ST. MATTHEW. 195   
 47—53.   
 wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid   
   
 hands on Jesus, and took him. 51 And, behold, one of   
 them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and   
 drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest’s,   
   
 and smote off his ear. 8 Then said Jesus unto him, Put   
 up again thy sword into his place: ‘for all they that take ¢ce.t:.6   
 the sword shall perish with the sword. 5 Thinkest thou   
 that I cannot \*now pray to my Father, and he shall   
 ® presently give me \*more than twelve legions of angels ? \*}xinswii7-   
   
 . § Ong of these, “now,” or “presently,” should be omitted. The word is read by   
 some authorities in former clause, some in the latter but by none in   
   
 « Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man agree in this account. Luke and John   
 with a kise?”—which sense is involved are most exact— the latter giving the   
 the text also: that shewing per- of the slave,—Malchus. The   
 haps that one of the accounts is aim was a deadly one, and Peter narrowly   
 an eye-witness. Friend—see ch. xxii. escaped being one ‘‘who had committed   
 12 and note. It is more than doubtful murder in the insurrection.” From Luke,   
 whether the words that follow can pro- ver. 61, learn that our Lord said Suf-   
 ° perl be rendered as a question. More Ser ye thus far” (on the meaning of   
 likely they mean, “ Friend, there see note there), the ear, healed   
 not this shew of attachment: I know it. 62.) thy sword—not mine, nor   
 thine errand,—do thy purpose.” But the on my side. his place = “the sheath,”   
 command itself suppressed. On any un- John. The sheath is the place for the   
 derstanding of the words, it is appeal Christian’s sword—“a sword out of its   
 to the conscience and heart of Judas, in sheath is in its place, as minis-   
 which sense (see aay it agrees with tering to the divine anger,” Bengel; sce   
 the words spoken in Luke:—see note note on Luke xxii. 36. Our Lord does   
 there. The fact that at this od our not say ‘ Cast away thy sword;’ only in   
 Lord was laid hold of secured (by hand His willing self-eacrifice, in king-   
 —not yet bound) by the band, is impor- dom which is to be evolved from his   
 tant, as interpreting St. Luke’s account of redemption, is sword altogether out   
 farther on. 61.] The one of ... of place. for all Peculiar to   
 was Peter ;—John ver. 10. Why he was thew. There is no allusion, Grotius and   
 not mentioned, is idle to enquire: one some of the ancients thought, the Jews   
 supposition only must be avoided—that perishing by the Roman sword: for the   
 there is any purpose in the omission. It very persons who were now taking Him   
 is absurd to su that the mention of were Romans. The saying is general—   
 his name in a book only among and the stress on take—it was this that   
 Christians, many years after the fact, Peter was doing—‘taking up the sword’   
 could lead to his apprehension, did of his own will; taking that vengeance   
 not take place af the time, although he which belongs to God, into own hand.   
 was ‘ized the striker in palace shall perish with the sword is a   
 of the High Priest, ver. The real command; not merely a future, but an   
 swords of the company) was waiting for . imperative future a repetition by the   
 the servant was healed by the the very Lord in this solemn moment of Gen. ix.   
 This is the first smote to ‘Thy will be This should be thought of by those well-   
 —the weapon of expresses that outbreak meaning but shallow persons, who seek to   
 of the would happen—and noticeable than abolish the punishment of death Chris-   
 shall more-noticed one which followed be- tian states. John adds the words   
 while morning. (for All four Evangelists “the cup which my Father hath given me,   
 shall I not drink on which see notes   
 there. 58, 54 are peculiar Matthew.   
 58.) The Majesty of our Lord,   
 His Patience, are shewn here.   
 twelve—not perhaps so much from the   
 number of the apostles, were now   
 “the eleven,” but from that of the then