

definite" past tense. The meaning of the Greek tense I discussed at great length in *The Expositor* for March, April, and May 1880. Dr. Weymouth has done the same in the *Theological Monthly* for July and September 1890. Our judgment is practically the same.

The difference between the Greek and English tenses is proved by the frequent impossibility of translating the one by the other, as in the passage before us, Mark x. 20; Matt. xxvi. 65, xxviii. 19, and many others. Oversight of this difference has been a frequent source of confusion in grammatical exposition of the New Testament.

Practically your exposition of the above passage is correct. But the writer's question shows that he does not see the appropriateness of St. Paul's use of the "indefinite" tense.

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[The writer to whom Professor Beet refers is Godet, whose words (given in THE EXPOSITORY TIMES, vol. ii. p. 135) should be compared with the scholarly note above. But we hope to have a fuller exposition of the subject from Professor Beet.—EDITOR.]

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