

GLIMPSES FROM THE CROSS

Mark 15:21-32, 39-41

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SIMON THE CYRENE

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“And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.” (ESV)

What did he come to do?

Luke 23:26

“And ... they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.” (ESV)

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Acts 2:9-11 (Day of Pentecost)

In Jerusalem were ...

“Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians ...”

(ESV)

Romans 16:13

“Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well.” (ESV)

What did he come to do?

Mark 8:34

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself
and take up his cross and follow me.” (ESV)

What did he come to do?

SOLDIERS & THIEVES

Mark 15:22-30

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“And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, ‘The King of the Jews.’ And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, ‘Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!’” (ESV)

Mark 15:24

“And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take.” (ESV)

What did he come to do?

Luke 23:35-38

“The rulers scoffed at him, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!’ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’” (ESV)

Mark 15:29-30

“And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, ‘Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!’” (ESV)

PRIESTS & TEACHERS

Mark 15:31-32

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“So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, ‘He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.’ Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.” (ESV)

1 Corinthians 1:23-25

“But we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”
(ESV)

THE CENTURION

Mark 15:39

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“And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, ‘Truly this man was the Son of God!’” (ESV)

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When Jesus looks at you, what does he see?



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Next Steps

- I am thankful that Jesus took my place on the cross.
- I will take up my cross and follow Jesus by _____.
- I will surrender my life to Jesus fully, not just in part.
- I will talk to someone about what my next step in following Jesus is.