

may be quoted as an example of the silly, futile way in which the people exaggerated, giving to the slightest detail an undue importance which in the end acquired the force of a law.

Jesus goes out to Bethany in the evening

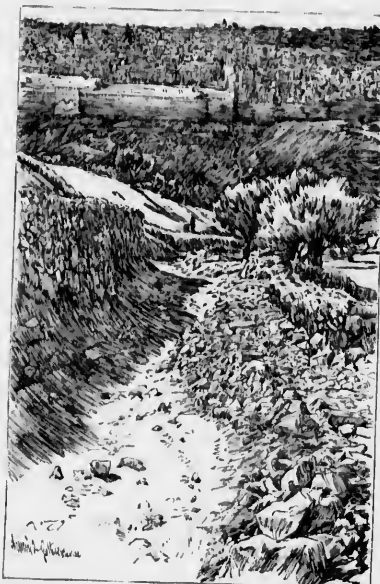
Saint Mark — Chap. 11, verse 11

Et circumspēctis omnibus, quum jam vespera esset hora, exiit in Bethaniam cum duodecim.

AND when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.



The day had been a very full one for Jesus and, as the Evangelist tells us, "He had looked round about upon all things". He had taken care for everyone. He had put everything in order, making Himself alike a providence for the poor and a terror to the sinful merchants. But now that the eventide had come and the crowd had quitted the Temple, the Lord, accompanied by the twelve Apostles, who followed Him at a distance down the slopes of the Mount of Olives, set forth on His return to Bethany. After passing through one of the two gates of the Temple on the north-east side, they left the town by the Sheep-gate, then, going down the Valley of Jehoshaphat, they would reach at its lower extremity a spot full of tombs of some importance hewn in the rock. There, at the base of the Mount of Olives, were gardens with caves to which Jesus often resorted with His disciples. These gardens belonged to different owners, and in one of them was an oil-press called Gethsemane, belonging to one of the friends of Our Lord. Crossing the bridge over the brook Kedron, generally dried up at that spot, a road was reached, overshadowed by great pine-trees full of doves, and beneath the shade of which were shops, frequented by those who wished to buy suitable offerings for the Temple. After skirting along the gardens the travellers crossed the slopes of the Mount of Olives by a path leading also to the summit of the neighbouring Mount Scopus, where Titus established his camp when he besieged Jerusalem. This same Mount Scopus was reserved during the Feast of Pentecost as a resting-place for the people of Galilee, and it was on this account, no doubt, that Jesus chose this route, reaching Bethphage first, and going



Path from Gethsemane to the Mount of the Ascension.