cross.

Take a step of faith across the bridge.

Prayer:

Risen Lord Jesus

In love you have called us here in faith and obedience we have responded.

Meet each one here, enter our hearts and rule as our King.

Bridge every gap. Heal every pain. Forgive every sin.

Calm every storm. Save every soul.

Keep us in your love.

May we trust you and follow you closely all our days.

You will never leave us nor forsake us.

Guide our steps and bring us home to yourself.

This Easter Day and for evermore. Amen.