3—20. ST. MARK. 239   
   
 "shake off the dust under your feet for a: testimony »Actexl.s1:   
 Gagainst them. [¢ Verily I say unto you, It shail be more ©   
 tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment,   
 than for that city.) 12 And they went out, and preached   
 that men should repent. 18 And they cast’ out many   
 devils, °and anointed with oil many that were sick, and oJsmey.14   
 healed them. 14 And king Herod heard [fof him] ; for   
 his name was spread abroad: and he said, That John the   
 Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore § mighty   
 works do shew forth themselves in him. 15 ? Others said, >   
 That it is Elias. And others said, That it is a prophet,   
 [2 or] as one of the prophets. 16 But when Herod heard   
 thereof, he said, iIt is John, whom I beheaded: he is   
 risen from the dead. 17 For Herod himself had sent forth   
 and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for   
 Herodias’ sake, his brother Philip’s wife: for he had   
 married her. 18 For John had said unto Herod, \* It is not terzrit.   
 lawful for thee to have thy brother’s wife. 1° Therefore   
 Herodias had a quarrel against him, and \* would have   
 killed him; but she could not: 20 For Herod \* feared smatt.xx1.2.   
 ‘John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and   
 kk observed him; and when he heard him, he did many   
 4 vender, to.   
 @ omitted in most the ancient probably inserted here Matt. x.15.   
 ! not expressed in the : more probably, thereof, as in ver. 16.   
 8 or, the powers work mightily in him. omit.   
 1 many ancient authorities read, John, whom I beheaded, is risen from   
 the dead. X i.e. was minded to kill him.   
 XX render, kept him safe.   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
 Matthew, neither a staff See notes 15.] (He is) a prophet as one of   
 on Matthew, alsointhe next 18. the prophets ;—i.e. in their ‘Ho   
 anointed with oil—this oil was not is not The Prophet for whom all are wait-   
 medicinally, but as a vehicle of healing ing, but only some prophet like who   
 ower committed to them ;—a symbol of a have gone before.’ here did our Evan-   
 deeper thi than the oil i could ac- gelist get remarkable expression, his   
 complish. t such anointing nothing supposed compilation from Matthew and   
 in common with the extreme unction of Iuke? 16.] “I (which is emphatic in   
 Romanists, see proved in note on James the original) has emphasis given by his   
 v.14, See for instances such symbolic guilty conscience.” The prin-   
 use of external 2 Kings v.14: cipal additional in the following   
 Mark viii. 23: John 6, &c. account of imprisonment and execu-   
 14—20.] Hezop nzags or 17. By tion are,—ver. 19, that it Herodias   
 OCCASION, THE DEATH OF JOHN THE Bar- who persecuted John, Herod knew   
 TIST I8 RELATED. Matt.xiv.1—12. Luke his worth and holiness, listened him   
 ix. 7—9. (The account of John’s death is with. pleasure, even complied in many   
 not in Luke.) Our account ia, usual, the things with his injunctions:—that the   
 fullest details. See notes Matthew. maiden went and asked counsel of her   
 14.) Herod was not king properly, only mother before making the request; and   
 tetrarch :—see as above. He heard most that an executioner, of the aera   
 probably of the preaching of the twelve. was sent to behead John. 18.] said,