57—65. ‘ST. MATTHEW. 211   
 over against the sepulchre.   
 82 Now the next day, that   
   
 followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and   
 Pharisees came together unto Pilate, ® saying, Sir, we   
 remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive,   
 ‘after three days I will rise again. 6 Command there- «7 .   
 fore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, izwis"   
   
 lest his disciples come [fédy night], and steal him away,   
 and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead : so the   
 last error shall be worse than the first. 65 Pilate said unto   
   
 them, & Ye have a 4 watch: go your way, make [i 7¢] as   
 f omit. & or, Take : see note. h render, guard. i omit.   
 they jared spices and ointments, and   
 rete the sabbath day according to the rising the dead was to be;—and   
 eg set Tae Juwisn avrsonrrs that the fulfilment of the Lord’s an-   
 OBTAIN FROM PILATE 4 GUARD FOR THE nouncement of his crucifixion would na-   
 SEPULOHRE. Peculiar to turally lead to look farther, to what   
 62. the next day] not on that night, more he had announced. (2) How should   
 on the next day. <A difficulty been the women, who were solicitous the   
 found in its being called the day after removal of the stone, not have been still   
 the Preparation, considering that it was more so about its being sealed, and a   
 itself the sabbath, and the t sab. set? The answer to this has been   
 bath in the year. But I believe ex- given above—they were not aware of the   
 pression to be carefully and purposely circumstance, because the was not   
 used. The chief priests, &c. did not sot till evening before. There would   
 to Pilate on the sabbath,—but in @ be no need ef Pe) application before oe   
 evening, the termination of the sab- approach q third day—it is on!   
 bath. Had the Evangelist said which ts tude for a-watch until the third day,   
 the sabbath,” the incongruity would at ver. 64—and it is not probable that the   
 once appear of such an application being circumstance would transpire that night   
 made on the sabbath—and he therefore —certainly it seems not to have done so.   
 designates the day as the first that, (8) That Gamaliel was of the council,   
 which, as the day of the Lord’s death, if such a thing as this, its sequel   
 the fom, was uppermost in hi xxviii. 11—15, had really happened, he   
 mood tne narrative following has need not have expressed himself doubt-   
 been undeservedly impugned, and its his- fally, Acts v. 89, but would have been   
 torical accuracy given up by even the certain that thie was from God.   
 best of the German Commentators, and But, first, it not necessarily follow   
 by others. The chief difficulties that every member of the Sanhedrim was   
 in it seem to be: (1) How should the present and applied to or even had   
 chief priests, know of His having said, they done so, that all bore a part in   
 ‘in three days I will again,’ when the the act of ch. xxviii. One who, like   
 saying was hid even from His own dis- Joseph, bad not consented to their deed   
 ciples? The answer to this is The before—and we may safely say there   
 meaning of the saying may have been, were others such—would naturally with-   
 and was, hid from the disciples; the draw hres from ao er sere   
 Sact of its poco ieeeeloetel could be no dl of Jesus. jama-   
 secret. Not to any stress on John fina his Character, see note on Acts,   
 ii. 19, we have the of as above. (4) Had this been so, three   
 sighted xii. 40—and fontles this, there other Evangelists would not have   
 would be would shew, what sort a thing over so and the scope with which, each   
 intercourse of the Aj with others, 2 But surely we cannot argue   
 that He had been in the habit of saying. in this way—for thus every important   
 As to the understanding of the words, narrated by one Evangelist alone must be   
 we must remember that hatred is keener rejected—e. g. (which stands in the   
 same relation) the of Thomas,   
 —and other such narrations. +l we know   
 much more about the circumstances under