

# I Carried the Cross

Matthew 27:32-37

<sup>32</sup> Along the way, they came across a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. <sup>33</sup> And they went out to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull"). <sup>34</sup> The soldiers gave him wine mixed with bitter gall, but when he had tasted it, he refused to drink it. <sup>35</sup> After they had nailed him to the cross, the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. <sup>36</sup> Then they sat around and kept guard as he hung there. <sup>37</sup> A sign was fastened to the cross above Jesus' head, announcing the charge against him. It read: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

A wooden cross is the central focus, made of two weathered wooden beams. At the top of the vertical beam, a scroll is attached with a metal fastener. The scroll has the text "The King of the WORLD" written on it. The background consists of horizontal stripes in shades of purple, red, and orange, creating a dramatic, sunset-like effect. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the wood.

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**Simon of Cyrene**