XVI. 1. ST. MARK. 285   
   
   
 preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, 48 Joseph   
 of Arimathea, an honourable counsellor, which also   
 ™ waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in mioteit.3,   
 boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. 4 And   
 Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling   
 unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had   
   
 been any while dead. 45 And when he knew it of the   
 centurion, he gave the VV body to Joseph. # And he bought   
 fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the   
 linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of   
 a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.   
 #7 And Mary Magdalene and Mary [\* the mother] of Joses   
   
   
 beheld where he was laid.   
 XVI. 1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Mag-   
   
 VY literally, W not expressed in the original.   
 Matthew. 42. the preparation, that already taken place. 45. gave] The   
 is, the day the sabbath] The Friday passage cited from Cicero to shew that   
 afternoon (the preparation — Parasceveé, was customary to give money on such   
 “the name by which Friday is now gene- occasions, not to the point; the parents   
 rally known in Asia Greece.” Wordsw.) were obliged to purchase with money a   
 before sunset, at which time the Sabbath speedy death,” is not said of the body   
 would begin, and the taking down, &c. after death, but of a fee given to the   
 would be unlawful. The three Evangelists officer shortening the torments of the   
 do not imply that this preparation” had executed. 48. bought] Therefore   
 any thing especial in it, St. John does, it was not the first day of unleavened   
 ver. 81. 43.) Reg ee ea bread, which was one of sabbatical sanc-   
 its later of noble, in station. But tity ; indeed the whole of this   
 Meyer supposes it to refer some- shews, but such expressions as this   
 thing noble in the character appearance strikingly. a sepulchre] It is   
 of Joseph. counsellor, 2 member of not said, but implied, both here and in   
 the Sanhedrim ;—see Luke, ver. 51. Luke and John, that the tomb was his   
 waited for the kingdom of God is own—for how should he place the Body   
 to Mark and Luke. went in boldly] there otherwise? The newness of the   
 Characteristic of Mark’s narrative. On tomb is not mentioned here, but by the   
 the change of mind produced in Joseph other three Evangelists. 47.)   
 and in Nicodemus by the crucifixion, of Joses—understand mother ; see ver.   
 note, Jobn xix. 39. 44.) There is no That the same person is called here,   
 inconsistency, or but a very trifling Mary of James in the next points to   
 with the order in John, ver. to break a difference origin in the two accounts   
 their legs take them down. The cir- here, of the Crucifixion Resurrection.   
 cumstances related had taken place, The mother of the Lord had in   
 but no report of them had been made to all probability previously departed: sco   
 Pilate. And the Body of the Lord had notes on Matt. xxvii. and John xix. 27.   
 not been taken down, for some reason St. Luke generalizes, says, the   
 which does not appear, but which we can women who came with Him from Galilee.   
 easily guess:—if Joseph had declared to Some have understood by Mary of   
 the soldiers intention of begging the Joses or Jose or Joseph (fur all read   
 Body, nay, had immediately gone (perhaps here in the MSS.), the wife or daughter   
 with them) to Pilate for that purpose,— of Joseph of Arimathszea—some, mother -   
 and went in boldly looks like a sudden of the Lord: but both unnecessarily, and   
 and unannounced application,—they would without proof.   
 have left Body for him to take down. Crap. XVI. 1-8.) THE WomMEN,   
 marvelled if he already dead COMING TO THE SEPULCHRE, ARE AP-   
 -—he wondered at the fact thus an- PRISED OF HIS RESURRECTION. Matt.   
 nounced to him of His death having xxviii. 1—10. Luke xxiv. 1—12. John