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 all them that heard these things. ® And the young men   
 e Jobn xix. arose, °wound him up, and carried him out, and buried   
 him. 7And it was about the space of three hours after,   
 when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.   
 8 And Peter answered unto her, Tcll me whether ye sold   
 the land for so mueh? And she said, Yea, for so much.   
 9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed   
 together ‘to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the   
 feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the   
 fver.3. Matt. door, and ‘shall carry thee out. 1°¢8Then fell she down   
 iv. straightway at his fect, and yielded up the ghost: and the   
 young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying   
 gver.b. her forth, buried her by her husband. 1" And great fear   
 came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard   
 these things.   
 © render, When they came in, found.   
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 2 it.   
 on them in the body, might perhaps have her, perhaps to her salutation: but more   
 been spared their souls.” and great probably to that which he knew to be her   
 fear came .. . .] “ They that heard these intent in entering in before him.   
 things” can hardly be those present, who so much, naming the sum: or perhaps   
 not only eard, but saw: the remark is pointing to the ioney lying at his feet.   
 anticipatory, and is in fact equivalent to 9.] To try the omniscience of the   
 that in ver 11. 6.] Were these young Spirit then visibly dwelling in the   
 mena class in the congregation accustomed and the church, was, in the highest sense,   
 to perform such services,—or merely the to tempt the Spirit of God. It wasa say’   
 younger men, from whom they would na- in their hearts ‘There is no Holy Spirit :’   
 tuvally be expected ? Some maintain the and certainly approached very closely to a   
 former: some the latter. We can hardly sin against the Holy Ghost. Peter charac-   
 assume, as yet, such official terizes the sin more solemnly this second \*   
 in the congregation as would mark off time, becanse by the wife’s answer it was   
 younger men from the edder's, latter now proved to be no éndividual lie of a   
 are first officially ch. xi. 30. bad and covetous man, but a preconcerted   
 Besides which, we have no such eccle- scheme to deceive God. the feet of   
 siastical class these younger men. And sees .] Not that Peter heard the   
 the use of a different word in the original, tread of the young men outside (they were   
 “the youths,” in ver. 10, as applying to probably barefooted), but it is expression   
 these same persons, seems to decide that, common in the poetical lively description   
 they were merely the younger members of of the Hebrews, and indeed of all nations   
 the church, acting perhaps in accordance (see Isa. Hii. Nah. i. 15; Rom. x. 15);   
 with Jewish custom,—perhaps also on some making the member whereby the person   
 hint given by Peter. wound him up] acts, the actor. I take the words to mean,   
 So Nazek. xxix. 5; Tobit xii. 13; Eeelus. that the time was just at hand for their   
 xxxvili. 16, wrapped the body up,—pro- return : see James v.9. The space of three   
 bably in their own mantles, taken off in hours was not too long : they would have to   
 preparing to carry him out. The context earry the corpse to the burying-ground ata   
 will not permit any more careful enfolding considerable distance from the city, and   
 of the body to be understood.—The speedy when there, to dig a grave, and bury it.   
 burial of the dead, practised among the shall carry thee out] This word,   
 later Jews, was unknown in earlier times, spoken before her death, decisively proves   
 see Gen. xxiii. It was grounded on Num. that death to have been not a resudé merely   
 xix. 11 if. The practice was to bury before of her detection, but a judicial infliction.   
 sunset of the same day. The immediate 10.] when they came in: not im-   
 burial in this case adds to the probability plying that they immediately entered, but   
 that the young men obeyed an intimation leaving room for some interval of time :   
 from the Apostle. 8.] answered unto see nbove.