ST. JOHN.   
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 off: 19 and many of the Jews » came to Martha and Mary,   
 to comfort them concerning their brother. 20 Then   
   
 Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went   
 and met him: but Mary ¢ saé s#/7 in the house. 21 Then   
   
 said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my   
 brother had not died. 224 But I know, that even now,   
 ach, ix. iwhatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.   
   
 23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.   
 ‘ona \ % Martha saith unto him, \* I know that he shall rise again   
 4,4. in the resurrection at the last day. 25 Jesus said unto   
   
   
 believeth in me, though he @were dead, yet shall he   
 live: 8 and fwhosoever liveth and believeth in me shall   
   
 b render, had come. © render, was sitting.   
   
 4 render, Nevertheless even now I know that.   
 © render, have died. f render, Every one that.   
   
 that he probably wrote after the destruction Lord to contain no allusion to the imme-   
 of Jerusalem, it is more natural (as Meyer diate restoration of Lazarus; but to be   
 himself confesses) to explain the past tense designedly used to lead on to the requisite   
 by his regarding Jerusalem and its neigh- faith in her mind. 24.) She under-   
 bourhood as laid waste at the time when stands the words rightly, but gently repels   
 he published his Gospel. the insufficient comfort of his ultimate   
 gives an account of the ceremonies prac- resurrection. 25, 26.] These words,   
 tised during the thirty days of mourning. as Stier observes, are the central point of   
 20.] The behaviour of the two the history; the great testimony to Him-   
 sisters is quite in accordance with their self, of which the subsequent miracle is   
 character, Luke x. 388—42: and thus we the proof. The intention of the saying   
 have a most interesting point of connexion seems to have been, to awaken in Martha   
 between two gospels so widely various in the faith that He could raise her brother   
 their contents and character. Stier thinks, from the dead, in its highest and proper   
 as also Trench, that Mary did not hear form. This He does by announcing Him-   
 of the approach of Jesus, and that we self (it is expressed emphatic personal   
 must not bring the characters to bear on pronoun,—I, and no other...) as ‘THE   
 this case. But this is at questionable. RESURRECTION’ (meaning,—that resur-   
 21.] This saying has evidently been rection in the last day shall be only by my   
 the leading thought of the four days since Power, and therefore I can raise now as   
 their brother’s death. Mary repeats it, well), and more than that, THE LIFE   
 ver. 32. 22.) She seems to express ITSELF: so that he that believeth in me   
 some expectation of the raising of her (ie. Lazarus, in her mind), even though   
 brother; but it is too great a thing for he have died, shall live; and he that   
 her to venture to mention :—possibly she liveth (physically ;—is not yet dead’) and   
 had not dared to form the thought fully, believeth in me, shall not die for ever-   
 but had some vague feeling after help, more: i.e, ‘faith in Me is the source of   
 such as she knew He would give. Ican life, both here and hereafter; and those   
 hardly sce, as some have done, an unworthy who have it, have Life, so that they shall   
 spirit in the form of her expression, in ver. NEVER DIE;’ physical death being over-   
 22. It was said in the simplicity of her looked and disregarded, in comparison with   
 faith, which, it is true, was not yet a fully that which is really and only death. The   
 ripened faith: but it differs from our word liveth must be (pean Lampe,   
 Lord’s own words, ver. 41. The repetition Olshausen, and Stier) taken of physical   
 of the word God is to be noticed, as ex- life, for it stands opposed to though he   
 pressive of her faith in the unity of pur- have died. he that believeth in me   
 pose and action between Jesus and God. is the subject of both clauses; in the for-   
 28.] I believe these words of our. mer it is said that he “though he have