

**HERE I AM : WEEK 7****THE LEGACY OF SIMEON – MY CHILDREN WILL SEE****»»» KEY SCRIPTURE**

Mark 15:16-21, Acts 11:19-27, Acts 13:1-3

**»»» KEY THOUGHT**

Was Simon of Cyrene just a victim of being in the wrong place at the wrong time? Seized. Forced to walk behind Jesus carrying the Cross of Christ as Jesus was marched to Golgotha. What mark did this leave on his life and what became of his Legacy? The account of Simon being forced to carry the cross of Jesus is recorded in each of the synoptic gospels, but the evangelist John Mark also makes note that Simon of Cyrene was also the father of at least 2 sons; Rufus and Alexander. These sons would grow up and be known by the framers of the early church. What a Legacy that must've followed the life of a man who picked up the cross and followed Jesus!

**»»» OTHER SCRIPTURES**

Matthew 16:24-27, Matthew 27:32, Luke 23:26, Romans 16:13

**»»» QUESTIONS**

1. Why was Simon picked to carry the cross of Jesus?
  - o How do you think he felt about it?
2. There is a good chance that the Rufus the Apostle Paul mentions in Romans 16:13 is the son of Simon of Cyrene.
  - o What part do you think Simon's role in the crucifixion of Christ, would have in his son becoming a follower of Jesus?
3. Do you think Simon and Simeon were the same person?
  - o Admittedly, even with much research, this determination requires moderate speculation. So we will hold this determination with a loose grip. However...if Simon is indeed Simeon (Niger), how does this add to the Legacy of Simon of Cyrene?
4. There was risk when Simon of Cyrene was forced to be connected to Jesus. Is being a Christian still risky today?

