TI. 1—11. ST. MARK.   
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 II. 1 And again he entered into Capernaum after some   
 days ; and it was noised that he was in the house. \* And   
 straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that   
 there was "no more room to receive them, no, not so much   
 as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.   
 8 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy,   
 which was borne of four. \* And when they could not   
 come nigh unto him for the ° presse, they uncovered the   
 roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they   
 let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.   
 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the   
 palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven [P thee]. ® But there were   
 certain of: the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their   
 hearts, 7 Why doth this'man 4 thus speak blasphemies?   
 who can forgive sins but God only? 8 And immediately   
 when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned   
 within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye   
 these things in your hearts? ® Whether is it easier to say   
 to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to   
 say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? 10 But that   
 ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to   
 forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) 1! I say   
 unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way   
   
   
   
   
   
   
 2 literally, More room. ° render, multitude. P omit.   
 4 many ancient authorities read, . . . speak thus? He blasphemeth:   
 who can...   
   
 Cuap. II. 1—18.] HEALING oF 4 PA- house) would any longer hold them (they   
 RALYTIO AT CaPEENAUM. Matt. ix.2—8, once sufficed hold them).   
 where see notes. Luke v. 17—26.—The sense: original is in the strict   
 three are evidently independent accounts speaking to them the word,   
 St. Mark’s, uene, the most precise de- when that which is about to be related   
 bearing marks of an eye-witness ver. 19, that Jesus was speaking to the crowd   
 end); St. Matthew’s apparently at second from the upper story of the house, they   
 hand. 2.) In this we have again being assembled in the court, or perhaps   
 the peculiar minute depicting Mark. A (but less probably) in the street. Those   
 recent Commentator believes “these who bore the paralytic the stairs   
 minute notices... to be recorded by the which led direct from the street to the   
 Evangelist with a studied design, lest flat roof of house, and let him down   
 should be supposed that, he incor- t sh the tiles See the extract   
 porates so much which is in St. from Dr. describing the Jewish   
 1, he was only copyist: and in order house, in note Matt. xxvi. 69. iA   
 to shew that ho did because he knew from this man thus] the first depreciates   
 ocular testimony that St. Matthew’s nar- the second exaggerates. 8.] The   
 rative was adequate and accurate.” I knowledge was immediate and super.   
 mention this, to shew to what shifts the ssatural, is most carefully precisel   
 advocates of the theory of the “inter- here signified. 11. I say unto thee}   
 dependence” of the Evangelists are now The strees is on The words are pre.   
 reduced. Literally, that not even cisely those as 0 often in   
 the parts towards the door (much less denote the turning to the paralytic and