

The Red-Letter Words of Yeshua ~ Part 174

Passion Week ~ Trial Before Pilate ~ Part 5

In our last post, we explored **Yeshua's Trial Before Pilate**. In this post, **Yeshua Is Led Out to be Crucified**.

Bar-Abba Is Released

²⁴ Pilate decided to grant their demand; ²⁵ he released the man (Bar-abba) who had been thrown in prison for insurrection and murder, the one they had asked for; and Yeshua he surrendered to their will. ¹

Finally, **Pilate** caved into the crowd's demand, releasing Bar-abba and handing **Yeshua** over to be executed.

Yeshua Is Led Out

²⁰ When they had finished ridiculing Him, they took off the purple robe, put His own clothes back on Him, and led Him away to be nailed to the execution stake. ² Carrying the stake Himself, He went out to the place called Skull (in Aramaic, Golgotha). ³

Yeshua had to carry His own stake until **Shim'on** came along and was forced to carry it for Him. I'm sure most of us have seen this scene and the following in the several movies of this extraordinary historical event.

Shim'on of Cyrene

²¹ A certain man from Cyrene, Shim'on, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country; and they forced him to carry the stake. ²² They brought Yeshua to a place called Golgotha (which means "place of a skull"). ⁴

Roman soldiers had the right to press citizens of subject nations into compulsory service (Mattityahu 5:41), so they forced Shim'on to carry **Yeshua's** stake. **Shim'on** was a **Jewish Cyrenian** from the north coast of **Africa**. He was **the father of Alexander and Rufus**, indicating that readers in **Rome** probably knew these men (Romans 16:13). **Shim'on** apparently became a **Believer** due to this experience.

Women Weep for Yeshua

²⁷ Large numbers of people followed, including women crying and wailing over Him. ²⁸ Yeshua turned to them and said, "Daughters of Yerushalayim, don't cry for me; cry for yourselves and your children! ²⁹ For the time is coming when people will say, 'The childless women are the lucky ones—those whose wombs have never borne a child, whose breasts have never nursed a baby! ³⁰ Then

They will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'

and to the hills, 'Cover us!'"⁵

¹ Luke 23:24–25.

² Mark 15:20.

³ Yochanan 19:17.

⁴ Mark 15:21-22.

⁵ Hosea 10:8

³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what is going to happen when it's dry?"⁶

In our next several posts, we will be reviewing **Yeshua's Crucifixion**.

⁶ Luke 23:27–31.