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1. What is the significance of Passover festival and why is such an important context for what Jesus is doing? (verses 17-19) Imagine yourself as an Israelite, what might Passover have meant for you?

2. In verses 26-29 Jesus speaks about what he is going to do (shed his blood) in terms of covenant. How often do we think about our relationship with God in terms of a covenant? Why is it important to think about the covenant?

3. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. In what ways does the New Covenant differ from the Old (Mosaic) covenant?

4. In verses 20-25 why does Matthew include this episode about betrayal? What does this show us about Jesus' character and love?