To ponder over a cuppa with a friend:

How did the elders think they were catching Jesus? What did the kiss represent? Should Christians bear arms?

Matthew 26:47-56

- 1. Why do you think Judas brought such a large crowd with him?
- 2. Who had sent the crowd?
- 3. Do you think the elders were representative of the people? Why or why not?
- 4. Who were the chief priests and what was their role in Judaism?
- 5. What was the pre-arranged signal?
- 6. What normally did the kiss represent? How had Judas destroyed its meaning?
- 7. Who drew the sword? (John 18:10-11) What did he do with the sword?
- 8. What did Jesus say of those who use the sword?
- 9. What is pacifism? Should Christians bear arms?
- 10. How many angels is Jesus talking about?
- 11. What scriptures does Jesus have in mind that are to be fulfilled?
- 12. When does Jesus say they could have arrested him? Why didn't they? What did the disciples do after Jesus is arrested? If your life is in danger as a Christian when should you flee?