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 his own accord: and they went out, and P passed on   
 through one street; and forthwith the angel departed   
 from him. 11 And when Peter was come to himself, he   
 said, Now I kuow of a surety, that " the Lord hath sent "f;   
 his angel, and ‘hath delivered me out of the hand of, ii   
 Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the   
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 Po, xxiii,   
 Jews. 2 And when he 4/ad considered the thing, \*he 19: xxxiv.   
 came to the house of Mary the mother of 'John, whose ,%, 4.95, ti,   
 surname was Mark; where many were gathered together '\*"™   
   
 ™ praying. 13 And Tas Peter knocked at the door of the mver.s.   
 gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda. dt And   
 8 when she knew Peter’s voice, she opened not the gate for   
 gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the   
   
 gate. 16 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she   
 constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they,   
 "Itis his angel. 16 But Peter continued knocking: and »¢e   
 when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were \*#   
 W7 But he, °beckoning unto them with the °sh,ri.16:   
 astonished.   
 83: xxi,   
 hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord \*   
 had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go   
 shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And   
   
   
 P One of our oldest MSS. inserts here, descended the seven steps, and...   
 4 render, knew. ¥ vender, when he had knocked.   
 8 render, knowing.   
   
 tion of the prison is uneertain, but seems Our Lord plainly asserts the doctrine of   
 to have been én the city. The additional guardian angels in Matt. xviii. 10 (seo   
 clause in the margin is remarkable, and can note there): and from this we further   
 hardly be other than genuine. 1] learn in what sense His words were un-   
 when Peter was come to himself: i. e. derstood by the early elurch. From His   
 when he had reeovered his self-eonscions- words, “take heed that ye despise not one   
 ness. He was before in the half-conscious- of these little ones,” taken with the con-   
 ness of one who is dreaming and knows text, we infer that each one has his guar-   
 that it is dream: except that in his case dian angel: from this passage we find not   
 the dream was the truth, and his sup- only that snch was believed to be the ease,   
 position the nnreality. 12.] And now but that it was supposed that sneh angel   
 having become aware of it,—for this, and occasionally appeared in the semblance   
 not “when he had considered the thing,” (seeing that he spoke ‘with the voice) of   
 is the meaning,—he proceeds at once to the person himself. We do not, it is true,   
 action. John, whose surname was know who the speakers were; nor is tho   
 Mark] It is uneertain whether this John peculiar form in which they viewed the   
 Mark was the same as the Evangelist doctrine binding upon ns: it may have   
 Mark: but they have been generally been erroneous, and savonring of super-   
 believed to be the same. For a full ac- stition. But of the doctrine itself this   
 count of him, see Introduction to Mark. may not be said, as the Lord Himself has   
 His mother Mary was not sister, but aunt asserted it. Vor what purpose they sup-   
 of Barnabas : see Col. iv. note. 15. pose this angel to have come, does not   
 It is his angel] No other rendering but appear in tbe narrative. 17. beckon-   
 his angel will suit the sense: and with a ing unto them] His motive was haste:   
 few exceptions all Commentators, ancient he tells briefly the partieulars of his deli-   
 and modern, have recognized this meaning. verance, and, while it was yet night,