*supposing your wish to be fulfilled, could  
this which is written come to pass?’*

**19. and they feared the people**] The  
copula, **and,** introduces the state of mind  
in which this their attempt was made:  
**and they did so in fear of the people.**

**20—26.**] REPLY CONCERNING THE LAWFULNESS OF TRIBUTE TO CÆSAR.  
Matt. xxii. 15—22. Mark xii. 13—17,  
where see notes as before.

**20.**] Spies: literally, **men suborned,** *instructed and  
arranged for that purpose.*

**that they might ....**] *they,* not the spies, but the chief priests.

The A.V., in rendering **his words,** has mistaken the construction  
of the clause. It is, **that they might lay  
hold of him by some saying;** *“catch him by a word,”* as St. Mark. unto the ruling (Roman) **power** (genus), **unto the authority  
of the governor** (species). The form of  
the sentence in the original renders the  
separation of the two necessary.

**27—40.**] REPLY TO THE SADDUCEES RESPECTING THE RESURRECTION.   
Matt. xxii, 28—33 ; Mark xii. 18—27, and notes.

**29.**] **therefore: i. e. well then—**