



The Ultimate Question #5: Accepted By a Few

March 16 & 17, 2024

Mark 15:21-22, 33-39

Opener:

Name your favorite conspiracy theory.

Go Deeper:

1. Do you think the human tendency is to accept beliefs without question OR to reject beliefs without question? Why do you think this is?
 2. What does it mean to discern fact from fiction?
 3. How does the transformation of Simon the Cyrene from an observer to a participant in Jesus' story symbolize the journey of a believer? What can we learn from his experience?
 4. Explore the significance of the Roman centurion's declaration, "Surely this man was the Son of God." How does his confession challenge our understanding of faith and authority?
 5. Considering the bystanders at the cross, Simon the Cyrene and the Roman centurion, how do their encounters with Jesus challenge our preconceived notions about who is receptive to the Gospel?
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Live It:

1. Have you ever encountered skepticism or doubt regarding your faith? How did you respond, and what helped you navigate through it?
2. Discuss the role of evidence and personal investigation in shaping our beliefs. How can we cultivate a balance between critical thinking and openness to spiritual truths?
3. What steps can you take this week to examine the evidence for Christianity?
4. What is God saying to you?
5. What specifically are you going to do about it this week?



GOD TIME:

Daily Bible Readings (March 17-23)

Sun: Mark 15:33-41
Mon: Romans 8:14-17
Tues: Jeremiah 22:13-23
Wed: Philippians 1:29
Thurs: John 6:60-71
Fri: James 2:8-13
Sat: Psalm 124

*During Lent, the readings selected are taken from The Easter Experience Lenten Devotional.

