

cause us to lose our privilege in participating therein.

The short verse, Mark xi. 12, gives us a lesson at once touching and sorrowful: "And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, *He was hungry.*" He, the Lord! He who fed the multitudes, and who also provided for the wants of His disciples (Luke xxii. 35), *on one occasion* at least did He find no person that would trouble himself about procuring Him food for the day! This teaches us that the perfect Servant would go before His own in the narrow path along which He would call them to pass after Him. And, according to His own words, "The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord" (Matt. x. 24); in like manner do not the godly servants of Christ frequently find themselves similarly tested? But what say we, beloved brethren, if enjoying the teaching of the Lord by His servants, we forget to offer them the simplest necessities of life and allow them *to be hungry?* The apostle praises Gaius for having acted faithfully in all that He had done to the brethren, and to those even who were strangers who had borne witness of his love before the assembly; and, says he, "whom if thou bring forward on their journey *after a godly sort* (literally "*worthily of God*"), thou shalt do well; because that for His name's sake (corrected reading gives, "for the Name") they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles" (3 John 6, 7). On the other hand Nehemiah blames those whom he had