210 ST. MATTHEW. XXVII.   
   
 57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of   
 Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus’   
 disciple: 58 he went to Pilate, and begged the body of   
   
 Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.   
 59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in   
   
 1 Isa. 9. a clean linen cloth, © and ‘laid it in his own new tomb,   
 which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great   
 stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. 61 And   
 there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting   
   
 this view be objected yet she could was wrapped. The Three seem not to be   
 be named here, nor in Mark, except in possession of nor St. Matthew and   
 rately from these three—for she could St. John of the subsequent design of the   
 not have well included among those women to embalm It. What wonder if,   
 who ministered to Him. There must have at such a time, one party of disciples   
 been also another group, of His disciples, should have been aware of the doings   
 within sight g. Thomas, who said, of another? It is possible that the   
 «Except I see in his the print of women, who certainly knew what had   
 nails,’ and generally those to He been done with the ly (gee ver.   
 afterwards shewed his hands and feet as may have intended to bestow on it more   
 proof of His identity. elaborate care, whatever was doné this   
 57—61.) JosErH OF ARIMATHRA BEGS, night was hurried,—see Jobn, vv. 41, 42.   
 AND BURIES THE BODY OF Jesus. Mark 60.) St. Matthew alone relates it   
 xv. 42—47. Luke xxiii. John xix. was Joseph’s own tomb. St. John, that   
 88—42. The four accounts, agreeing in was in a garden, and the where He   
 substance, are remarkably distinet in- was crucified. All, St. Mark, notice   
 dependent, as will appear by a close the newness of the tomb. St. John does   
 parison of them. 57.) Before sunset, not mention that it belonged to   
 at which time the sabbath, and that an but the expression which was never man   
 high day, began: see Dent. xxi. The eee amt a anit be ener re ae   
 Roman custom was for the bodies to re- as thought it n to state. His   
 main on the crosses devoured by birds reason for the Body being laid there is,   
 of prey. On the other hand Josephus that it was near, and the Preparation   
 says that the Jews were so careful about rendered haste necessary. But then we   
 burying that they took down even may well ask, How should the body of an   
 those who had been crucified, buried executed be laid in a new tomb,   
 them before sunset. came] probably without the of the owner being   
 to the Pratorium. Meyer su tothe first obtained ? And who so likely to   
 place of execution: which is possible, provide a tomb, as he whose pious care   
 and seems supported by “came and took for the Body was so eminent? All   
 down,” John ver. 88, and “there came that we can determine respecting the   
 also... .” ver. 89, which certainly sepulchre from the data here furnished   
 to Golgotha. a rich man—he was a) That it was not a natural cave, but   
 also a counsellor, one of the Sanhe- an artificial in the rock. (2)   
 drim: see Mark, ver. 43: Luke, ver. 51. That it was not cut downwards, after the   
 Arimathwa] Opinions are divided manner of a grave with us, but Aori-   
 as to whether this Rama in Benjamin zontally, or nearly so, into the face of   
 (see ch. 18), or Rama (Ramathaim) in the rock—this I conceive to be in   
 Ephraim, the birth-place of The “rolled a great stone to door,” as also   
 form of the name is more like the latter. by the use of down,” John xx.   
 58.] The repetition of the body 6, 11, and “ in,” ib. 5,   
 is remarkable, and indicates a common (8) That it was in spot the cra-   
 origin, this verse, Mark, who after cifixion took place. Cyril Jerusalem   
 gave expresses the body, on account of speaks of “ the close by, He was   
 the expression of Pilate’s surprise, laid, and the stone which was put on the   
 the change of subject between. door, which to this day (about 880 a.D.)   
 59.] John (ver. mentions the arrival lies by the 61.) St. Luke men-   
 Nicodemus with an hundred pound weight tions more generally the toomen came”   
 of myrrh and aloes, which also the Body with Him from Galilee ; and specifies