

to silence by asserting the lawfulness of paying tribute. The Sadducees next proposing a case which seemed to place the law of Levirate marriages in conflict with the doctrine of the resurrection, were met by an assertion of the spirituality of the future state ; and, in contradiction of their denial of the immortality of the soul, were shown that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is a God not of the dead but of the living. Lastly he was here visited by certain Greeks, an incident mentioned only by St. John. Stier sets this visit of the Greeks from the west, in contrast to the visit of the Magi from the East : the one at the end, the other at the beginning of His life.

Then leaving Jerusalem He went to enjoy a last interval of repose at Bethany. He remained here during the evening of Tuesday, all Wednesday, and great part of Thursday, leaving it as the day advanced, to partake of his last passover at Jerusalem with the disciples, on the eve of His crucifixion.

During these days of retirement, his time was probably divided between the house of Martha and the wooded slopes of Olivet. From the summit of the Mount a magnificent view is obtained of Jerusalem which on its lower elevation lies spread out below like a map, while on the other side, eastward, the Jordan valley and the Dead Sea are plainly perceptible. How grand the historic association connected with this stretch of vision ! Two thousand years before, Melchizedek, king of Salem, came forth from the hill city to bless the