

¹⁶AND THE SOLDIERS LED HIM AWAY
INSIDE THE PALACE (THAT IS,
THE GOVERNOR'S HEADQUARTERS),
AND THEY CALLED TOGETHER THE
WHOLE BATTALION. ¹⁷AND THEY CLOTHED
HIM IN A PURPLE CLOAK, AND TWISTING
TOGETHER A CROWN OF THORNS, THEY
PUT IT ON HIM. ¹⁸AND THEY BEGAN TO
SALUTE HIM, "HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!"

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¹⁹AND THEY WERE STRIKING HIS HEAD
WITH A REED AND SPITTING ON HIM
AND KNEELING DOWN IN HOMAGE
TO HIM. ²⁰AND WHEN THEY HAD
MOCKED HIM, THEY STRIPPED HIM
OF THE PURPLE CLOAK AND PUT
HIS OWN CLOTHES ON HIM.
AND THEY LED HIM OUT TO CRUCIFY HIM.

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²¹AND THEY COMPELLED A PASSERBY,
SIMON OF CYRENE, WHO WAS COMING IN
FROM THE COUNTRY, THE FATHER
OF ALEXANDER AND RUFUS, TO CARRY
HIS CROSS. ²²AND THEY BROUGHT HIM
TO THE PLACE CALLED GOLGOTHA (WHICH
MEANS PLACE OF A SKULL). ²³AND THEY
OFFERED HIM WINE MIXED WITH MYRRH,
BUT HE DID NOT TAKE IT. —MARK 15:16-23

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I. THE SCENE

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⁴THIS TOOK PLACE TO FULFILL WHAT
 WAS SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET, SAYING,
⁵“SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION,
 ‘BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU,
 HUMBLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY,
 ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST
 OF BURDEN.’” —MATTHEW 21:4-5

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⁹AND THE CROWDS THAT WENT BEFORE HIM
 AND THAT FOLLOWED HIM WERE SHOUTING,
 “HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID! BLESSED IS
 HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!
 HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!” ¹⁰AND WHEN HE
 ENTERED JERUSALEM, THE WHOLE CITY WAS
 STIRRED UP, SAYING, “WHO IS THIS?”
¹¹AND THE CROWDS SAID, “THIS IS THE PROPHET
 JESUS, FROM NAZARETH OF GALILEE.”
 —MATTHEW 21:9-11

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2. THE SHAME

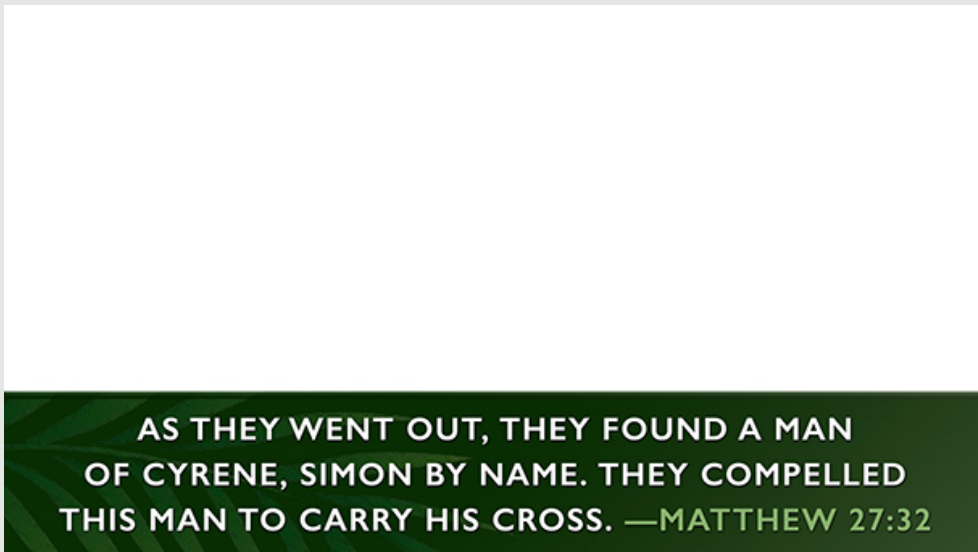
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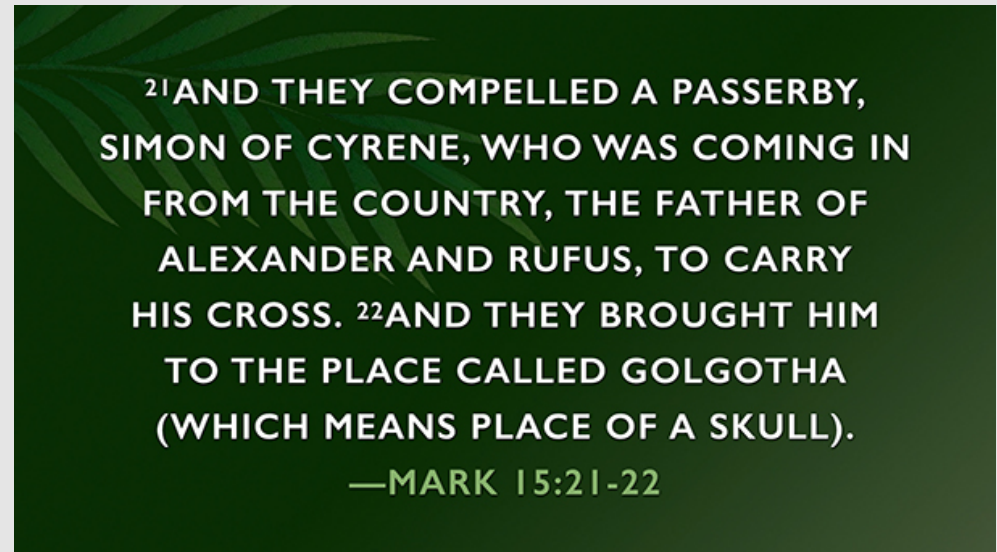
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GREET RUFUS, CHOSEN IN THE LORD;
ALSO HIS MOTHER, WHO HAS BEEN A MOTHER
TO ME AS WELL. —ROMANS 16:13

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²⁶AND AS THEY LED HIM AWAY, THEY SEIZED
ONE SIMON OF CYRENE, WHO WAS COMING
IN FROM THE COUNTRY, AND LAID ON HIM
THE CROSS, TO CARRY IT BEHIND JESUS.
²⁷AND THERE FOLLOWED HIM A GREAT
MULTITUDE OF THE PEOPLE AND
OF WOMEN WHO WERE MOURNING AND
LAMENTING FOR HIM. —LUKE 23:26-27

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4. THE SERMON

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THE SERMON FROM SIMON'S ACCIDENTAL DISCIPLESHIP
• THE CHRISTIAN LIFE INVOLVES A
DEATH TO SELF

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³⁴AND CALLING THE CROWD TO HIM WITH HIS DISCIPLES, HE SAID TO THEM, "IF ANYONE WOULD COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW ME. ³⁵FOR WHOEVER WOULD SAVE HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT, BUT WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE AND THE GOSPEL'S WILL SAVE IT. —MARK 8:34-35

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"TO BECOME A DISCIPLE OF JESUS WILL COST YOU NOTHING, BUT TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS WILL COST YOU EVERYTHING." —PHILLIP DE COURCY

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THE SERMON FROM SIMON'S ACCIDENTAL DISCIPLESHIP

• THE CHRISTIAN LIFE INCLUDES
SUDDEN SEASONS OF SUFFERING

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"WE DON'T ALWAYS CHOOSE THE MOMENT OF OUR SUFFERING. THEY COME UPON US IN UNEXPECTED WAYS, FRIGHTENING WAYS, HEAVY WAYS, PAINFUL WAYS, SEEMINGLY RANDOM WAYS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE FACT THAT SIMON WAS CHOSEN SEEMINGLY RANDOMLY—I MEAN, IT JUST SAYS HE WAS COMING IN FROM THE FIELD, WAS COMING IN FROM THE COUNTRY—

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THAT LITTLE ADDED NOTE SEEMS TO SAY,
'THIS IS RANDOM—YOU THINK.'
THIS COULD BE A LESSON THAT EVERY MOMENT
OF OUR LIVES COMING IN FROM THE COUNTRY,
WE SHOULD BE READY TO BE SNATCHED
INTO THE SERVICE OF JESUS IN A PAINFUL WAY.
AND WE JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN."
—JOHN PIPER

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THE SERMON FROM SIMON'S ACCIDENTAL DISCIPLESHIP
• THE CHRISTIAN LIFE INVITES US TO
DISCOVER AN EXCHANGE OF STRENGTH

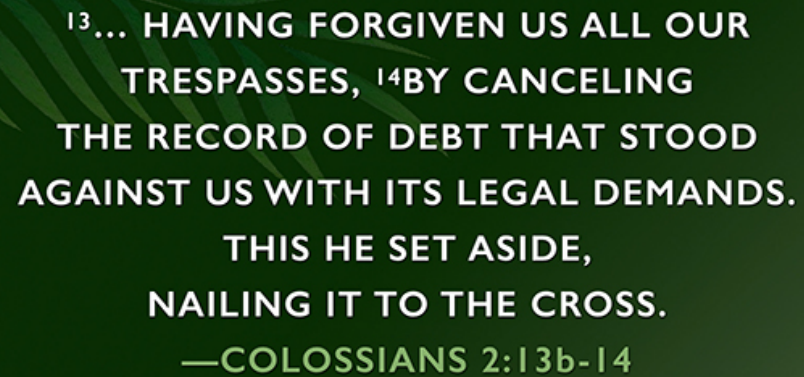
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I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST.
IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE,
BUT CHRIST WHO LIVES IN ME.
AND THE LIFE I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH
I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD,
WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME.
—GALATIANS 2:20

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5. THE SAVIOR

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¹³... HAVING FORGIVEN US ALL OUR
TRESPASSES, ¹⁴BY CANCELING
THE RECORD OF DEBT THAT STOOD
AGAINST US WITH ITS LEGAL DEMANDS.
THIS HE SET ASIDE,
NAILING IT TO THE CROSS.
—COLOSSIANS 2:13b-14

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