180 ST. MATTHEW. XXVI.   
 on his head, as he sat at meat.   
 Simon the and given there the poor. him a woman having   
 4Deat xv. an alabaster box of very good work ointment, me. poured it   
 Hite: mv, always.   
 19: xvi. 8 But when his disciples   
 38: xvii. saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is   
 this waste? 9% For this [P ointment] might have been sold   
   
 10 When Jesus under-   
 stood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman?   
 ll ¢ For ye   
 have the poor always with you; but °me ye have not   
 12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on   
 i. my body, she did it for my burial. 18 Verily I say unto   
   
 you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the   
 whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath   
 done, be told for a memorial of her.   
   
   
 P omit.   
   
 if the narrative were continued; and at John xiii. not have observed it.   
 the end, instead of our then... Judas If so, the independent origin the two   
 ++. went .... has “and Judas... accounts is even more strikingly shewn.   
 went” .... as if there were no con- weste Bengel remarks, that the   
 nexion between the two. It certainly word (literally, perdition) the same   
 he relates the anointing as taking place as that by which Judas himself is   
 two days before the Passover: of St. called. John xvii. 9. for much]   
 Mark it might be said. It may be ob- 800 denarii (John),—even more than that   
 our Lord’s visite Bethany. 6. Bi- (Mark). On the singular relation   
 mon the leper] Not at this time a leper, these three accounts bear to another,   
 or he could not be at his house receiving see notes on 10.) It was not   
 guests. It is at least possible, he only ‘a good work,’ but a noble act of   
 may have been healed by our Lord. Who love, which should be spoken of all the   
 he was, is wholly From Martha churches to the end of time. On ver. 11,   
 serving (John xii. 2), would appear as see notes on Mark, where it is full:   
 if she were at home in the house (Luke expressed. 12, I can hardly thin!   
 x. 88 sqq.); and that Lazarus was one of that our Lord would have said this,   
 them that sat meat need not necessarily there had been in Mary’s mind a distinct   
 imply that he was a guest properly so reference to His burial, doing the act.   
 led. He had been probably (see John All the company surely knew well that   
 xii. 9) absent with at Ephraim, and His death, and that by crucifixion,   
 on this account, and naturally for other near at hand: can we suppose one who   
 reasons, would be an object interest, 80 closely his words as not   
 one of the sitters at table. 7. an to have been posseased with the thought   
 alabaster box] It was the usual cruse or of that which was about to P e   
 pot for ointment, with long narrow neck, “she is come aforehand to anoint” of   
 and sealed at the top. It was thought Mark (xiv. 8), the “against the day   
 that the ointment kept in these of my burying hath she kept of Johu   
 On the nature of the ointment, see note (xii. point even more strongly to her   
 on “spikenard,” Mark xiv. 3. his intention. 18.] The only case in   
 head] His feet, according to John xii. which our Lord has made such a pro-   
 See Luke vii. and note there. mise. We cannot but be struck with   
 8. his disciples] alone is the majesty of this prophetic announce-   
 John xii. It may have been that some ment: introduced with the peculiar and   
 were found ready to second remark, but weighty verily I say unto you,—con-   
 that John, from hi: uliar position the veying, by implication, whole my:   
 table,—if, as is probable, same as in of the gospel which should go forth from   
 His Death as its source,—looking forward   
 to the end of time, when it have   
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