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 shall be damned. 1 And these signs shall follow them starex.1.   
 that believe; JIn my name shall-they cast out devils; yj: =":   
 \* they shall speak with new tongues; 18! shall take \*ravaiv«   
 up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall, ; ann   
 not hurt them; ™they shall lay hands on the sick, and ¢@=""   
 they shall recover. 19 So then " after the Lord had spoken miei   
   
   
 unto them, he was ° received up into heaven, and ? sat on jamev-1s   
 the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and Sickest,   
 ~PPs.cx.1. Acts 56.   
   
 . stand first. On must on that the Lord in the message (common to all   
 .+. shall be saved, compare Acts xvi. three Gospels) ch. xi. that mani-   
 This is a solemn declaration of the doc- festly no example. after the Lord   
 trine of ‘salvation by faith,’ the spoken can only in fairness mean,   
 Lord Himeelf; but soch a faith as is ‘when He had spoken these words.’ All   
 expanded, Matt. xxviii. 20, into endeavours of the Harmonists to include   
 ene observe Sanaa I have com- in them “not only these words, but all   
 man you; whicl ite proper that He spake” will have no   
 shall be damned, i. most, weight with an honest reader, who looks   
 solemn sense: for the of unbelief to the evident sense of author alone,   
 those are now spoken of who hear the and disregards other That   
 Gospel preached, and reject 17.) other words were spoken, we know; but   
 This promise is gener: made, without that this author intended to infer   
 limitation to first of the Church. surely is deducible from the text,   
 Should occasion arise for its fs too often allowed such cases to creep   
 there can be no doubt that it will be fallaciously as an inference. We never   
 made good in our own or any other time. shall or comment on Scripture with   
 But we must remember that is are full profit, all such subterfuges are   
 not needed where Christianity is pro- abandoned, and the evidence treated   
 JSessed: nor by missionaries are backed in the clear of intelligent honest   
 by the influence powerful Christian na- Jrom the place an example of this last   
 tions. There are credible testimonies assembled. The whole of these He vetses   
 of miraculous powers having been exer- is of a compendious character, and as sat   
 cised in Church considerably after should hardly say that the author of   
 Apostles’ time shall cast out fragment setting forth a fact ascension’   
 e Lord Himself has declared weighty hended in the cycle of the writer’s ob-   
 asign this was, Matt. xii. For falfil- servation, certain in the belief all   
 ments of the promise, see Acts v. 16; Christians, so may very well speak of   
 viii. xvi. 18. shall speak with new the fact as happening, necessarily   
 tongues] See 1 Cor. xiv. Acts ii. al. and there, but (see remarks above) after   
 On the gift of see notes at these words were ; provided always   
 places. 18.) shall up serpente— that these words are recognized the last   
 see Acts xxviii. Barsabas,—that in the view and information of our Evan-   
 &.] We have no instance of this given gelist. I say this with any harmonistic   
 in the Acts: but later, there are several view, but because the wot themselves   
 stories which, if be relied on, farnish seem to require it. (See on the   
 examples of its fulfilment. says notes on Luke xxiv. 51 £) 20.) went   
 that “a wonderful thing was related of forth—not, from the chamber where they   
 Justus, who was surnal were assembled —which would not answer   
 he drank deadly poison and felt no evil, to preached every where, but would re-   
 through the grace of the Lord.” on ire some immediate action of that very   
 the sick] “to lay hands on”’ in Mark’s to correspond te it Matt. xii. 14);   
 manner ; see ch. viii. x. 16. There is —but used in the more solemn sense of   
 no mention of the with oil here, Rom. x. 18 (cited from Ps. xviii.4   
 asin James v.14. 19.) The connecting “ their sound is forth ee lands :”   
 particle, so then,—the Lord,—   
 and the Lord Jesus, some MSS. read   
 here, are alike foreign diction of   
 ost) speaking of the Lord: we have