

## **Chapter 7:** *Simon of Cyrene*

Along the way, the cross was becoming too burdensome and heavy for Jesus, in His weakened state, to carry. The Roman soldiers forcibly grabbed a passerby named Simon.

Simon was made to carry a cross that belonged to a man he did not know. A man who, as far as he knew, was a prisoner who had been beaten far beyond recognition.

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**“Pick up your cross daily and follow me”.**

Picture a large wooden cross made out of thick, heavy wood. Think about the charge for all believers to pick up their crosses and let the reality of that statement sink in.

*When you are ready ,  
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