

THE KISS

Text: Matt. 26:47-49, “Judas....kissed Him.

A kiss is a sign of trust and confidence, either true or false. A kiss has many meanings in the Bible. Let us consider some.

The Kiss of Reconciliation

Gen. 45:15. Joseph kissed all his brothers as a token of reconciliation.

The Kiss of Desertion

Ruth 1:14. Orpah kissed Naomi with a kiss of desertion, and returned to her paganism in Moab, while Ruth “clung” to her mother –in –law, and embraced her God.

The Kiss of Friendship

1 Sam.20: 41. David kissed Jonathan in their final farewell. This was a kiss of friendship. There had been great confidence between the two.

The Kiss of Gratitude

Lk. 7:45, *“This woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss My feet.”* She loved much (v47). Our Lord’s forgiveness had brought forth this act of pure devotion.

The Kiss of Sorrow

Acts 20:37. This kiss reflected the Ephesian elder’s deep love for Paul and their immense sorrow that they would never see him again. The parting was highly emotional.

The Kiss of Submission

Ps. 2:12. The kings of the nations would do well to kiss God’s own appointed King. This kiss denotes religious homage. It’s an act of submission or worship. 1Ki. 19:18.

The Kiss of Affection

Song 1:2. The kiss here has a spiritual significance. It is the expression of intimate personal love. Christ’s loving affection is the bride’s true desire. To have a *touch* of His love on our lives is a believer’s heaven on earth, and the beginning of glory (D. Smith).

The Kiss of Seduction

Prov.7:13. The prostitute uses whatever she can as part of her seduction. Seizing and kissing her man is a great deceptive part of her flattering appeal.

The Kiss of Betrayal

Matt. 26:48-49. Judas betrayed Jesus, and did so with the sweetest symbol of love. It is the only time we read of anyone kissing the Saviour’s face, and it was with

filthy lips of the betrayer, whose very name has become a symbol of infamy (Daniel Smith).

The Kiss of Pardon

Lk.15:20. On the son's return, the father of the prodigal "fell on his neck and kissed him." It can be rendered, "He kissed him again and again." It was given before he could say a word. It was given while he was still in rags and dirt. It was given as the first blessing, with many other mercies and blessings to follow (Robert Lee).

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