

What Will You Do With Jesus?

Simon of Cyrene—The Cross Bearer

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Mark 15:20-21 (NIV)

²⁰And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. ²¹A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross.

John 19:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).

☞ There are no insignificant moments in the Kingdom of God. (Mark 15:21)

“Great and small are terms that have no meaning to God.”

“The most apparently insignificant things have a strange knack of suddenly developing unexpected consequences, and turning out to be, not small things at all, but great and decisive and fruitful.” —Alexander McClaren

☞ Identifying with Jesus has significant ramifications. It is no small thing. (Mark 15:21; Galatians 2:20; Numbers 19:11-13)

“Simon was forced to carry Jesus’ cross which was a humiliating, shameful, and disqualifying act. Coming in contact with Jesus’ blood disqualified him from the temple prayer and the temple sacrifice and the hatred and insults hurled at Jesus were now landing squarely on him. Carrying the cross in many ways made him one with Jesus.”

☞ Those who contact the suffering Christ, those who are covered by his blood will be blessed. (Romans 16:13; John 1:29; Revelation 5:9; Revelation 12:11)

☞ Whose cross was it that Jesus hung on? (Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:22-24; Hebrews 13:11-15; Romans 6:23; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

“Simon helped Jesus carry his cross. Jesus hung and died on Simon’s cross and He hung and died on your cross too.”