ST, MATTHEW. 201   
 1—9.   
   
 come, \*all the chief priests and elders of the people took »¥.1.2.   
 counsel against Jesus to put him to death: 2and when   
 they had bound him, they led him away, and "delivered \*fozii%s.   
 him to Pontius Pilate the governor.   
 8eThen Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw cch.xr.14   
 that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought   
 again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and   
 elders, \* saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed   
 [™ the] innocent blood. And they said, What is that to   
   
   
 us? see thou to that. 5 And he cast down the pieces of   
 silver in the temple, “and departed, and went and hanged 438, x.   
 himself. 6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, \*™\*   
   
 and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the ® ¢rea-   
 sury, because it is the price of blood. 7 And they took   
 counsel, and bought with them the potter’s field, to bury   
 strangers in. 8 Wherefore that field was called, \* The field \*4\*'™   
 of blood, unto this day. 9 Then was fulfilled that which   
   
 ™ omit. 2 better, sacred treasury (Corbanan, see Mark vii.   
   
 away TO Pruate. Mark xiv. 1. Luke complished purpose. The bitter feeling   
 xxii. 66 (who probably combines with this him now is expressed I have sinned, of   
 morning meeting of the Sanhedrim some which he is and dreadfally   
 things that took place their early now that the result has been attained.   
 bly), xxiii. John xviii. 28. The object Observe it was the thirty of silver   
 of this taking counsel, 80 a8 (so lite- which he brought back—clearly the price   
 rally) to put him to death,—i.e. to con- of the Lord’s betrayal,—not   
 demn Him formally to death, and devise merely ;—for by this time, nay when he   
 the best means for the accomplishment of delivered his Prisoner at the house of   
 the sentence. 2.) Pontius Pilate the Annas, he would have in that case   
 governor, see note on Luke iii. on the rest. 5.] in the temple—i.e. in   
 the reason of their taking Him to Pilate, the holy place, where the priests only   
 on John xviii. Pilate ordinarily re- might enter. We must conceive him as   
 sided at Caesarea; but during the in king to them without, and throwing   
 Jerusalem. : e money into the temple. hanged (or   
 3—10.] Remorse AND SUICIDE oF strangled) himself] On the account given   
 Jupas. Peculiar Matthew. This inci- Acts i. 18, note on that place. Another   
 dent does not throw much light on the account of the end of Judas was current,   
 motives of Judas. One thing we learn for which I have cited there. 6.) They   
 certain—that our Lord’s being condemned, said this probably by analogy from Deut.   
 which he inferred from His being handed xxiii. 18. the price (given for   
 over to the Roman governor, worked in ding) of blood; the wages of a murderer.   
 him remorse, and that was the con- 7. the potter’s the field of well-   
 sequence. Whether this condemnation was known Pettey parcaeed crt 60 small a   
 expected by him or not, does not here price prol m having been   
 appear; nor have we any means of ascer- useless for by excavations for clay:   
 taining, except from the former of see note on Acts 1. 19. strangers]   
 our Lord respecting him. I cannot (see not Gentiles, stranger Jews who came   
 note on ch. xxvi. 14) believe his in- up to the feasts. 8. ] The field blood   
 tent was other than sordid gain, to be —Acoldama. See Acts i. unto   
 achieved by the darkest treachery. To this day] This expression that a con-   
 suppose that the condemnation fook him siderable time had ela; since the event,   
 by surprise, seems to me to be incon- before St. Matthew’s Gospel published.   
 sistent with the spirit his own confes- 9.] The citation not from Jere-   
 sion, ver. There I have betrayed the miah (see ref.), is probably quoted   
 innocent blood expresses his act—his ac- from ‘memory and unprecisely; we have