10—26. ST. MATTHEW. 208   
   
 gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye   
 that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is   
 called Christ? 18 For he knew that for envy they had   
 delivered him. 1° When he was set down on the judgment   
 seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to   
 do with that just man: for I have suffered many things   
 this day in a dream because of him,   
 priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should   
 ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. \*%1 The But: the chief \* Asem   
 swered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye   
 that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. 2 Pilate   
 ‘saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is   
 called Christ? They all say, [Funto him], Let him be   
 erucified. % And the governor said, Why, what evil hath   
 he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him   
 be crucified. % When Pilate saw that he could prevail   
   
   
   
   
   
 nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he ' took !Dt=t¢   
 water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying,   
 I am innocent of the blood of this [\* just] person: see ye mpeat xx.   
 to it. % Then answered all the people, and said, ™ His 10. Josh.   
 blood [\* be] on us, and on our children. 26 Then released 19, 3 1.   
   
   
 F omit. ® omitted by several ancient authorities.   
 t not expressed in the : it may be, [is].   
   
 before, a general report of what passed. more of this woman than is here related.   
 The when they were gathered together Tradition gives the name of Procla, or   
 seems to imply that a great crowd had Claudia Procula. In the apocryphal   
 collected outside the while the of Nicodemus, c. we read that called   
 trial was going on. It is. possible the Jews and said to “ Ye know how   
 that the addition, is called Christ, that my wife is worshipper of God, and   
 which Pilate could hardly have heard is rather of your religion than mine.   
 from the Jews, may have been familiar to They say enio him, Yea, we know it.”   
 bim by his wife’s of Jesus. See t just man is a term which   
 below. 18.] The whole narrative shews that she knew the character for   
 presupposes what this verse and the next purity and sanctity Jesus had. In the   
 distinctly assert, Pilate was before of Nicodemus, the Jews are to   
 acquainted with the acts and character reply, “Did we not tell that he is a   
 Jesus. 19.} The judgment seat was magician? behold, he hath sent a dream-   
 in a place called Hebrew Gabbatha, the token to thy 20.) So St. Mark   
 Pavement—Jobn xix. 18, however Pi- also. St. Luke and St. merely give,   
 late is related to gone thither, that they all out, &c. The exciting   
 after the scourging mocking of the sol- of the crowd seems to have taken place   
 iers, But he may have sat there he while Pilate was receiving the message   
 came out in some of previous interviews from his wife. 21.) answered, not   
 with the Jews. his wife] It had become necessarily the incitements of the San-   
 the custom in time for gover- hedrists he overheard, rather to   
 nore of Provinces take their wives with the state confusion and indecision   
 them abroad ; ae seer tain fee prevailed. 22.] They chose craci-   
 tempted to a law forbidding it, but fixion as ordinary Roman punishment   
 wan vehemently opposed (by Drusus among for sedition, because of their hate to   
 others) and put down. We know nothing Jesus. 24.) The washing of the