

# Simon of Cyrene Bible Quiz

10 King James Version trivia questions • Difficulty: Medium

Ten KJV questions on Simon of Cyrene — the African pilgrim drafted to carry the cross of Jesus to Golgotha.

## Questions

**Q1.** From what city was Simon?

- A. Cyrene
- B. Jerusalem
- C. Damascus
- D. Bethlehem

**Q2.** What did the soldiers compel Simon to do?

- A. Bear his cross
- B. Carry a sword
- C. Lead a horse
- D. Open the gate

**Q3.** From where was Simon coming when he was compelled?

- A. Out of the country
- B. Out of the temple
- C. Out of the marketplace
- D. Out of his home

**Q4.** Who were Simon's two sons (mentioned by Mark)?

- A. Alexander and Rufus
- B. James and John
- C. Peter and Andrew
- D. Philip and Bartholomew

**Q5.** Where did Simon carry the cross?

- A. After Jesus
- B. Before Jesus
- C. Beside Jesus
- D. Away from Jesus

**Q6.** What did Jesus say about His own cross-bearing?

- A. If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me
- B. I bear it alone
- C. Send another
- D. Wait for me

**Q7.** Where is Cyrene located?

- A. In North Africa (modern Libya)
- B. In Galilee
- C. In Italy
- D. In Asia Minor

**Q8.** What feast was being kept when Simon bore the cross?

- A. The Passover
- B. Pentecost
- C. Tabernacles
- D. Trumpets

**Q9.** What does Mark imply about Simon's family being known to his readers?

- A. Alexander and Rufus must have been known among the early Christians
- B. They were strangers
- C. They were unbelievers
- D. They were dead

**Q10.** What was Golgotha, where Simon brought the cross?

- A. The place of a skull
- B. A great mountain
- C. A garden
- D. A field

## Answer Key & Explanations

**Q1. From what city was Simon?**

**Answer:** A. Cyrene

And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. (Matthew 27:32) (Matthew 27:32, KJV)

**Q2. What did the soldiers compel Simon to do?**

**Answer:** A. Bear his cross

...him they compelled to bear his cross. (Matthew 27:32) (Matthew 27:32, KJV)

**Q3. From where was Simon coming when he was compelled?**

**Answer:** A. Out of the country

And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross. (Mark 15:21) (Mark 15:21, KJV)

**Q4. Who were Simon's two sons (mentioned by Mark)?**

**Answer:** A. Alexander and Rufus

...the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross. (Mark 15:21) (Mark 15:21, KJV)

**Q5. Where did Simon carry the cross?**

**Answer:** A. After Jesus

And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. (Luke 23:26) (Luke 23:26, KJV)

**Q6. What did Jesus say about His own cross-bearing?**

**Answer:** A. If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. (Matthew 16:24) (Matthew 16:24, KJV)

**Q7. Where is Cyrene located?**

**Answer:** A. In North Africa (modern Libya)

Cyrene was a Greek city in North Africa (modern eastern Libya), home to a sizable Jewish community. Simon was likely a pilgrim attending Passover. (Matthew 27:32, KJV)

**Q8. What feast was being kept when Simon bore the cross?**

**Answer:** A. The Passover

Now upon the first day of the feast of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover... (Mark 14:12) — Simon was likely in Jerusalem to keep Passover. (Mark 15:21, KJV)

**Q9. What does Mark imply about Simon's family being known to his readers?**

**Answer:** A. Alexander and Rufus must have been known among the early Christians

Mark names Alexander and Rufus (Mark 15:21) presuming they were familiar to his Roman readers — possibly the same Rufus Paul greets in Romans 16:13. (Mark 15:21, KJV)

**Q10. What was Golgotha, where Simon brought the cross?**

**Answer:** A. The place of a skull

And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull. (Mark 15:22) (Mark 15:22, KJV)

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