XVI. 1—4.   
 ST. MATTHEW. 123   
   
 and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high   
 mountain apart, ? and was transfigured before them: and   
 his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as   
   
 the light. 3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses   
 and Elias talking with him. 4 Then answered Peter, and   
 said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou   
   
 testified. There can arise question of this mountain is It was pro-   
 the absolute historical of this nar- bably not Tabor, according to the legend   
 ration. It is united by definite marks for on the top of Tabor ¢ most likely   
 of date with whnt goes before; and by stood a fortified (De Wette, from   
 intimate connexion with what follows. It Robinson). Nor is there any likelihood   
 cannot by any unfairness be severed from that it was Panium, near Cesarea Philippi,   
 its context. Nor again is any thing for the six days would probably be spent   
 pene : Ae caste a cat hea the in journeying; and they appear imme-   
 reality of the apy ces (see on diately after have come to Capernaum.   
 vision, ver. 9). The seme mentioned It was most likely one of the mountains   
 were seen all—spoke—and were re- bordering the lake. St. Luke speaks of it   
 cognized. @ concurrence between the merely as “the mountain” (country).   
 three Evangelists is exact all the cir- Stanley, Sinai and Palestine, 899, con-   
 cumstances, and the fourth alludes, not tends for as does, doubt-   
 obscurely, to the event, it was not ingly, Dr. Thomson, The Land and the   
 part of his to relate; John i. Book, p- 381. Stanley thinks that our   
 Another of the three tors distinct] Lord would still be in neighbourhood   
 makes mention of the facts here related, of Cosarea Philippi: that “it is im-   
 2 Pet. i. 16—18. I cannot but add, possible look up from the plain to the   
 having recently returned from the sight towering of Hermon, almost the   
 of the wonderful original at Rome, that only mountain which deserves the name   
 the great last picture Raffaelle is in Palestine, and one of whose ancient   
 of the best and noblest comments on this titles lofty peak’) was derived from   
 portion of the history. - events this very circumstance, not be struck   
 passing, at the same time, and under, with its appropriateness the scene....   
 the Mount of Transfiguration, are the High up on its southern slopes must   
 painter combined, to carry to the mind be many a point where the disciples   
 of the spectator the great central trath, be taken ‘apart by Even the   
 There is none but Christ console and to transient comparison the celestial   
 glorify our natere. It is a touching re- dour with the snow, where alone it could   
 flection, this picture was left un- be seen in Palestine, should not perhaps   
 finished by the painter, carried in his be wholly overlooked.” 2.) was trans-   
 faneral procession. 1.) “About an figured =“ the fashion his countenance   
 eight days after these sayings,” ix. was altered,” Luke. In way, is not   
 28. The one computation is inclusive, stated; but we may conclude from what   
 other not ; or aps, from the “ about” follows, by being lighted with radiance   
 ing i , the one is precise, the both from without and from within.   
 other roughly stated. The time of the white as the light = “ white and glisten-   
 transfiguration was probably for the ing,” Luke; = “exceeding while [as   
 following reasons. (1) Luke informs snow] so as no fuller on earth can white   
 that the Lord had gone up to the mount them,” Mark. 8.] There need be no   
 to pray; which He ly did at question concerning the manner of the   
 (Luke vi. 12; xxi. xxii. 89: Matt. xiv. recognition of and Elias by the   
 28, 24 al). (2) the circumstances con- ciples: it have been intuitive im-   
 nected with glorification accom- mediate. e can certainly not answer   
 panying appearances would thus be more with Olshausen, that it may have arisen   
 prominently seen. (8) The Apostles were from subsequent information derived from   
 , and are described, ver. 82, our Lord, for Peter's in the next   
 as ‘having kept awake through it.’ (4) verse preclude this. St. adds, “who   
 They did not descend till the next day appeared tn , and spake of his de-   
 (ake, ver. 87), which would be almost cease, which eee inn in Jeru-   
 inexplicable had the event ha by salem.” 4.) St. Luke inserts, the