

SIMON OF CYRENE, THE MAN WHO CARRIES JESU'S CROSS.

Anne West writes...

Cyrene was in modern day Libya so Simon would be dark skinned and looked different to many others in the crowd. Was this the reason he was chosen?

I am reminded, when I think of Simon, of Teresa of Avila's words: Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Simon would be walking alongside Jesus bearing his burden because Jesus had suffered too much to carry it himself and this is what we as Christians should do – walk alongside people in need and help carry their burdens for Christ and in his name.

In this awful time of the pandemic many people have stepped forward to help others in need and what a wonderful warm feeling this gives you when you hear of it. I pray that this may continue long after it is over and that our world may become a better place where, like Simon, people step forward to help those in need.

Amen