THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE COVENANT

Matthew 26:1-30

Key verse 28

1. What was the point of Jesus’ fifth major discourse (1; Ch.24-25)? What did Jesus predict again and how does it relate to the Passover (2; Ex 12:13; Jn 1:29)? What were Jewish religious leaders plotting (3-5)?
2. What did one woman do for Jesus at Simon the Leper’s house (6-7)? Why was this controversial (8-9)? Why did Jesus call this “a beautiful thing” (10-12)? Why did Jesus say this story would accompany gospel preaching (13)?
3. Where did one of the Twelve go and why (14-16)? How does this contrast with what the woman did? How and why did Jesus want his disciples to prepare the Passover (17-19)? Why was celebrating this Passover so important?
4. What did Jesus tell his disciples during the meal and how did they respond (20-22)? What does this show about them? Why did he bring this up now (23-24)? How did Judas respond (25)?
5. Read verses 26-28. What did Jesus do and offer to his disciples, with what symbolic meaning? What did Jesus mean by “my blood of the covenant” (1:21; Ex 24:8; Heb 8:8-12; 10:14-18)?
6. What other promise did Jesus give his disciples (29-30)? What does Jesus’ blood of the covenant mean to you personally?