3—19. ST. MATTHEW. 109   
   
 sent, and beheaded John in the prison. 1 And his head   
 was brought in a Icharger, and given to the damsel: and   
 she brought it to her mother. 12 And his disciples came,   
 and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told   
 Jesus. :   
   
   
 18° When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship ¢a-xs3: xt   
 into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard   
 thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities. 4 And   
 Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and 4 was aob.tx.%   
   
 moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their   
 sick. 15 And when it was evening, his disciples came to   
 him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now   
 past » send the multitude away, that they may go into the   
 villages, and buy themselves victuals. 16 But Jesus said   
 unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.   
 17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves,   
 and two fishes. 18 He said, Bring them hither to me.   
 19 And he ‘commanded the multitude to sit down on the   
 grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and   
   
   
 looking up to heaven, \*he blessed, and brake, and gave ec...3   
 . 4 i.¢. a large dish.   
   
 18—21.] FgxpINe oF THE FIVE THOU- His place of retirement. 15.] This   
 BAND. Mark Lukeix. 10—17. ig was the evening, the decline   
 John vi. 1—13, where also notes. of the day, about 3 p.m.; the evening,   
 18.] There is some difficulty in con- ver. 23, after miracle, was late in   
 ceiving how the narration is to proceed night. the time is now past] i.e.   
 continuously. The death of the Baptist time of the day is now late.   
 evidently retrospectively parentheti- 17.] give ye them to eat, which is   
 cally inserted; yet the retirement of common to the three first is   
 our Lord in this seems to be the im- considerably expanded in the more de-   
 mediate uence of his hearing that tailed account of John, ver. it was   
 occurrence. But this well have been Andrew who spoke in ver. 17, the five   
 80: for (1) disciples John would be loaves and two fishes were brought by a   
 some days in bringing the from Ma- lad: John vi. 8, 9. They were barley   
 cherus to Capernaum, and the report loaves and (salt) ibid. And we have   
 mentioned in ver. 1 might reach Herod (perhaps, but see note there) the vast   
 meantime ; (2) the expression which concourse accounted for in John the   
 that report is introduced, that time,” fact that the Passover was at hand, and   
 extends it over a considerable space of 80 they were collected their journey to   
 time; and (3) the message which the Jerusalem. See a very similar mira-   
 disciples of John brought to our Lord cle in 2 Kings iv. only then there   
 wight have included both particulars, were twenty barley loaves and an hundred   
 death of their Master, and the saying of “miracle was one of xi. 21, 22. for   
 Herod ‘ing Himself. ie went the blessed] St. had supplies from   
 across the lake (John vi. into a desert the loaves and as pointing the “freely   
 place belonging to the city called Beth- ye received, freely are one. The thanks   
 saida (Lukeix.10). His retirement (Luke, to heaven és the they on meat. This   
 ibid., Mark vi. 80) connected also   
 with the return of the Twelve from their   
 mission: compare the fall and affectin,   
 account of the whole transaction Mar!   
 vi. 80—36. 14.) went forth, from