XXVI. 1—6. ST. MATTHEW. 179   
   
 all these sayings, he said unto his disciples, \* Ye know that   
 after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of   
 man is ™betrayed to be crucified. 3 Then assembled \*35!!5 »,   
 together the chief priests, [9 and the seribes,] and the elders #2°'"\*   
 of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was   
 called Caiaphas, \* and consulted that they might take   
   
 Jesus by subtilty, and kill him. 5 But they said, Not ° on   
 the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people.   
 b John   
 8 > Now when Jesus was in ° Bethany, in the house of ,3¢%, 1.   
   
 ™ or, delivered up: i is the same word as in ver, 15, 16, 21,   
 2 omit. © render, during the feast.   
   
 uublic office our Lord as a Teacker logical in introduction Acts.   
 ing been now fulfilled, His priestly who was called does not mean who was   
 office begins be entered He had “surnamed,’ but (see ver. implies that   
 not completed ali his discourses, He some name is to follow, which is more   
 delivered, after this, contained in than, or different the real one the   
 John xiv.—xvii.—but not in public; only person. Not during the feast) This   
 to the inner circle his disciples. From expression must be taken as meaning the   
 this point commences THE NARRATIVE OF whole period of the feast—the seven   
 HIS PASSION. 2. after two days] On the feast-day (A. V.), i.e. day on   
 This gives no certainty as to the time which the passover was sacrificed, they   
 when the words were said: we do not could not lay hold of and slay any one,   
 know whether the current day was in- as it was a day of sabbatical obligation   
 cluded or otherwise. But thus much of (Exod. xii. See note on ver.   
 importance we learn from them: that the 6—13.] THE awornzixe at BeTuany.   
 deli of our Lord to be crucified, and Mark xiv. 3-9. John xii. 1—8. On   
 the “taLing of the Passover, strictly Luke vii. 86—60, see note there. This   
 coincided. e solemn mention of them history of anointing of Lord is here   
 in this is equivalent to decla- inserted out of sts chronological place.   
 ration from Himeelf, it were needed, of It occurred siz days before the   
 the identity, both of time and meaning, John xii. 1. It perhaps can hardly be   
 of the two sacrifices; serves as the eaid that in ite pit accounts   
 fixed point in the difficult et im any degree subsequent ap-   
 t of the history of the Ticatwon of Judas to the Sanhedrin :   
 Passion. The latter clause, and the ‘vv. since his name is not even   
 Son of man ...., depends on ye know mentioned in it: but I can hardly doubt   
 as well as the former. Our Lord had that it originally was placed where it   
 doubtless before these two events here stands by one who was aware of   
 together in His announcements to his its connexion with that application. The   
 ciples. To separate this clause the paragraphs in the beginning of this   
 former, seems to me to do violence the chapter come in regular sequence,   
 construction. It would require and then Jesus announces his approaching Passion   
 the Son.... the chief priests, meet and plot His   
 3—65.] ConspPrRacy oF THE JEWISH capture, but not during the feast: but   
 AUTHORITIES. Mark xiv. 1. Luke xxii. Jesus was in Bethany, &c. occasion   
 2. This assembling has no connexion was given for an offer to be made to   
 with what has just been related, but them, which led to its effected,   
 follows rather on the end of ch. xxiii. all, during the On the rebuke given   
 inten he id N2 to Judas at this time having led to his   
 J as, “Jo: » who is also Cai 7 ting into effect intention of betray-   
 Valerius ‘Gratus Procurator Judsa, had ing our Lord, see note on John xii. 4,   
 appointed him instead of Simon ben The trace of what 1 are to have been   
 amith. He continued through the pro- the original of the anointing being   
 Primary of Pontius Leen ii was eis ae this place, still further   
 isplaced the proconsul Vitellius, in St. Mark, who instead of when Jesus   
 37. See a on ‘Luke iii. and chrono- was... has “and being” .... just as