

# THE CRUCIFIXION

## Part 2 — Study Handout

The Trial · Simon of Cyrene · The Sixth Day

### SECTION 1

## THE TRIAL AND THE SCAPEGOAT

### I. THE TORAH FOUNDATION: TWO GOATS, ONE ATONEMENT

#### Leviticus 16:5

*"He is to take from the congregation of Bnei-Yisrael two male goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering."*

#### Leviticus 16:7–8

*"He is to take the two goats and present them before Adonai at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. Then Aaron is to cast lots for the two goats—one lot for Adonai, and the other lot for Azazel."*

#### Leviticus 16:9–10

*"Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for Adonai and offer it as a sin offering. But the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before Adonai, to make atonement over it, by sending it away into the wilderness to Azazel."*

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### II. RABBINIC REQUIREMENT: IDENTICAL PAIR

#### Mishnah Yoma 6:1

*"They must be alike in appearance, alike in height, alike in value, and acquired at the same time."*

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### III. THE TRIAL: TWO BEFORE THE PEOPLE

#### Matthew 27:16–17

*"They had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Yeshua who is called the Messiah?'"*

#### Matthew 27:20–21

*"But the ruling kohanim and elders persuaded the crowds that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Yeshua. The governor said, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas!'"*

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#### IV. DIVINE SELECTION: LOTS AND VOICES

**Leviticus 16:8**

*"Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats—one lot for Adonai and the other lot for Azazel."*

**Matthew 27:21**

*"Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"*

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#### V. THE GREAT EXCHANGE

**Matthew 27:26**

*"Then he released Barabbas for them. But after having Yeshua scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified."*

**John 11:50**

*"It is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."*

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## VI. TRANSFER OF SIN

### Leviticus 16:21–22

*"Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the iniquities of Bnei-Yisrael... putting them on the head of the goat... The goat shall carry on itself all their iniquities to a solitary land."*

### Isaiah 53:6

*"All we like sheep have gone astray... Adonai has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."*

### 1 Peter 2:24

*"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree..."*

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## VII. PROPHETIC DISTORTION: HANDS LAID THROUGH VIOLENCE

### Matthew 26:67

*"They spat in His face and beat Him, while others slapped Him."*

### John 18:22

*"One of the officers standing by gave Yeshua a slap..."*

### Connection to Scapegoat Pattern:

- High Priest initiates the process
- Sin is transferred under priestly authority
- The one bearing sin is struck
- Even if indirectly: The priesthood participates in the suffering of the sin-bearer

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## VIII. UNIVERSAL PARTICIPATION

### Acts 4:27

*"Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, were gathered together..."*

### Matthew 27:30

*"They spat on Him, and took the staff and kept hitting Him on the head."*

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## IX. BEARING THE BURDEN

### Leviticus 16:22

*"The goat shall carry on itself all their iniquities to a solitary land."*

**John 19:17**

*"Carrying His own cross, He went out..."*

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**X. OUTSIDE THE CAMP**

**Leviticus 16:27**

*"They shall burn them outside the camp."*

**Hebrews 13:11–12**

*"For the bodies of those animals... are burned outside the camp. Therefore Yeshua also suffered outside the gate..."*

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## XI. MOCKING AND REJECTION

### Mishnah Yoma 6:4 (summary)

*"They would pull its hair and say, 'Take our sins and go!'"*

### Matthew 27:39–40

*"Those passing by were speaking abusively... 'Save Yourself!'"*

### Isaiah 53:3

*"He was despised and rejected by men..."*

### Isaiah 50:6

*"I gave My back to those who strike Me, and My cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting."*

### Teaching Points:

- The sin-bearer is mocked
- The people reject the one carrying their sin

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## XII. CASTING LOTS

### Psalms 22:18

*"They divide my garments among them, and cast lots for my clothing."*

### John 19:24

*"Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it..."*

### Teaching Points:

- Lots appear again at the moment of atonement
- The entire scene reflects divine orchestration

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## XIII. THE SILENT SIN-BEARER

### Isaiah 53:7

*"He did not open His mouth..."*

### Matthew 27:12–14

*"He did not answer him with regard to even a single charge..."*

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## XIV. FINAL ATONEMENT

**Hebrews 10:10**

*"We have been made holy through the offering of the body of Messiah Yeshua once for all."*

**John 1:29**

*"Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*

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**xv. SCARLET, SIGNS, AND THE END OF THE SYSTEM (YOMA 39B)**

**Isaiah 1:18**

*"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow."*

**Rabbinic Testimony — Yoma 39b:**

For forty years before the destruction of the Temple:

- The lot for Adonai did not come up in the right hand
- The crimson thread did not turn white
- The western lamp did not burn continuously
- The doors of the Sanctuary would open by themselves

Until Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai rebuked them, saying: 'O Sanctuary, Sanctuary! Why do you frighten yourself? I know that you will be destroyed...'

**Matthew 27:28 — Gospel Fulfillment**

*"They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him."*

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## SECTION 2

# SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS YESHUA

Luke 23:26 · Mark 15:21 — *The Living Shema*

## I. THE ENCOUNTER

### Luke 23:26

"As they led Him away, they grabbed a man, Simon of Cyrene... to carry behind Yeshua."

### Mark 15:21

"...the soldiers force this passerby to carry Yeshua's cross-beam."

Simon of Cyrene — a Jewish pilgrim from North Africa (modern Libya), one of thousands who streamed into Jerusalem for Passover.

Not beside Him. Not ahead of Him. **Behind Him.**

*This is discipleship language: "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me."*

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## II. THE SHEMA — HEARING THAT PRODUCES OBEDIENCE

Simon (Greek: Simon) → Hebrew: Shimon

Root: Shin-Mem-Ayin = to hear, to listen

Same root as: Shema Yisrael — "Hear, O Israel..."

### Deuteronomy 6:4

*"Shema = not passive hearing. It means: hearing that produces obedience."*

### The Shema Embodied:

- "Take up your cross" meets "Shema"
- Shimon = hearing
- Cross = obedience
- Simon becomes: a living Shema

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## III. THE SHEMA IS NOT A STATEMENT — IT'S A SURRENDER

### Shema as Accepting the Yoke:

*Kabbalat Ol Malchut Shamayim — Accepting the yoke of the Kingdom of Heaven*

*B'chol nafshecha — "with all your life"*

Meaning: love God even if it costs your life

### What Is a Yoke (ol)?

- Ol = willing submission of direction

- Not oppression — Alignment beyond understanding

**The Critical Order:**

- First: accept the yoke
- Then: develop desire (ratzon)

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## SECTION 3 THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SIXTH DAY

### I. THE MYSTERY OF THE SIXTH DAY

Good Friday = *Yom Hashishi*

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### II. MAN'S CREATION AND FALL ON THE SIXTH DAY

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### III. YESHUA AS THE SECOND ADAM

**John 2:6**

*"First miracle: six stone jars. Water to wine = restoration."*

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### IV. THE HEBREW LETTER VAV (VAV = 6)

- Vav = 6
- Represents connection (heaven and earth)
- The Fall broke the Vav
- Messiah restores the Vav
- The cross becomes the "nail" reconnecting heaven and earth

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### V. THE COUNTERFEIT: 666

- Repetition of six = fallen humanity
- Adam = Aleph + Dam. Remove Aleph = only flesh
- Messiah restores Aleph

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## VI. SUMMARY

- The fall began on a sixth day
- Redemption completed on a sixth day
- Yeshua reconnects heaven and earth

### 1 Corinthians 15:22

*"For as in Adam all die, so in Messiah all will be made alive."*

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# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Personal Reflection & Group Study*

## Section 1: The Trial and the Scapegoat

1.

*Where in your life are you unconsciously choosing "Barabbas" — preferring what is familiar, visible, or self-protective over the true work of atonement God is bringing? What does that reveal about your inner resistance to surrender?*

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2.

*If sin transfer requires confession and laying on of hands, where are you still carrying burdens that God has already provided a way to remove? What would it look like to truly let them be carried "outside the camp"?*

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## Section 2: Simon of Cyrene and the Shema

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*Is your "hearing" of God primarily informational or transformational? Where is God currently asking you to turn Shema into action that costs you something?*

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4.

*Are you trying to walk beside Yeshua, ahead of Him, or truly behind Him? What area of your life reveals whether you have actually accepted the ol (yoke) of the Kingdom?*

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**Section 3: The Sixth Day and Restoration**

5.

*Where do you see "broken Vav" in your life — places where heaven and earth feel disconnected? How might the work of Messiah be inviting you into reconnection rather than control?*

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6.

*In what ways are you living as "Adam without Aleph" — operating in strength, flesh, or identity apart from God? What would it look like for the Aleph to be restored in that area?*

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