

THE GOSPEL THROUGH ROAD SIGNS

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I have been wanting to work out a simple way of talking about the Christian faith, and I've come up with the Gospel through road signs (slide 1).

This is what we want our lives to be like: (slide 2): go as fast as you want (more or less), drive just as you want, with no problems.

The trouble is, it's not like that: problems do come: (slide 3), (slide 4), (slide 5). It's only then that we begin to slow down and to think (slide 6), when we have to take decisions about which way to go. Or else: (slide 7). Bang!

And what about this: (slide 8), when it's you they're after because you've done something wrong on the road? A fine, some points on your licence, perhaps even a driving ban (slide 9). That really stops us in our tracks!

So what happens, then, if you find someone has paid all your driving fines for you and somehow taken all your points onto his licence? That's what the Bible says Jesus did for us: "He himself carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed" (1Peter 2:24).

We can react to this in two ways: "Good on him! I've got away with it (slide 10). Put your foot down on the accelerator, and go for it." Back zooming along in the outside lane.

Or: "Wow! He did that for me!! And not just for me but for all other motorists too! A clean record, my fines paid! Perhaps I should begin to think about it all a bit more: (slide 11). Perhaps even: (slide 12), do a U turn in my life. After all, God asks us to: (slide 13), to (slide 14), to yield to Him. That's difficult. I don't like giving way to anyone. I want my way. Except, perhaps, maybe it'll make driving/my life safer and better for me if I do give way to Him?"

There'll still be problems:

(slide 15), when you feel you're going round in circles, (slide 16), when you get hurt, or (slide 17), feel lost, (slide 18), when you feel

you're being pushed away from where you want to go, or (slide 19), you think you're at another dead end, or (slide 20), you're just exhausted as a Christian and as a person.

That's what the Services are for: (slide 21): you go in for petrol and food. Like the church services today: to give us new energy and to get refreshed.

It will be exciting: (slide 22). He knows what the future holds for us, and He'll keep us safe on the road. And at the end: (slide 23), when we arrive home: with Him.

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