

The Traitors Kiss & The Sovereign Saviour

"Nothing in human history more vividly portrays the depravity, blackness, vileness and deceit of the human heart than the betrayal of our Lord Jesus Christ into the hands of His enemies by Judas Iscariot. Nothing more woefully displays the evil of the hypocrite's heart than this vile deed of Judas. Nothing more fearfully exemplifies the hardness of heart that is produced by a profession of faith in Christ without the possession of the grace of God and the knowledge of Christ."

- Discovering Christ Series

"But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that is must be so?" -
Matthew 26:54

"But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." - Matthew 26:56

1. Personal Betrayal

2. Human Resistance

3. Sovereign Submission

4. Disillusionment and Despair

Discussion questions:

1. In today's passage, what do you see on display that contrasts the difference between all of the partakers in this scene in comparison to Jesus?
2. What makes Judas' betrayal so horrendous? Why did Jesus say earlier that it would have been better if he had not been born?
3. What did Jesus see happening here that no one else could perceive?
4. With resolute stance, with His face set to the cross, and the peacefulness of Jesus in this event, what does that speak to you in the midst of the circumstance of your life?
5. How did yielding to His Father's will in prayer in the hours prior to this betrayal, prepare him for this moment? What does yielding to our Heavenly Father's will in the your current storms of life require of you? What will it cost you, and what may be the reward for doing so?