54—64, ST. MATTHEW. 197   
   
   
 the high priest’s palace, and went in, and sat with the   
 servants, to see the end. 5 Now the chief priests, [¢ and   
 elders,] and all the council, sought false witness against   
 Jesus, to put him to death ; 6 4 but found none: yea, though   
 Smany false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last © Pz!   
 came "two false witnesses, 6 and said, This [\* /él/ow] said, » Bech   
 ‘Tam able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in 1.20.   
 three days. And the high priest arose, and said unto   
   
   
 him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these \* ieivitt   
 witness against thee? 63 But \* Jesus held his peace. Late La.   
 And the high 'priest answered and said unto him, I ihe   
 adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether m 247%   
 6 Jesus saith unto tat   
 thou be the Christ, the Son of God.   
 him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, ™ ! Here-   
   
 © omitted by many ancient authorities.   
 4 read, but found none, even though many false witnesses came.   
 © not expressed in the original. Better, This man, as in ch. xxvii,   
 f render, Henceforth.   
   
 in which both Annas and Caiaphas lived. of the words alleged have been used by   
 This is from a comparison of the thee? Our Lard was silent; for an-   
 narratives of Peter’s denial: see below.” swering ‘He have opened to them the   
 The circumstance of a fire being lighted meaning of these his words, was not   
 and the servants sitting round it, men- - the work of His hour, nor fitting for   
 tioned by the other three Evangelists, 68.) See Levit. v. 1.   
 here omitted. 59. false witness] T adjure thee, put thee under an   
 “As they thought, evidence, in reality, oath,’ form of Which follows. The   
 false witness,” Euthymius. But is this tion-of Son of God with the Christ   
 quite implied? Is it vot the intention not be pressed beygnd the meaning which   
 the Evangelist to represent that the: Caiaphas probably assigned to it—viz.   
 sought witness, that they would title given to the’ from the pur-   
 not take true if could get it, that feet of the propheectes respecting Him.   
 they knew it was not to be it is a very different when   
 This hearing is altogether omitted in our Lord by His answer affirms this,   
 Luke, and only the indignities following invests the words with their mean-   
 related, 63 — 65. 60.) found they ing and dignity. 64.) By Thou hast   
 none, i.e. sufficient the purpose, or id, may perhaps be implied than by   
 perhaps, consistent itself. See note St. Mark’s “Iam :” that isa simple   
 on Mark ver. 56. 61.) See ch. xxvii. tion: this may refer to the convictions   
 40: the false witness consisted giving and admissions of Caiaphas (see John xi.   
 that sense to words, which it apy 49). But this is doubtful. The   
 by ch, xxvii. they knew they di expression is used here and in 25:   
 bear. There is perhaps a trace, in the and there does not appear to be refer-   
 different of Matt. and Mark, of the ence in it, said to Judas, any previous   
 ncy between the witnesses. There admission of his. nevertheless —i. e.   
 is difference the words ‘there shall be a of the truth what   
 attributed Him here, and there.° I say, over and above this confession of   
 Hoes instance likewise of zeal for the Mine.’ Hoenceforth—the glorification   
 honour of the temple, had 0 latel; of Christ is Himself said to begin with   
 might tend to perplex the evi- his betrayal, see xiii. from this   
 dence produced to the 62.) time—from the accomplishment of this   
 Better rendered, Dost thou not answer trial now proceeding. In what follows,   
 what it is which these testify against the whole process of the triumph of the   
 thee? ic. wilt thou give no explanation Lord Jesus even till end is contained.