Mark 15:1~28 26 March 2017 Identity theft for who I am. 15:1-5 Who I am gives me: Lunderstand who Lam: that opens before me. 15:6-15 Since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us fling away every encumbrance that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. Hebrews 12:1 Our Lord and Master staggered to Calvary wearing a crown of thorns. Those who follow Him should not expect to meander through life on a path strewn with rose petals. to those around me.15:16-28

Prayer for my key needs, plus for others seeking answers.

What would Jesus pray for me?

For personal reflection, or group discussion

- 1. What makes identity theft such a big deal?
- 2. Jesus knew His identity included being a king. How might that have helped Him in His ministry? What else did Jesus know about His identity, and how might this self- understanding have helped Him?
- 3. Why would Satan not want Christians to understand their true spiritual identity?
- 4. What steps can you take to know your full spiritual identity?
- 5. When you know your true identity, what advantages does that give?
- 6. When you know Jesus' true identity, what advantages does that give?
- 7. Jesus could not help the soldiers; could influence Simon of Cyrene; and did help the dying thief on the cross. Why can you help some but not others? How does knowing your identity help you be a helper?

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