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“Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon Him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered Him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am He. And Judas also, which betrayed Him, stood with them. As soon then as He had said unto them, I am He, they went backward, and fell to the ground.”—St. John xviii. 4-6.

*Exposition.*—Isaac Williams says: “This going forth to meet them seems to imply that readiness to be offered up which He had so often evinced. Thus, when advancing to Jerusalem for the last time, it is said that *He went before them* with such steadfastness setting His face towards Jerusalem, that they were amazed and alarmed in following Him.—So now, when in accordance with this, He goes forth to meet them, in calm and heavenly meekness indeed,