

The Kiss of Judas

- ▶ Text: Matt. 26:47-50
- ▶ As difficult as it is to read about the death of Jesus in Matt. 27, perhaps, equally as sad is Matt. 26.
- ▶ A quick review reveals a series of sad events:
 - ▶ The last supper- see also John 13:1
 - ▶ The Garden of Gethsemane (the isolation)
 - ▶ The suggestion of denial and subsequent acts
 - ▶ The betrayal

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- ▶ Let's focus on the “kiss of betrayal.”
 - ▶ Notice how Judas approaches Jesus.
 - ▶ “Greetings, Rabbi!”
- ▶ This story reminds me of another deceitful kiss.
 - ▶ Genesis 27:27
 - ▶ Jacob kissed his father Isaac as he was being blessed.

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- ▶ The question for us today:
 - ▶ Is it possible that we are just as guilty as Judas of administering the “kiss of betrayal” to our Lord?
 - ▶ And if so, then how?
 - ▶ To appreciate the point being made we must do a little Biblical word study.

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- ▶ Let's examine the Greek word for *proskuneo*.
- ▶ ***Proskuneo*** is rendered in English as the word "worship"
 - ▶ The definition of this word is "to kiss, to fawn or crouch, to prostrate oneself in homage, do reverence, to adore."
 - ▶ This idea of kiss is described as a dog that licks the Master's hand.

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- ▶ References in the Bible that use this word include:
 - ▶ Matt. 4:10 and Luke 4:7
 - ▶ Jesus response to Satan's ridiculous request.
 - ▶ John 4:23-24
 - ▶ Jesus conversation with the Samaritan woman.
 - ▶ Matt. 15:7-8

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- ▶ *The kiss of betrayal applies to us when*
- ▶ WE COME TO WORSHIP AND THEN JUST GO THROUGH THE MOTIONS THOUGHTLESSLY!!!!
- ▶ WE COME TO WORSHIP AND THEN TEACH SOMETHING CONTRARY TO GOD'S WORD!!!
- ▶ WE COME TO WORSHIP AND THEN LIVE IN DEFIANCE OF GOD'S WORD!!!

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