

Were You There: Simon of Cyrene Matthew 27:27-32 April 7, 2019 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

"But when the <u>FULLNESS</u> of <u>TIME</u> had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to <u>REDEEM</u> those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. -Galatians 4:4-5

God has made you <u>WHO</u> you are, placed you <u>WHERE</u> you are, <u>WHEN</u> you are...for His <u>PURPOSES</u> and <u>PLANS</u>.

"Are you the reason we are here?"

Sometimes I am in such a <u>HURRY</u> that I <u>MISS</u> what God has in mind for me.

"God, what do you have for me today?"

You come for _____, but you're really here for _____.

<u>RECEPTIVITY</u> to God's action:

- 1. There is no such thing as <u>LUCK</u>, but there is such a thing as <u>OPPORTUNITY</u> meeting <u>READINESS</u>.
- 2. You're likely to spend much more time <u>DISARMING</u> than <u>FIGHTING</u>.
- 3. The times you will see the <u>FRUITS</u> of faithfulness are <u>RARE</u> but <u>PRECIOUS</u>.

Who or what are you SEEKING? (John 1:38, John 20:15)