

**THE WORST  
WEEK EVER**

# THE WORST BETRAYAL EVER

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## Matthew 26:47-56

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” <sup>49</sup> Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. <sup>50</sup> Jesus replied, “Friend, do what you came for.” Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

<sup>51</sup> With that, one of Jesus’ companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>52</sup> “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

<sup>55</sup> At that time Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup> But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

## Discussion Questions

Have you ever been betrayed?  
Have you ever betrayed another?  
Which feels worse?

Pretending that this is the first time you read this, what do you think of Judas in this passage?  
...of Peter?  
...of all the other followers of Jesus?

What is Jesus’ reaction to this betrayal?  
Does it surprise you?

Do you ever feel like you betrayed Jesus in some way?

What does this passage tell us about the love of Jesus?  
What does this tell us about those times when we do fail Jesus?

What can we do to more faithfully follow Jesus?