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1) Spend some time re-reading the story and considering what things are surprising or confusing?

2) Compare the different characters in the story – how does each feel about Jesus? What do people's reactions show about what they value?

3) If we are devoted to the things we attribute value to – what might be clues to what we value more than Jesus?

4) How is Jesus' reaction to the woman an encouragement to us when we struggle to appreciate the cross?

5) If we valued Jesus and his death the way the woman in Matthew 26 does, how might it change:

- Our prayer life?
- Our evangelism?
- Our church family?

6) What aspects of the death of Jesus do you find it hardest to understand / appreciate?

7) Can you think of practical ways we can prepare for Easter by considering the cross afresh?