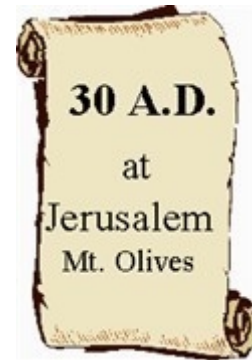




Kiss of Betrayal



Matthew 26:46-56

46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me. 47And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast. 49And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. 50And Jesus said unto him, **Friend, wherefore art thou come?** Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus and took him. 51And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. 52Then said Jesus unto him, **Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.** 53**Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?** 54**But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?** 55In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, **Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.** 56But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.