

## QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time in your life when you made a significant sacrifice to follow Jesus. How did it change you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How do you think that our view of the cross today differs from the view of those living in the days of Jesus?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about the cross:
  - a) Matthew 10:38
  - b) Mark 8:34
  - c) Luke 14:27
  - d) I Corinthians 1:18
  - e) Philippians 2:8
  - f) Hebrews 12:2
  - g) I Peter 2:24
  
4. How did the reaction of Jesus to the religious leaders and the Roman soldiers differ from our typical reaction to those who mistreat us?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
  - ☐ I am going to study what the Bible says about being a disciple.
  - ☐ I am going to going to invite a friend to our Easter Service.
  - ☐ I am going to memorize I Corinthians 1:18.

Cornerstone Church  
Luke 23:26-38

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Study Series #101

## ***Simon Bears the Cross for Jesus***

### **I. Introduction**

#### A. Carrying the Cross

*"It is not that Christianity has been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried."*

G. K. Chesterton

#### B. The Crucifixion of a Criminal

(See Genesis 40:19; Deuteronomy 21:22-23)

#### C. Jesus is Led Away

(See Luke 23:34; Matthew 27:33-34; Mark 15:22; John 19:17)

### **II. Simon Bears the Cross for Jesus**

#### A. The Service of Simon

(See Luke 23:26; Matthew 27:31-32; Mark 15:20-21; John 19:16; Matthew 5:41)

#### B. The Mourning of the Multitude

(See Luke 23:27; Luke 23:38; II Chronicles 21:1-20)

### C. The Question of Jesus Christ

(See Luke 23:28-31)

### D. The Company of Criminals

(See Luke 23:32-33; Matthew 27:38; Mark 15:27-28;  
John 19:18; Hebrews 13:12; Isaiah 53:12; Matthew 27:44;  
Mark 15:32)

### E. The Reaction of the Religious Leaders

(See Luke 23:34-37; Matthew 27:39-44; Mark 15:29-32;  
I Peter 3:9)

### F. The Proclamation of Pilate

(See Luke 23:38; Mt 27:37; Mark 15:26; John 19:19-22)

### Passage of Study

#### Luke 23:26-38

<sup>26</sup> When they led Him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, coming in from the country, and placed on him the cross to carry behind Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> And following Him was a large crowd of the people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him. <sup>28</sup> But Jesus turning to them said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup> For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ <sup>30</sup> Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup> For if they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

<sup>32</sup> Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him.

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. <sup>34</sup> But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One.” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!” <sup>38</sup> Now there was also an inscription above Him, “THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

### Additional Passages of Study

**Matthew 27:31-56**

**Mark 15:20-41**

**John 19:16-30**

## IV. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

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