24 ST. MATTHEW. v.   
   
 achxtt. mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto   
 jor S, him: 2 and he "opened his "mouth, and taught them,   
 Eph. 39. " ilj. al   
   
   
 to this, those parts of the discourses Beatitudes, near the Saphet, is in   
 in which Luke and Matthew agree, occur such a matter worthless as an authority.   
 in both in almost the order, and that But the situation seems to travel-   
 the beginning and conclusion of both lers [see Stanley, and Palestine, p.   
 the same. (IV) St. Matthew gives a 868] “so strikingly coincide with the   
 general compendium of the sayings of intimations of the narrative, as   
 Lord during this part of ministry, of almost to force the inference in this   
 which St. Luke’s discourse a por- instance the eye those who selected the   
 tion, or perhaps was another shorter was for once rightly guided. It is   
 peadium. But the last stated objection e only height seen this direction   
 applies with still greater force to this the shores of lake of The   
 hypothesis, and renders it indeed quite in on which it is easily   
 untenable. Besides, it labours the the lake, and from that plain the   
 chronological difficulty all its summit is but a few minutes’ The   
 And to one who has observed throughout latform at the top is evidently suitable   
 the close contextual connexion of the Ir the collection a ee aes   
 parts in this discourse, will be quite responds precisely the ‘level place’ to   
 incredible that they should be a mere which He would come down’ as from one   
 collection of set down at hazard. of its higher to address the people.   
 See notes throughout. (V) The ap) it, Its situation is both to the pea-   
 is cies ere sometimes recon: by eants of the hills, and the   
 remembering, that there is no time men of the Galilean lake, which   
 mentioned in Hoangelist the special it stands, and would therefore be a na-   
 ordination of t: Apostles, that it is tural resort both to Jesus and His dis-   
 very doubtful whether they were at any ciples when they retired for solitude   
 set moment so ordained all . from the shores of sea, and also the   
 Thus Matthew may have been a usual crowds who assembled ‘from Galilee, from   
 hearer of our Lord, present with the Decapolis, from Jerusalem, from Judsa,   
 whole of the Apostles, related in and from beyond Jordan.’ None of the   
 though not yet formally summoned as other mountains in the neighbourhood   
 related in ix. 9 The introduction could answer equally well to descrip-   
 of the discourse in Luke by the words tion, inasmuch as they are merged into   
 And it came to pass in those days” the uniform barrier of hills round the   
 shit I maintain to be, on Luke vi. 13, tion of locality reas ee the   
 not only possibly, ly indefinite, mountain,’ which alone disciples} claim   
 and to indicate that the rant #0 intro- to a distinct including the of the Apos-   
 duced may have happened at any time the one height of Tabor, who had, either   
 during the current great period of our tant to answer the requirements,”) the   
 Lord’s ministry, before, or after, mountain him as hearers. See John vi. by   
 those last narrated,) allows us great the word opened his mouth] a as in a   
 latitude in assigning discourse to solemn introduction to some discourse or   
 any ise time. This, however, leaves advice of importance. them] i.e.   
 the difficulties stated under I) in disciples. The discourse (see vv. 14,   
 supposing the identical, force, 20, 48; ch. vi. 9; vii. 6) was spoken   
 except the one.—With re- directly to the disciples, (see vii.   
 gard to the many sayings of this sermon 29) also generally to multitudes. It   
 which occur, di up and down, in is a divine commentary on the words with   
 Luke, see notes in respective which His own and the Baptist’s preach-   
 which will explain my view as to their ing opened: “ Repent: for the kingdom   
 connexion and original times of utter- of heaven is at hand.” It divides itself   
 anoe, in each several instance. See also into various sections, see below.   
 notes on Luke vi. 20—49. “1. the   
 mountain] Either some Aill near Caper-   
 naum well known by this name, and called   
 by it-in the reff. Mark and Luke, (tra-   
 dition, earlier probably the Cra-