$06 THE ACTS. XXII,   
   
 hMatt.sxti. ducees : and the multitude was divided. 8h For the   
 23. Mark Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel,   
 nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.   
 9 And there   
 arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the   
   
 Pharisees’ part arose, and strove, saying, ' We find no evil   
 kenssit7u7, in this man: but \*\*7ifa spirit or an angel hath spoken to   
 him, ‘let us not fight against God. 10 And when there arose   
 Ich. v.89.   
 a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul   
 should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded   
 the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from   
   
 among them, and to bring him into the castle. 11 And   
 mies ™the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be   
 of good cheer[, § Paul]: for as thou hast testified of me in   
 Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.   
   
 n ver. 30. 12 And when it was day, [Scertain of] "the Jews banded   
 ch, xxv.   
 together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that   
 they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.   
 13 And they were more than forty which had made this   
   
 conspiracy. 14 And they came to the chief priests and   
 elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great   
 curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.   
 15 Now therefore ye with the council signify to the chief   
 eaptain that he bring him down unto you [8 zo morrow], as   
 though ye would t enquire something more perfectly concern-   
   
   
 T read, with all our oldest authorities, what if a spirit or an angel hath   
   
 spoken to him ? omitting the rest.   
 8 omit, with all our oldest authorities,   
 t render, determine with greater accuracy.   
   
 hended, the plural was by the copyists complishment of his intention of visiting   
 altered into the singular. 8.] See Rome : (3) of the certainty that however   
 note, Matt. iii. 7, both Pharisees and he might be sent thither, he should preach   
 Sadducees : Josephus says that the latter the gospel and bear testimony there. So   
 denied the future existence of the soul, and that they upheld and comforted him (1)   
 rewards and punishments hereafter. in the uncertainty of his life from the   
 9. but what if a spirit or an angel have Jews: (2) in the uncertainty of his libera-   
 spoken to him?] Perhaps in this they tion from prison at Cesarea: (3) in the   
 referred to the history of his conversion, uncertainty of his surviving the storm in   
 told to the people, xxii. 10. should the Mediterranean: (4) in the uncertainty   
 have been pulled in pieces] to be taken of his fate on arriving at Rome. So may   
 literally, not as merely meaning, ‘ should one crumb of divine grace and help be   
 be killed? The Pharisees would strive to multiplied to feed five thousand wants and   
 lay hold of him to reseue him: the Sad- anxieties. 12.] Wetstein and Light-   
 ducees, to destroy him, or at all events, to foot adduce instances of similar conspira-   
 secure him. Between them both, there cics,—not to eat or drink till some object   
 was danger of his being pulled asunder be gained. Sce 1 Sam. xiv. 24 ff. 14.)   
 by them. 11.] By these few words, It is understood from the narrative that it   
 the Lord assured him (1) of a safe issue was to the Sadducees, among the chief   
 From his present troubles ; (2) of an ac- priests and elders, the murderers went.