-XIV. 1—3. ST. JOHN.   
   
   
 unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered   
 him, Whither I go thou canst not follow me now; but   
 Kthou shalt follow me afterwards. 37 Peter \*\* said unto eh, x31.   
   
 him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay   
 down my life for ¥ thy sake. 88 Jesus answered him, Wilt   
 thou lay down thy life for \*my sake? Verily, verily,   
 I say unto thee, The cock shall   
 denied me thrice. not erow, till thou hast   
   
 XIV. 1 Let \*not your heart be troubled: [# ye] believe over 27.   
 2In my Father’s house are \*   
 in God, believe also in me.   
 many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you.   
 >bT go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and \*s\*"%>   
   
 XX vender, saith. Y render, thee.   
 ® omit, most probably : see note.   
 2 render, Me,   
 b read, for I go.   
   
 the true sign to them of being children of parture from them. The verb believe   
 God, 1 John ii. 3—5. 36.] This an- both times is imperative. i   
 nouncement of Peter’s denial is probably A.V. take the first as indi   
 the same with that in Luke xxii. 33 ff, as imper., ‘Ye believe in Gud : believe also   
 where see notes : but distinct from that on in me? But this is inconsistent with the   
 the way to Gethsemane, Matt. xxvi. 34: whole tenour of the discourse, which pre-   
 Mark xiv. 30. but thou shalt follow supposes a want of belief in God in its   
 me afterwards] Alluding probably both to full and true sense, as begetting ¢rust in   
 the future reception of His Apostle into Him. Luther takes both as indicative.   
 His glory, and to the particular path by The command is intimately connected with   
 which he should come to that glory ;—as ch. xiii, 31, 32-faith in the glorifica-   
 in ch, xxi. 18, 19. 87.) Peter under- tion of Christ in the Father, and of the   
 stands our Lord’s death to be meant as Father in Him. 2.] This comfort   
 the time of his following ;—see Luke, ver. —of being reunited to their Lord—is ad-   
 33. 38.] The question is not answered ministered to them as “ little in   
 —but Peter’s boast solemnly questioned. forms of specch simple, and adapted to their   
 See a somewhat similar question, ch. i. powers of apprehension of spiritual things.   
 ‘Yhere was at the same time a startling The house spoken of is Heaven: Ps. xxxiii,   
 inversion of the subsequent facts, in this 13, 14; Isa. lxiii. Init are many (in   
 boast ; to which our Lord, I think, alludes number—it may be also in degree of dig-   
 in His question,—\* wilt thou lay down nity, but no such meaning is here conveyed)   
 thy life for Me?” The words, The abiding-places ; room enough for them all.   
 cock shall not crow, necessarily imply, If not,—if they could not follow Him   
 as it was night, those also which follow in thither, He would not have concealed this   
 Matthew and Mark, “in this night,’— from them. This latter assurance is one   
 and bind the whole events of this chapter calculated to beget entire trust and con-   
 3 Cap. XIV. 1—81.] This fidence ; He would not in any matter hold   
 first division of the great discourse (see out vain hopes to them ; His word to them   
 above on ch, xiii. is spent in more di- would plainly state all difficulties dis-   
 rectly comforting the disciples for their couragemcnts,—as indeed He does, ch. xv.   
 Lord’s departure, by the assurance of His 18; xvi. 1,4. This preparing a place for   
 going to the Father, and its consequences. us is that of which we sing,—‘ When Thou   
 1—10.] Hz, in his union with the hadst overcome the sharpness of death,   
 Father, will take His own to Him. Thon didst open the Kingdom of heaven   
 1.] A pause has intervened; Peter is to all believers:’ see note on Luke xxiii.   
 humbled and silent ; rest are troubled 43. And thus it is a place, the many   
 in heart on aceount of the sad things of mansions that He is preparing :—the place   
 which they had been hearing ;—Judas’s as a whole, not each man’s place in it.   
 treachery,—Petcr’s denial, —the Lord’s de- 8.] In order to understand this,