rubbing them in their hands is a detail peculiar to Luke: rubbing them and blowing away the chaff.

**2.**] In Matthew and Mark, the  
Pharisees address our Lord, ‘Why do Thy  
disciples,’ &c. ?

**3.**] **Have ye not so much as this?** i.e. ‘Are ye so utterly  
ignorant of the spirit of Scripture?’ See  
Mark xii. 10, where the same expression occurs.   
In one of our ancient authorities,  
the Cambridge MS., the following is the  
form of ver. 5: **On the same day he beheld  
a certain man working on the sabbath,  
and said unto him, O man, if thou knowest what thou art doing, blessed art thou: but if thou knowest not, accursed, and a  
transgressor of the law.** This remarkable  
substitution seems to be an interpolation,  
but hardly an invention of a later time.  
Its form and contents speak for its originality, and, I am disposed to believe, its authenticity.

**6—11.**] HEALING OF THE WITHERED  
HAND. Matt. xii. 9—14 Mark iii. 1—  
6. See on Matthew.

**6.**] The circumstances related in ch. xiv. 1—6 are very  
similar to these; and there St. Luke has  
inserted the question of Matthew, vv. 11,  
12. I should be disposed to think that St.Mark and St. Luke have preserved the exact narrative here. St. Matthew, as we  
eee, describes the *watching* of the Pharisees  
(**their thoughts,** or reasonings, ver. 8) as  
*words actually spoken,* and relates that  
*they* asked the question : which certainly  
arises from an imperfect report of what  
took place, the question itself being verbatim that which our Lord asked on that other occasion, Luke xiv. 3, and followed  
by a similar appeal about an animal. There  
can hardly be a doubt that in St. Matthew’s  
narrative the two occurrences are blended :  
and this may have taken place from the  
very circumstance of the question about  
an animal having been asked on both occasions; St. Luke omitting it here, because he reports it there—St. Matthew joining to  
it the question asked there, because he was  
not aware of another similar incident.

**right hand** is a mark of accuracy, and from an eye-witness.

**9.**] After the question, St. Mark adds *“But they held  
their peace”* —as they did after the question  
just referred to in ch. xx. 3, because they  
were in a dilemma, and either answer  
would have convicted them.

10.) St.Mark adds *“with anger, being grieved at*