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The kiss, a symbol of *affection*, becomes an instrument of *treachery* and broken *trust*.

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⁵¹ But Jesus said, “No more of this.” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus spoke to the leading priests, the captains of the Temple guard, and the elders who had come for him. “Am I some dangerous revolutionary,” he asked, “that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me? ⁵³ Why didn’t you arrest me in the Temple? I was there every day. But this is your moment, the time when the power of darkness reigns.”

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Jesus recognizes the reality of *evil* without granting it ultimate *authority*.

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As you take the cup, remember the blood that speaks forgiveness even over betrayal.

