

until actually you've seen the crucifixion and resurrection and given an understanding, then you will understand the other things I want to give you. He gave messages to the Apostles that we find in the NT epistles that are ~~is~~ tremendously important to us. We can speak of them as part of the prophetic work of Christ that he by the Holy Spirit directed these writers into new truths that are vital for us and helped them to interpret for us the truth already known.

But the tendency today of the modernists, at least of some modernists, and of some schools, is to spend a great deal of time studying what they call the teachings of Christ and perhaps trying to draw from them pacifism and certain attitudes that are absolutely impossible to carry out in the real world. They try to bring out what they want to make people believe and make it look as if it's what Christ taught when he was here on earth. But that does not mean that we who believe in Jesus as the spotless Lamb of God, the one who gave his life for our sins, should neglect the teaching that he gave during those 3 and a half years which contain discussions of so many subjects that are of tremendous importance for us to study carefully and interpreted and applied to our lives today.

I was with a very famous teacher of the Bible a few years ago in a small group that was discussing translations and certain problems about the Bible. And this man who was always a sort of dramatic fellow spoke up and said, "I was brought up in one of the finest Christian churches you ever heard of in your life, but they would never preach on our Lord's words, what our Lord said when he was here on earth. They ~~is~~ just ignored it completely and dealt only with the epistles." Well, I think the great truths of salvation are brought out in the epistles more clearly than they are in most of the content of the Gospels though they are brought out clearly in certain places in the Gospels. But the Gospels contain a tremendous amount of knowledge and understanding and teaching that is vital for our lives and we need to study and digest it and realize that Jesus Christ has as one of his great offices that of prophet.

That is one of the ways he spoke of== he is spoken of. It is part of what is meant by calling him the Messiah, the Christ, and it his messages thru the prophets of the OT, his messages thru the writers of the epistles are of tremendous importance to us. But the messages he gave while here on earth are also of tremendous importance to us and there are many things in them that may be just exactly God's answer to new problems that will come to us 5, 10, 20 years from now that are utterly different from anything we dream of or expect. Because things are always changing. But God has given us a word that fits changing circumstances. So Jesus Christ as prophet is not the most important aspect of his life. That is his Saviourhood. He was Lamb of God, ~~is~~ yes. That is to us the most important but this is of great importance--the ~~is~~ work of Jesus Christ as prophet.

Now I will pass more rapidly over the second part and then spend some time on the third of these, but I'd like to take a break now for 15 min. Please come back sharply at 12 o'clock.