



TWO MARYS AT THE CROSS

Teak

John 19:25

*...But standing by the cross of Jesus
were his mother, and his mother's sister,
Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.*

I don't remember how I got this block of teak wood but I was anxious to try carving something out of it. I knew, from my reading, that teak is good and has been used for wood sculptures for hundred of years. It cut very well but I found it had an oily feeling. I guess the oil in the wood is what made it a favorite wood for boats, as it must repel water and help protect the wood from the sun and salt water.

Unfortunately, from the front of the sculpture, the picture does not show the view of Mary Magdalene's grief, with her face buried in her hands. Also, I could only show the bottom portion of the cross because that was the height limitation of the wood.