

3)) be made worthwhile instead of being like a rat-race, running about for a brief time and then casting it into the discard. Is that all there is to life or is there something else? Is life worthwhile? Or, is it a matter of a little physical pleasure for just a brief time, and perhaps a still greater amount of pain, and then it's all over. What is the meaning of it all? Well, they were as sheep without a shepherd, and so Jesus began to teach them many things. And He has ordained that people with their spiritual needs, and spiritual problems -- these problems which, ~~are~~ so often hidden, ~~are~~ are the most vital thing in their lives, and that which determine in the end whether they are happy or miserable -- that these should be met by getting a true understanding of what life is, what its meaning is, what it's all about. So it is His will that men should study the Word of God, that men should have the Holy Spirit to lead them and to direct them -- that these men should be ordained to the ministry as Christ's representatives to teach them many things.

Now I take you to the very end of the life of our Lord: He was crucified, and He was raised from the dead, and then one time He met His disciples on a mountain shortly before His ascension, and there we read at the very end of the Gospel of Matthew, the last three verses, that Jesus came to these disciples and spoke to them saying, "All power .. in earth." He has all power; He is now the ruler of the universe, He who is indeed God the Creator of the universe; He has all power. What does He say? "Go ye -- even unto the end of the earth." Man has gone on like sheep without a shepherd, wandering in his own way, going off and doing that which brings destruction to him. He's gone into sin, he's gone into misery; there's only eternal death and misery ahead -- but Jesus has given His life on Calvary's cross ~~that~~ to make it possible that men might turn from their sin and look to Him and be saved through His precious blood. And Jesus sends ministers in His name; He sends ministers to come to people who are wandering as sheep without a shepherd, and to say to these people, You don't need to be wandering like sheep without a shepherd; there is a path that leads to the still waters; that leads to the table that is filled;