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 And #the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou \_perse-   
 eutest[\*: i¢ is hard for thee to hick against the pricks.   
 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, ° what wilt   
 e Luke ili, thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him]. » Arise,   
 ch, 875 and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou   
 xvi, must do, 7And ‘the men which journeyed with him   
 stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man,   
 Dan. x.7. 8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were   
 see cb, opened, he saw no man: but they Ied him by the hand,   
 9: xxvi. and brought him into Damascus. 9% And he was three   
 days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. 30° And   
   
   
   
   
   
 2 read, he.   
 & omit, with all our Greek MSS. It has been inserted here from ch. xxvi. 14 and   
 xxii, 10.   
 D read, But arise. © render, the.   
   
 lack of emphasis, assuming the awful fact, the light, but saw no person :—that they   
 gives more solemnity to the qnestion. stood (I should acknowledge the discre-   
 5.] That Saul saw, as well as heard, Him pancy here, and recognize the more aecu-   
 who spoke with him, is certain from Ana- rate detail of ch. 14, that they fell to   
 nias’s speech, ver. 17, and ch. xxii. 14,— the ground) mute, hearing the sound of   
 that of Barnabas, ver. 27,—from ch. xxvi. the voice, but not the words spoken and   
 16 (“I [have] appeared unto thee’), aud their meaning. Compare John xii. 29,   
 from the references by Paul himself to his note. Two classes of readers only will   
 having seen the Lord, 1 Cor. ix. 1; xv. 8. stumble at this difference of the forms of   
 These last I unhcsitatingly refer to this narration; those who from enmity to the   
 occasion, and not to any subsequent one, faith are striving to create magnify dis-   
 when he saw the Lord iz @ trance, ch. xxii. erepancies,—and those who, by the suicidal   
 17. Such appearances could hardly form theory of verbal inspiration, are effectually   
 the subject of the testimony of an eye- doing the work of the former. The devout   
 witness which should rank with that of and intelligent student of Seripture will   
 the other apostles: this, on the contrary, see in such examples a convincing proof of   
 was no trance, but the reat bodily appear- the simple truth of the narrative,—the   
 ance of the risen Jesus; so that it might absence of all endeavour to pare aware ap-   
 be adduced as the ground of testimony to parent incousistencies or revise them into   
 His Resurrection.— On the words excluded conformity,—the bond fide work of holy   
 from our text, as having been interpolated truthful men, bearing each his testimony   
 from ch. xxvi. 14, and xxii. 10, see note at to things seen and heard under the guid-   
 xxvi, 14. It is natural that the account of ance, not of the spirit of bondage, but of   
 the historian should be less precise than that Spirit of whom it is said, the   
 that of the person concerned, relating his Spirit of the Lord is, there ts liberty.’—   
 own history. In ch, xxvi. 15—18, very I should not too hastily determine that   
 much more is related to have been said by this account has not come from Saul him-   
 the Lord: but perhaps he there, as he self, on account of the above differences:   
 omits the subsequent particulars, includes they are no more thau might arise in nar-   
 the revelations made to him during the ratious at different times by the same per-   
 three days, and in the message of Ananias. son. 8.] When his eyes were opened   
 7.) In ch. xxii. 9, we read, “ They (it would seem that he had closed them on   
 that were with me saw indeed the light, the first disappearance of the vision), he   
 and were afraid: but they heard not the saw no one. He explains it, ch. xxii.   
 voice of him that spake to me.” Two ac- “when I could not see for the glory of that   
 counts seemingly (and certainly, in the light.” He had seen, what those with him   
 letter) discrepant but exceedingly instrue- had not seen, the glorious Person of the   
 tive when their spirit is compared,—the Lord Jesus. See below on ver. 18.   
 fact being this: that the companions of 9. he neither did eat nor drink] There is   
 Saul saw and were struck to the ground by no occasion to soften these words; the