

# Passion Play – 2025 Simon of Cyrene Script (12.13.24)

## Act III—Scene 7C: Simon of Cyrene

**LONGINUS:** He's too weak to go on by himself. You! Help him carry the cross.

**JESUS:** Simon, help me finish what I have been sent to do.

**SIMON OF CYRENE:** How do you know my name?

**JOHN:** He's not a criminal. Help him! Lord, why are you letting this happen?

**MOTHER:** Yes, there must be another way.

**JESUS:** No, this is the only way. See! I make all things new.

## Act III—Scene 8a: Crucifixion

**LONGINUS:** (*To SCRIBE*) (2:45) Record this: Three crucified at nine o'clock this morning, Gastas and Dysmas for theft and rebellion, and one Jesus, King of the Jews! Nail him to the cross.

**NICODEMUS:** (3:00-3:05) It's as He told me.... Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness...

(*NAIL, NAIL.*)

**MOTHER MARY:** (3:15) so the Son of Man must be lifted up...

(*NAIL, NAIL.*)

**NICODEMUS:** (3:22) This is what he meant.

(*NAIL, NAIL, NAIL.*)

**JOHN:** (3:28-48) For God so loves the world that He has given His Only Begotten Son... (Record as well He has given His One and Only Son for redundancy)

**JESUS:** (4:01) Father, forgive them! They do not know what they do!

**GASTAS:** (4:05) Are You not the Messiah? Save yourself...and us!

**DYSMAS:** (4:17) Have you no fear of God? You are under the same sentence as He, for it is plain justice. We are paying the price for our misdeeds, but this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom!

**JESUS:** (4:40) I tell you the truth. Today, you will be with me in Paradise.

**PRIEST 1:** (4:56) You said you were The Son of God; if You are, come down from the cross!

**PRIEST 2:** Are You, our King? Come down, and then we will believe!

**PRIEST 3:** (5:07) He has saved others; why can't He save himself?

**PRIEST 1:** (5:11) Why won't God rescue Him, if He is God's Son?

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MARY LAZARUS: (5:30) What are they doing? What's happening?

**SIMON OF CYRENE: (5:35) The Roman soldiers are dividing his garments.**

JOSEPH: (5:37) How can this be? How can they know? Is this David's prophecy?

NICODEMUS: (5:43) It must be. "They have pierced his hands and his feet. They divided his clothes among them and cast lots for his garments."

JESUS: (6:00) Mother, see your son! (6:07) John, here is your mother!

JESUS: (6:20-23) *(Record two versions: One with a loud voice and another with a very soft voice)* My GOD! My GOD! Why have You forsaken Me?

ROMAN 1: (6:33) *(To ROMAN 2)* What is this? A Storm?

ROMAN 2: I don't know. It's midday, but the sun is going dark.

LONGINUS: I can feel this darkness. Report this to Pilate.

JESUS: (6:50) ...I...I am thirsty.

JESUS: *(With a loud voice)* (7:06) It is finished! (7:17) Father! Into Your Hand, I commit my Spirit!