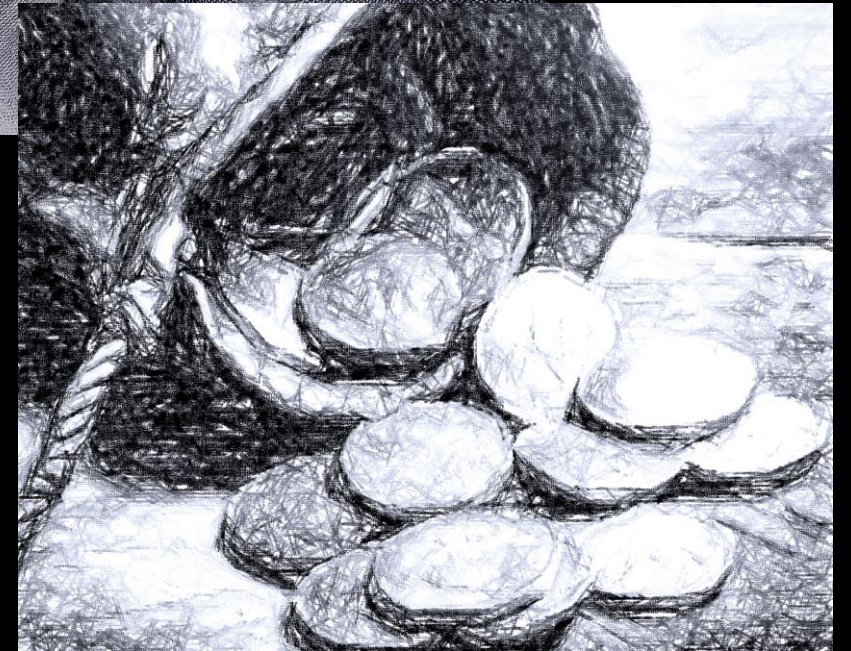
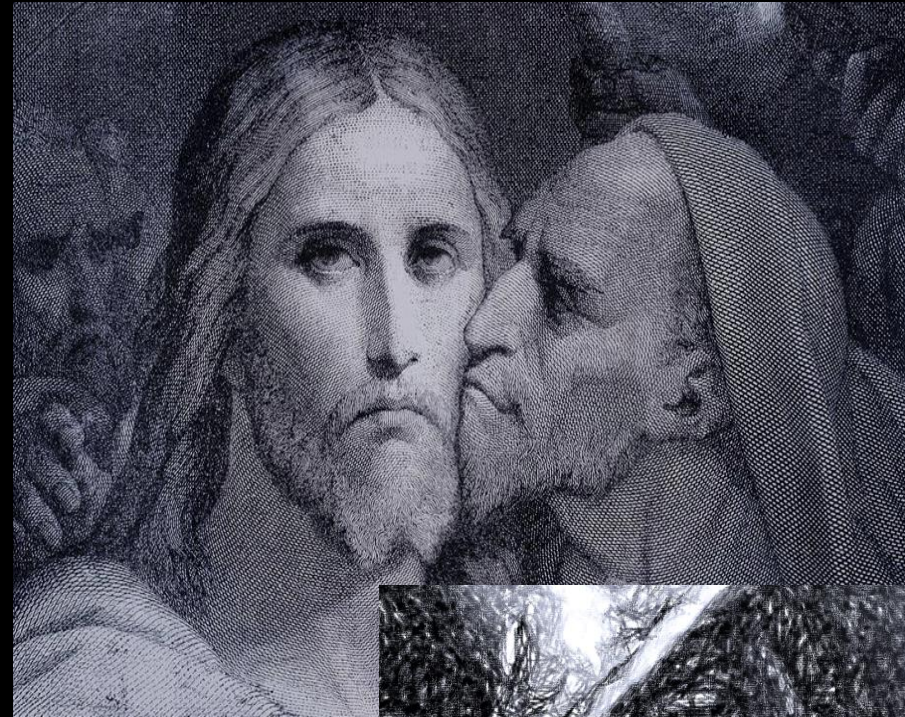


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The Kiss of a Betraying Disciple

“Could it be that in the heart of Judas was the hope that Jesus would be the one to overthrow Rome? If Judas really wanted Jesus to become king, then maybe something snapped in him when he realized Jesus wasn’t a revolutionary.” — (Swindoll)



The Kiss of a Betraying Disciple

Chosen as one of the twelve apostles (Mark 3:19, Luke 6:16)

Had a front-row seat for Jesus' sermons and miracles.



The Kiss of a Betraying Disciple

Sent as an apostle to preach the kingdom of God and heal the sick in Jesus' name (*Mark 6:7–13*).

Was in the boat when Jesus stilled the storm (*4:35–41*) and *ate the bread and fish* that Jesus multiplied (*John 6:1–13*).



The Kiss of a Betraying Disciple

John 6:14-15; 53-71

“Disillusionment, left to simmer, can boil over as resentment, bitterness, anger—feelings people can leverage to justify sin.” (Swindoll)



The Kiss of a Betraying Disciple

Mark 6:51-52

When Christians are willing to offer their lives sacrificially, relinquishing their hold on whatever God has given them in terms of time, money, talents, etc., God will use these ordinary things to create extraordinary things.



The Kiss of a Betraying Disciple

John 12:1-7

Mark 14:4

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them. And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. So, he sought how he might conveniently betray Him...(Mrk 14:10-11)



The Kiss of a Betraying Disciple

Jhn 13:21-22, 26-30

Luk 22:47-48

When we limit God to a human image of Him, we may be blind-sided when He doesn't act within that box.



The Kiss of a Sinful Woman

Luke 7:36-50

The Greatest Need of Man is Forgiveness



The Kiss of a Sinful Woman

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This is the message of Christianity: that God through His lovingkindness has designed a way for sinners to be forgiven and forgiven with such generosity that it could be spoken of as if it's removing your sins as far as the east is from the west, or burying them in the depths of the sea, or putting them behind His back, or remembering them no more.



The Kiss of a Sinful Woman

"Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

She experienced the peace **of** God
after she made peace **with** God.



The Kiss of a Merciful God

*Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness
and peace have kissed.
Ps 85:10*

God's righteousness is demonstrated through His gracious and merciful act of justifying believers by faith in Jesus Christ, rather than by their own efforts or merits.



reflections

Are you living life on your terms or His?

“Few grinds are more galling than the grind of an agitated, tormented conscience. It’s awful! And few joys are more relieving than having our sins forgiven.” (Swindoll)



reflections

Are you living life on your terms or His?

You were created to know God in a personal way—to have a relationship with Him, through His Son, Jesus Christ



reflections

Do you love much or love little?

Is Jesus the overriding desire or interest that drives your thoughts, actions, and decisions. Is He the dominant and consuming force in your life.



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