16—24. THE ACTS. $21   
   
 are \*sanetified, by faith that is in me. 19 Whereupon, O sen.xx.32.   
 king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly   
 vision: \*° but ‘shewed first unto them of Damascus, and 2",   
   
 [y a¢] Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Jude: : 2: xi.20,   
 aL,   
 and [¥ then] to the Gentiles, that they should repent and   
 turn to God, and do "works meet for repentance. 2! Por w stan.   
 these causes \*the Jews caught me in the temple, and «eb. xxi.so,   
 31:   
 went about to kill me. ® Having therefore obtained   
 help of God, I eontinue unto this day, witnessing both to   
 small and great, saying none other things than those   
 Ywhich the prophets and \* Moses did say should come : »¥ke=v.   
   
 %3ad that Christ should suffer, and that he should be the   
 first that should rise from the dead, + Ki he   
 unto the people, and to the Gentiles. ° shouid shew light tony. a.   
 spake for himself, Festus said with a a loud voice, Paul, a Luke xxiv,   
 24 And as he thus »3%\*,   
   
 Y omit. 4 render, country.   
 D render, worthy of their. © render, endeavoured.   
 @ render, If [at least] Christ was liable to suffering, and, first rising   
   
 from the dead, was to... .   
   
 mission. The epistles to the Galatians and light, to be preached to the Jews (the   
 Romans are two noble monuments of the people) and Gentiles, must spring from the   
 APOSTLE OF Fart. 19. I was not resurrection of the dead, and Christ   
 disobedient] See Isa. 1. 5. 22.) The the first from the resurrection, was to   
 therefore refers to the whole course of announce it. See Isa. xl 6;   
 deliverances which he had had from God, Ix. 1,2, 3; Luke ii. 32; ch. xiii.   
 not merely to the last. It serves to close 24.) The words as he thus spake for   
 the narrative, by shewing how it was that. himself must refer to the last words   
 he was there that day,—after such repeated spoken by Paul: but it is not necessary   
 persecutions, crowned by this last to suppose that these only produced the   
 to destroy him. 28. If (not, “that,” effect described ou Festus. Mr. Humphry   
 as A. V.)] meaning, that the things fol- remarks, “Festus was probably not so   
 lowing were patent facts to those who well acquainted as his predecessor (ch.   
 knew the prophets. See Heb. vii. 15 xxiv. 10) with the character of the nation   
 (marginal rendering), where if has the over which he had recently been called   
 same sense. The first thing which to preside. Hence he himself of   
 was thus patent was not, as Beza, and Agrippa’s assistance (xxv. 26). Hence also   
 A.V., “that Christ should suffer :” but he is unable to comprehend the earnest-   
 that Christ was liable to suffering. St. ness of St. Paul, so unlike the indiflerence   
 Paul does not refer to the prophetic an- with which religious and moral subjects   
 nouncement, or the historical reality, of were regarded by the upper sat   
 the fact of Christ’s suflering, but to the Rome. His self-love suggests to him, that   
 tdea of the Messiah, as passible and suf- one who presents such a contrast to his   
 fering, being in accordance with the tes- apathy, must be mad : the convenient hypo-   
 timony of the prophets. That the fact of thesis that much learning had produced this   
 His having suffered on the cross was in the result, have occurred to him on hearing   
 Apostle’s mind, can hardly be doubted: Paul quote prophecies in proof’ his asser-   
 but that the words do not assert it, is tions.” thou art beside thyself (mai) ]   
 dent from the change of construction in the not merely, ‘tou ravest,’ nor ¢ art an   
 next clause, where the fact of the bringing enthusiast ? nor are the words spoken in   
 life and immortality to light by the resur- jest, as supposes,—but in earnest,   
 rection is spoken of. first rising from as Chrysostom says: ‘ They are the words   
 the dead] literally, first the resur- of angry passion.” Festus finds him»elf   
 recon of the dead: implying that this by this speech of Paul yet more bewildered   
 ot. I, 3H