30—39. THE ACTS. . 723   
   
 -feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with   
 him; %6the word which 2 God sent unto the children of   
 Israel, \* preaching peace by Jesus Christ: "he is Lord atm.tvii.u.   
   
 of all, 37> That word, I say, ye know, which was ?%,j7-   
 published throughout all Judea, and \*began from Galilee, 0,   
 after the baptism which John preached; 85 ¢ how 4 God b Matt.   
 anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with   
 power: who went about doing good, and healing all that gh   
 were oppressed of the devil: ¢for God was with him. ¢   
 39 And f we are witnesses of all things which he did both fu   
   
   
   
 Z not expressed in the original : better, he.   
 4 render, all men. b render, Ye know the matter.   
 © sender, Jesus of Nazareth, how that God anointed him.   
   
 itself in such men comes from God’s pre- unction with the Spirit, but only symbolic   
 venting grace, is not in\_ question here, nor of that which He had in His incammation :   
 touched upon. 36.] The construction which unetion abode npon Him, John i.   
 of this and the following verse is very 32, 33, and is here as the continuing   
 difficult. I have treated in my Greek anointing which was upon Him from God.   
 Test., of the various ways in which it has —Stier well remarks, how entirely all per-   
 been taken, and endeavoured to establish sonal address to the hearers and all doc-   
 that one which I believe to be right. Set trinal announcements are thrown into the   
 plainly before the English reader it will background in this speech, and the Person   
 stand thus :—Of a truth I perceive, ke... and Work and Office of Christ put for-   
 (and recognize this as) the word which word as the sole subject of preach-   
 God sent to the children of Israel, ing. oppressed] literally, subdued,   
 preaching peace (see reft.) through Jesus so that he is their his power   
 Christ: (then, for the first time, éruly is used for their oppression. Here, it al-   
 perceiving this also, on the mention of Indes to physical oppression by disease (see   
 Jesus Christ, he adds the ascription to Luke xiii. and possi mn: in 2 Tim. ii.   
 Him of lordship over ald men,) He is Lord 26, a very similiar description is given of   
 of ALL MEN; with a strong emphasis on those who are spiritually bound by the   
 all. by Jesus Christ belongs to devil. God was with him] So Nico-   
 preaching, not to peace. 37. the demus had spoken, John iii. and pro-   
 matter] Not the thing, but the thing said, bably Peter here used the words as well   
 the ‘material’ of the proclamation, in this known and indicative of the presence of   
 case equivalent to ‘the history? divine power and co-operation (see Judg.   
 began from Galilee] It was from Galilee vi. 16): beginning as he does with the   
 first that the fame of Jesus went abroad, outer and lower cirele of the things re-   
 as Luke himself relates, Luke iv. 14, 37, gurding Christ, as they would be matter of   
 44; vii. 17; ix. 6. (xxiii. Galilee also observation and inference to his hearers,   
 was the nearest to. Casarea, and may have and gradually ascending to those higher   
 been for this reason expressly mentioned. truths regarding His Person and Office,   
 after the baptism which John which were matter of apostolic testimony   
 preached] So also St. Peter dates the and demonstration from Seripture,—His   
 ministry of our Lord in ch. i, 22. (See resurrection (ver. 40), His being appointed   
 note there.) 38. Jesus of Nazareth] Judge of living and dead (ver. 42), and   
 The personal subject of the matter which the predestined Author of salvation to all   
 was published: ‘Ye know the subject: who believe on Him (ver, 43). 389.   
 which was preached ..... viz. Jesus of And we... ] Answering to ye know, ver.   
 Nazareth.’ how that God anointed 37. ‘Yow know the history as matter of   
 him] Not as A. V., “how God anointed universal rumour: and we are witnesses of   
 Jesus of Nazareth :’ see the last note.— the facts.’ this we, St. Peter at once   
 The fact of the anointing with the Holy takes away the ground from the exagge-   
 Spirit, in His baptism by John, was the rated reverence for himself individually,   
 historical opening of the ministry of Jesus : shewn by Cornelius, ver. and puts him-   
 this anointing however was not His first self and the rest of the Apostles in the