XV. 1—3. ST. MATTHEW. 111   
 he said, Come. ‘And when Peter was come down out of   
 the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. %9 But   
 when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and be-   
 ginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. 5! And   
 immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught   
 him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore   
 didst thou doubt? 8% And when they were come into the   
 ship, the wind ceased. 8 Then they that were in the ship   
 came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the   
 Son of God.   
 34 And when they were gone over, they came into the   
 land of Gennesaret. 85 And when the men of that place   
 had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country   
 round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased ;   
 36 and besought him that they might only touch the hem’   
   
   
   
   
   
 of his garment: and ®as many as touched were made per- ©...   
 fectly whole.   
 XV. 1 Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which   
 were of Jerusalem, saying, ® Why do thy disciples trans-   
   
 gress \*the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their aco.1s.   
 hands when they eat bread. 8 But he answered and   
 said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the command-   
   
   
 his denin] afterwards. It contains one of see note on ch. 20.   
 the most pointed and striking revelations Cuar. XV. 1—20.] Discourse con-   
 which we have of the nature and anal ORRNING KEATING WITH UNWASHED   
 of faith; and a notable example of the wanps. Mark vii. 1-23. From Mark   
 power of the higher spiritual of man it appears that these and Pharisees   
 over the inferior laws of matter, often had come expressly from Jerusalem to   
 brought forward by oy Lord. See ch. watch our Lord: most probably after that   
 xvii. 20; xxi. 21. 88.) John (vi. 21) Passover which was nigh at the time of   
 adds “and immediately the ship was at feeding the five John vi. 4.   
 the land whither they went :’—eee note 2.] The Jews attached more importance   
 there. 33.] These persons were pro- to the traditionary exposition to the   
 bably the crew of the ship, and distinct Scripture text itself. compared the   
 from the disciples. On Son of God, see written word to water; the traditionary   
 ch. iv. 3. It is the first that ‘our exposition to the wine which must be   
 Lord is called #0 by men in the three mingled with it. The duty of washing   
 first Gospels. See ch. iii. iv. 8; viii. before meat is not inculcated the law,   
 29: John i. 84, 60. This feeling but only in the traditions the Scribes.   
 of amazement and roverence pervaded the So rigidly did the Jews observe it, that   
 disciples also: see the strong expressions Rabbi Akiba, being imprisoned, having   
 of Mark vi. 52. water scarcely sufficient sustain lifo   
 84—86.] Mark vi. 58—56. Gennesar or given him, preferred dying of thirst to   
 Gennesaret, a district which the lake eating without washing hie hands.   
 was also occasionally called, extended The “elders” here, as in Heb. xi. must   
 along its shore. Josephus gives a be taken to mean the ancients. See ref.   
 glowing description the beauty and fer- Heb. 8. ye also} The also implies   
 tility this plain, Wars, iii. 7. that there was transgression also their   
 At ite northern end was Capernaum, near part—acknowledging that on the part of   
 which our Lord landed, as would appear the disciples. the commandment of   
 from Jobn vi. 24, 25. 36.) On hem, God] A remarkable testimony from our