

situation. If you or I were in his place I am sure we would have said, Why, what is the matter with you people anyway. Here I told you so plainly. And the Gospels tell us that He told them on several occasions He was going to be crucified, He was going to be killed and He was going to rise from the dead and He explained that fully but they had not sensed it. It did not have impact. It had not sunk into their minds. It was too different from what they were accustomed to. They just could not get the idea. I think that one of us would have said, What's the good of talking to your folks anyway and trying to explain things to you when you don't get what I am == have tried ~~XXXXXX~~ so to drive into your minds. But that is not what He said at all. He said, You fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory.

Now it takes a lot of study of the prophets to find that it is definitely taught there that the Son of God will die on the cross and that He will rise from the dead. It is clearly taught there but it takes hard study to find it. His rebuke was that they had not studied the Word of God and learned what it meant on matters that were not directly clearly presented but were definitely there. So for us to get the understanding of the Word of God is of tremendous importance. That means the understanding of all the Word of God -- every ~~XX~~ part of it is important. I've had people say to me, What's the use of learning all this Hebrew and Greek, trying to study all these different sections; we've got John 3:16, what more do we need? Well, I say definite, if you take John 3:16 and all the other passages in the Scripture that give the same great truth as John 3:16 does and you put them on one side and you put all the rest of