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The Bridge

The **longest suspension bridge in the world** was constructed in Japan to cross the treacherous Akashi Strait after two ferries sank in a storm there killing 168 children.

The **center span** of the Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge, also known as Pearl Bridge, is **6,532 feet long**. Its **total length is 12,831 feet**. Before it was built, ferries carried passengers across this dangerous waterway which often experiences severe storms as was the case in 1955 when the two ferries sank killing 168 children. The ensuing shock and public outrage convinced the Japanese government to build a suspension bridge to cross the strait. It took **ten years to construct the bridge** which opened with six lanes of traffic in 1998. The two main **supporting towers rise 978 feet** above sea level.

There is a **bridge greater** than **Pearl Bridge** that spans an even **greater chasm**. The Bible declares in Isaiah 59:2 that sin creates a **great separation** between man and God: ***"Your iniquities have separated between you and your God."*** This **great chasm** exists between God and all mankind as Romans 3:23 states, ***"For all have sinned."*** Some vainly hope that their good works will **bridge the great gap** between themselves and a holy God, but **all such human efforts are inadequate**—they ***"come short of the glory of God"*** (Romans 3:23). The **only Bridge** to God is Jesus. God ***"hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ"*** (2 Corinthians 5:18). **Jesus spanned the great gulf** between man and God by dying on the cross ***"that he might bring us to God"*** (1 Peter 3:18). Jesus declared Himself to be the **only Bridge to God** in John 14:6, ***"I am the way...no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."*** See www.naog.ws/theway.htm Will you repent of your sins and **trust in Jesus as your Bridge to God** now?