

**Series:** Son of Man

**Title:** An Unlikely Witness

**Text:** (Lk 23:26)

**Name:** Simon, a Common Jewish name.

**Local:** Cyrene - Upper Libya: near Tripoli (Acts 2:10)

**Circumstance:** (Lk 23:26) “*coming out of the country*”

(John 19:17) “*Jesus went out bearing His own cross.*”

**Compelled by the Roman Guard:** (Matt 27:32)

**Mark introduces us to his two sons.** (Mk 15:21-22)

(Rom 16:13) you will meet one of the people in that church.

**Something happened that day in Jerusalem that set the Plan of God in Motion.**

**Simon witnessed Jesus’ interaction with the crowd:**

Prophesying of their Future: (Lk 23:27-31)

In contrast to the Thieves (Lk 23:32-33) fulfilling prophecy

(Is 53:12) *and he was numbered with the transgressors;*

(Ps 22:16) *they pierced my hands and my feet.*

(Vs 34) *Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them;*

(Ps 109:4) (Is 53:12)

**Simon Witnessed the Crucifixion:** (Lk 23:34-38)(Vs 44-49)

(Is 53:12)(Ps 22:18)(Ps 69:21)

**Simon Witnessed how Jesus Behaved toward the Jewish leadership.** (Ps 22:8)(Ps 22:17)

**Simon Witnessed Jesus’ interaction with the Thieves:**

(Vs 39-43)

**Simon hears the unlikely witness of the 1st thief:**(vs 40-42)

**Simon Witnessed the world go dark for 3 hours:**(Vs 44-45)  
(Amos 8:9)

**Simon hears the unlikely Witness of the Centurion:**(Vs 47)

**Simon Sees the Reaction from the Jewish Leadership:**  
(Vs 48-49) (Is 53:4)(Ps 38:11) (Acts 2:6-12 (\* 10)

**Simon Obviously goes home & Witnesses to his family:**  
(Mk 15:21-22)(Rom 16:13)

**There’s a church now in Cyrene.** (Acts 11:20) (Acts 13:1)

*Do You think your life is Random?*

*Do you believe you are here today by Random chance?*

*Do you believe you are here in NVA by Random Chance?*

**Do you think the People in your life today is Random?**

**God has called YOU to be An Unlikely Witness for Him.**

**God has a plan for you.**

God wants to do a great work IN you.

God wants to do a great work through you TO your family:

God wants to do a great work through you TO your  
Community:

**God has put you Here and NOW**

*How will you respond?*

*In Faith?*

*In Faithfulness to Witness fo the Gospel of Christ?*