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tried to shut Him out of their minds. Little by little He revealed great and important truths as He led people into the understanding of what He desired them to know. The principle of progressive revelation needs to be recognized if Scripture is to be correctly interpreted.

Effective communication of precise ideas from one mind to another is difficult. Communication of the ideas of the infinite God to finite man is even more difficult. Sometimes an idea is lightly touched upon, then suggested more clearly, then expressed rather fully, then misunderstandings are corrected, and finally the idea is reiterated. Thus an idea can be traced through Scripture and one's understanding of it can be gradually increased and clarified.

Several times during His earthly ministry Jesus told His disciples that He would be crucified and raised from the dead, but His words sounded so strange that they made no impression. After His resurrection, when the disciples were surprised that these events had occurred, instead of rebuking them for not having remembered what He had said while He was with them, He criticized them for not having studied the