29—34. ST. MATTHEW. 189   
   
   
 dom. \*% And when they had sung an hymn, they went   
 out into the mount of Olives. 81 Then saith Jesus unto   
 them, 4 All ye shall be offended because of me this night: Jeezy!"   
 for it is written, 'I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep = 2=eu.xit.7.   
   
 of the flock shall be scattered abroad. 82 But after I am   
 risen again, \*I will go before you into Galilee. 83 Peter sch pri. 7   
 answered and said unto him, Though all [tmex] shall be   
 offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended.   
 34 Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this   
 night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.   
   
 \* wot expressed in the original it may mean, All [the disciples].   
   
 80—865.] DxcnaratTion THAT ALL the little ones.” As this could not be   
 SHOULD FORSAKE Him. CONFIDENCE OF cited in any intelligible with   
 Petre. Mark xiv. 26—81. See Luke present circumstances, our Lord gives   
 xxii. 81—88: John xiii. Here, announcement of its fulfilment, a pro-   
 accurately speaking between sing- mise to precede them (a pastoral see   
 ing the hymn and going out, come in the John x. 4) Galilee, they should   
 discourses and prayer of our Lord in naturally return after the feast over:   
 John xiv. xv. xvi. xvii., spoken (see see ch. xxviii. 10,16. 88.) Nothing   
 note on John xiv. 81) without change can bear a greater impress of exactitude   
 of place the supper-chamber. than this reply. Peter had been before   
 The hymn was in all probability the warned (see note on Luke, vv. 831—84) ;   
 last of that which the Jews called and still remaining in the same spirit of   
 the Hallel, great Hallel, which con- self-confident attachment, that he is   
 sisted of Psalms cxv.—cxviii.; the for- included among the all, not specially   
 mer part (Psalms cxiii. cxiv.) having addressed,—breaks out into this   
 been sung during the meal. It is un- tion, which carries with it the   
 likely that this took place the testimony that it not the first. do   
 solemn prayer in John xvii. 30. went not bring themselves so strongly, the   
 out] St. Luke (ver. adds “as he was their fidelity been previously attainted.   
 wont”—namely, every eveni since his thrice.’ The contrast to Peter’s order   
 return to Jerusalem. $1.) All (em- are, climax, not, reported the strongest   
 phatic) ye seems to used us distinguish- and the inference also comes out most   
 ing those present from the one, who had clearly, that they likowise not now   
 me out. offended] The word is said for the first The first cock-   
 ere used in pregnant meaning, including crowing is at midnight: but inasmuch as   
 what followed,—desertion, in one Sew hear it,—when the word is used   
 denial. for it is written] This isa rally, mean the second crowing, early   
 very important citation, and has been in the morning, before ‘If this   
 much misunderstood ; how much, may ap- be taken, the and double cock-   
 pear from Grotius’s remark, that Zecha- crowing amount to the same—only the   
 rish’s words are not directly alluded latter is more precise expression. It   
 nay, that in rather is the used is most likely that Peter understood this   
 of some bad shepherd. But, on the con- expression as only a mark of time, and   
 trary, if we examine Zech. xi. xii. xiii, therefore received it, as when it was   
 we must I think come to the conclusion spoken before, as merely an expression of   
 that the shepherd spoken of xi. 7—14, distrust on the Lord’s part; it was this   
 who is rejected sold, who is said to solemn and circumstantial repetition it   
 have been pi (xii. 10), also spoken which afterwards struck upon his mind,   
 of in ch. Stier has gone at length when the sign itself literally   
 into the meaning of the whole prophecy, A question has been raised   
 and especially of the word ‘ fellow,’ cocks were usually ¢ or even allowed   
 and shewn that the reference be to 0 in Jerusalem. No such bird is mentioned   
 other than the Messiah. 32.) In this   
 announcement our Lord seems to have in   
 mind the remainder of the verse Zecha-   
 riah: “and I will turn mine hand upon