

Who's That?

Part Four

**In the Bible, which of the
major prophets' books is
easiest to understand?**

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- They are a male.
- They are in the New Testament.
- They make the same appearance in Matthew, Mark and Luke.
- Their appearance comes in Holy Week.
- They carry something.

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Simon from Cyrene

As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross.

Matthew 27:32

A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on the way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross.

Mark 15:21

As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

Luke 23:26

Simon from Cyrene

1. He was a foreigner from Cyrene.
2. We have reason to believe that he was Jewish.
3. He is the father of Alexander and Rufus.

What was going on for Simon
in this moment?

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

‘On several occasions in the gospel Jesus has urged his followers to take up their cross and follow him. Here at last someone is doing so, and even more: carrying Jesus’ own cross, Simon becomes the model for all those who, in devotion, holiness and service, tread **behind Jesus** on the road of humility, pain and even death.’

N.T.

Wright

‘behind Jesus’



‘If we were meant to assume Jesus’ crucifixion would relieve us of our own, no one told the early church. They saw it as baked into our journey as Christians, something to be embraced. That’s not very popular today! But if I’m honest, few things have helped me experience the true *in*mness of God like my pain. It truly is a gift.’

Strahan Coleman

