

## **Station 4:** *The Denial*

Before entering, please read the following account from Matthew 26:48-50:

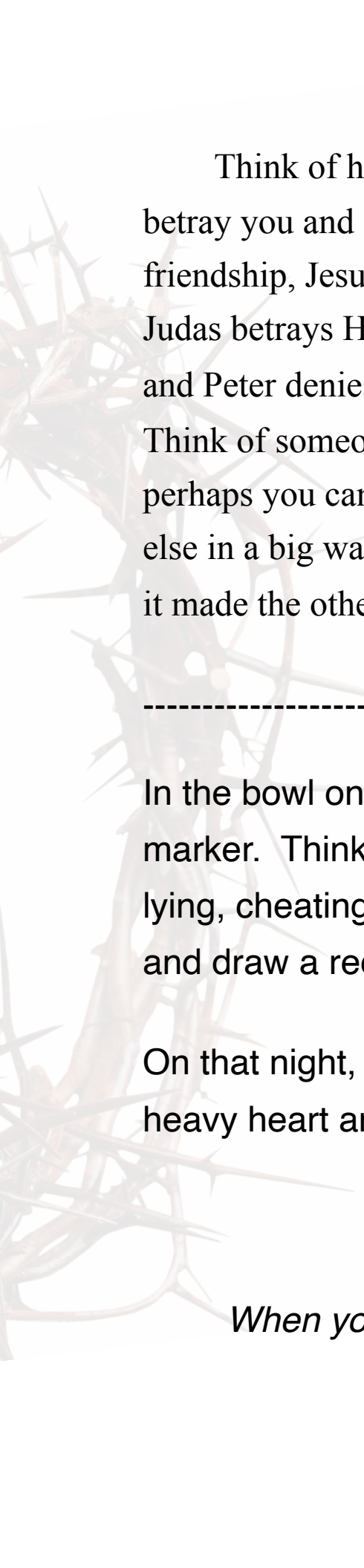
Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

Jesus replied, “Do what you came for, friend.” Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

And Matthew 26:70-75:

“I don’t know what you’re talking about,”...“I don’t know the man!”...and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!”  
Immediately a rooster crowed.

Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken:  
“Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”  
And he went outside and wept bitterly.



Think of how it must have felt to have your closest friends betray you and deny you. After building a three-year intentional friendship, Jesus' closest friends turned their back on Him. Judas betrays Him to the religious leaders, the disciples scatter, and Peter denies Him three times before multiple witnesses. Think of someone who has let you down significantly, or perhaps you can think of a time when you disappointed someone else in a big way. How did it make you feel? How do you think it made the other person feel?

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In the bowl on the table, you will find a heart and a red marker. Think of a sin you have committed (things like lying, cheating, gossiping, stealing, prideful thinking, etc...) and draw a red mark(s) on your piece of paper.

On that night, we read that Peter wept bitterly. He had a heavy heart and carried the weight of his guilt with him.

*When you are ready to move to the next station,  
carry your heart with you...*