

4. What does it mean?

- **Forgiveness**

v28

“Throughout the day, up and down the ward, along the corridors, Briony felt her familiar guilt pursue her... She scrubbed down the vacated lockers, helped washed bed frames in carbolic, swept and polished the floors, ran errands... at double speed without actually running, was sent with another probationer to help dress a boil in men’s general, and covered for Fiona who had to visit the dentist. On this first really fine day of May she sweated under her starched uniform. All she wanted to do was work, then bathe and sleep until it was time to work again. But it was all useless, she knew. Whatever skivvying or humble nursing she did, and however well or hard she did it, whatever illumination in tutorial she had relinquished, or lifetime moment on a college lawn, she would never undo the damage. She was unforgivable.” (Ian McEwan, Atonement, p.285)

- **Friendship**

v29

Matthew 26:17-30

Sunday, 17th November '24

What are you passionate about?

“If there’s anything in life we should be passionate about, it’s the gospel. And I don’t mean passionate only about sharing it with others. I mean passionate about thinking about it, dwelling on it, rejoicing in it, allowing it to colour the way we look at the world. Only one thing can be of first importance to each of us. And only the gospel ought to be.” (C.J. Mahaney, The Cross Centred Life, pp.20-21)

- Why is the cross so precious?

3 scenes:

- vv17-19
- vv20-25
- vv26-30

1. Who is in charge?

vv17-19

vv20-25

- God's sovereignty and human responsibility

2. What is happening?

vv20-21

v22

"there was something in all of them that made them wonder if they were going to be the betrayer." (Mike McKinley, Passion, Loc. 298)

"I'm the one; I should repent."

3. When is it happening?

vv17-19

vv26-28