himself forward in public.

**32.]** The answer  
to the question, asked by themselves, is  
given *by the Evangelist*.

**CHAP XII. 1–12]** PARABLE OF THE  
VINEYARD LET OUT TO HUSBANDMEN.  
This parable is, for the most part, identical  
with that in Matt. xxi. 33–46, and Luke  
xx.9–19. The *number* and *treatment* of  
the servants sent, is enlarged on here;  
and in ver. 4 there occurs a singular word,  
which we render, **wounded him in the  
head**. Some have supposed it means, ‘*they  
made short work with him*, which is the  
more usual sense of the word, but not  
probable here; for they *did not kill* him,  
but disgracefully used him.

I must not allow any opportunity to pass of   
directing attention to the *sort* of difference, in  
similarity, between these three reports,—  
and observing that no origin of that   
difference is imaginable, except the *gradual  
deflection of accounts from a common, or  
a parallel source*. See notes on  
Matthew throughout.   
  
**9.]** **he will  
come**, &c., is not the answer of the   
Pharisees, nor of the people, as the   
corresponding sentence in Matthew (see note there),  
but, here and in Luke, a continuation of