630 ST. JOHN. XIX. 42.   
   
 bisa.lit.®. never man yet laid. 42> There laid they Jesus therefore   
 ever. © because of the Jews’ preparation day ; for the sepulchre was   
 nigh at hand,   
 ach, xiii.   
 xix. 26: XX. 12 The first day of the week cometh Mary Magda-   
 lene early, ¥ when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and   
   
 seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. 2y Then   
 she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the \* other   
 disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They   
   
 have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we   
   
   
 t better (sce note) arranged as the original; There then, on account of   
 the Jews’ preparation day, because the sepulchre was nigh at hand,   
 laid they Jesus.   
 ¥ render, But on the first day.   
 X render, while.   
 Y render, She runneth therefore.   
   
   
 42.] the Jews’ preparation day counts :—I believe all such attempts to   
 scems to indicate clearly the preparation be fruitless ;—and I see in their failure   
 of the Passover, as I have before main- strong corroboration of the truth of the   
 tained that the words mean; not the mere evangelic narratives. It is quite impos-   
 day of the week so called, which, as it was sible that so astonnding an event, coming   
 by the Christians also in the time upon various portions of the body of dis-   
 uamed the preparation (Parascévé), would ciples from varions quarters and in various   
 not be qualified by the additional state- forms, should not have been related, by   
 ment that it was “the Jews’ preparation four independent witnesses, in the scat-   
 day.” The words because the sepul- tered and fragmentary way in which we   
 chre was nigh at hand, may certainly at now find it. In the depth beneath this   
 first sight appear as if St. John were not varied surface of narration, rests the great   
 aware that the tomb belonged to Joseph; central fact of the Resurrection itself,   
 but it is more likely that the thought of moved and immoveable. As it was THIS   
 asking for the Body may have been ori- ahove all other things to which the Apos-   
 ginally suggested to Joseph by his possess- tles bore their testimony, so, in testi-   
 ing a tomb close to the place of crucifixion, mony to this, we have the most remarkable   
 and so the nearness of the tomb may have proof of each having faithfully elaborated   
 heen the real original reason of the whole into narrative those particular facts which   
 proceeding; and St. John, not anxious to came under his own eye or were reported   
 record every particular, may have given it to himself by those concerned. Hence the   
 as such. It is much better to keep great diversity in this portion of the nar-   
 the order of the original in rendering this rative :—and hence I believe mnch that is   
 verse. There is weight and pathos in the now dark might be explained, were the   
 concluding words, as completing the great facts themselves, in their order of occur-   
 subject of this part of narrative, which rence, before us. Till that is the case,   
 is lost transposing as in A. V. (and I am willing to believe that it will   
 Cua. XX. 1—29.] Jesus ALIVE FROM one of our delightful employments here-   
 THE DEAD. COMPLETION OF THE DIS- after, to trace the trve harmony of thie   
 CIPLES’ FAITH WROUGHT THEREBY. And Holy Gospels, under His teaching of whom   
 herein, 1—18.] Contrast between His they are the record,) we innst be content   
 former life, within the conditions of the to walk by faith, and not by sight. We   
 Jlesh, and His present, in which His must also remember in this case, that our   
 communion with His own partakes of his Evangelist is selecting his points of narra-   
 new relation to the Father. Compare tion with a special purpose,—to shew us   
 Matt. xxviii, 1: Mark xvi. 1: Luke xxiv. how the belief of the disciples brought   
 1. On the chronology of the events of out and completed, after the unbeliet of   
 the Resurrection, see note on Matt. xxviii. Israel: cf. vv. 30, 31. 1, 2. Mary   
 1. LTattempt no harmony of the ac- Magdalene] She was not alone (Matthew,