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 priests heard these things, they doubted 40/ them, where-   
 unto this would grow. \*° @ Then came one and told them,   
 [f saying,] Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are   
   
 standing in the temple, and teaching the people. 26 Then   
 went the captain with the officers, and brought them   
 without violence, \*for they feared the people, lest they = Matt xxi.20,   
   
 should have been stoned. \*7 And when they had breught   
 them, they set them before the council: and the high   
 priest asked them, \*8 saying, ¥ 8 Did not we straitly com- yet.iv.18.   
 mand you that ye should not teach in this name? and,   
   
 behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, ? and #3.   
 intend to bring this man’s \*blood upon us. xi   
 and the [fother'] apostles answered and said, 29 Then ought to asi   
   
   
 4 render, concerning. © render, And one came.   
 t omit.   
   
 & Many of our oldest authorities read, We straitly commanded you that   
 Ke., without a question.   
   
 The expression, the senate of the children ness of open allusion to the names or facts   
 of Israel, common in the LXX, is perhaps connected with Jesus and the spread of   
 translated from the form of words in which his doctrine may be traced in the words   
 they were snmmoned. 24.) the priest, “this name,” and “ this man’s blood,” and   
 if genuine (and the varieties of reading is a strong mark of truth and eirewmstan-   
 seem to have arisen from the difficulty it tiality—\* The High Priest will not name   
 has oceasioned), must designate the High Jesus: Peter names and celebrates Him.”   
 Priest ; not that the word itself can bear Bengel. to bring this man’s blood   
 the meaning (compare 1 Maec. xv. 1 and upon us] Not meaning that divine ven-   
 2), but that the conteat points ont the geance would come on them for the murder   
 priest thus designated to be the Iigh of Jesus; but with a stress on us—that   
 Priest. On the captain of the temple, the people would be ineited to take ven-   
 see note eh, iv.1. He appears to have geanee on them, the Sanhedrim, for that   
 been summoned to meet the Sanhedrim, murder, The preeeding clause, “ye have   
 perhaps as the offenee had taken place Jilled Jerusalem with your doctrine,” shews   
 within his jurisdiction. But he was pro- this to be their thought. Compare the   
 bably one of the chief priests. ‘These pointed address of Peter to the Sanhedrim,   
 latter were the titular High Priests, partly eh. iv. 8—12, and the distinction between   
 those who had served the office, partly than and the people in iv. 21.—This being   
 presidents of the twenty-four courses, partly so, the resemblance between this expression   
 the kindred of the High Priest (see Matt. and the impreeation of the people in Matt.   
 ii. 4). concerning them] i.e. ‘con- xxvii. 25 must not be too closely pressed,   
 cerning the Apostles, the persons men- though the coincidence is too striking to   
 tioned in ver. 22; not ‘these words,’ as eseape notiee. 29.) Peter, by word of   
 would appear at first where- mouth; the Apostles, as a body, by assent,   
 unto this would grow, i.e. to what this implied in his own utterance and their   
 would come, is the correct translation silence. There is no occasion to insert   
 of the original: not, as some have main- “other,” as done in the A. V.—This de-   
 tained, ‘how this had come about ;’ nor, fence of Peter divides itself into the pro-   
 ‘what was the meaning of this.” 26.) positions of an ordinary syllogism—(1) The   
 The elause, lest they should have besn statement of the general truth that we   
 stoned, depends npon “brought them with- must obey God rather than men: (2) The   
 out violence,” not upon “for they feared the reduction of the present circumstances   
 people.” 23.) «They ought to have under that general truth, as being the   
 enquired first, did ye eseape? But work of the God of their Fathers—shewn   
 as if nothing had happened, they ask them, in his having raised and glorified Jesus,   
 saying &c.” Chrysostom, ‘Ihe same shy- for a definite to give, &e.—(3) The