

## **Wednesday**

**Read** [Mark 14: 10, 11, 43-46, 66-72](#)

**Consider** what colours you imagine as you read the story, and which colour is most prominent? How does that colour make you feel? On your Holy Week chart colour the first square with the prominent colour and note your feeling.

### **Reflection**

Betrayal is a loaded word conjuring up difficult feelings. Most of us feel betrayed at some point in our lives, and most of us betray someone. The gospels give Judas a hard time but go back to Monday and the thought that Jesus knew what was to happen, maybe he needed help to bring it to fruition. Judas would have been a brave disciple to act in the way he did. It is only Matthew the gospel writer most steeped in the Jewish tradition who introduces the idea that Judas regrets and repents but still cannot live with what he has done. This may simply be to explain the fulfilling of an Old Testament prophecy but if not, what does the suicide of Judas tell us about how he coped with what he had done, and why don't the other gospel writers mention it? Was Peter's denial another form of betrayal?

### **Prayer**

Loving God, as we reflect on the actions of Judas in the story may we remember our humanity, and reflect on times when others may feel we have betrayed them. Your gracious mercy offers forgiveness and the opportunity to change our ways and avoid hurting others, may we be gracious in our forgiveness. May grow stronger in your love and move beyond the selfishness that causes betrayal into the oneness of a Christlike love. Amen.