

Wax Resist Painting of the Betrayal

*Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs,
came from the chief priests and elders of the people.*

*Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying,
"Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him."*

Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

(Matthew 26:46-50)

Use oil pastels to draw a picture of Judas approaching the Lord, then brush blue or black watercolor over the picture to show that this terrible event happened at night.

Suggested Materials

crayons, chalk, or colored pencils
light-colored paper
dark water color paints (blue or black might work well)
large paint brush

Preparation Prepare water color paint and water in several containers for a large class.

Procedure

1. Use crayon, chalk, or colored pencil to draw Judas approaching the Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane. You can show Judas leading a group of men carrying swords and clubs or picture him kissing the Lord's cheek. Make sure that all of the figures are filled in well with color.
2. Paint all over the picture with the dark water color paints to show that it is night time.
3. The crayon, chalk, or colored pencil will resist the water in the paint and show through. The parts of the picture that are not colored will be painted.
4. You may want to add a text slip, perhaps choosing one of the following:

"See, he who betrays Me is at hand" (Matthew 26:46).

Judas went up to Him and said to Him, "Rabbi, Rabbi!" and kissed Him (see Mark 14:45).

"Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" (Luke 22:48).

Jesus went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?"
They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He."
Then they drew back and fell to the ground (see John 18:4-6).