

Seldom in history has a man said nothing of record, authored no books, saw almost everything, either in person or was relayed to him yet had contributed much of what we know



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about Jesus and his mission on earth. This is Simon, a priest, father of Judas, stepfather of John the Baptist and possible father-in-law of the Apostle Paul. This is his/story.

SIMON first printing in 1992 stunned me. I had only one feedback. "I like the large Print." And the finality, flood water took the last copies. That's real silence. Apparently it, too, has emulated Simon the priest.

This story was the challenge I sought after retiring. Eight years later it came out without fanfare. I soon found out no body wanted to read about a silent hero. That is why I had to catch Simon privately and when he was not 'looking.' That is how portraits (who can't talk or walk) come to life. *SIMON and SONS* is a new book.

Even though, I used some fictional techniques (paint & brushes) to bring this amazing man to life, *SIMON and SONS* is still a most powerful historic review.



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