23—36. ST. MATTHEW. 115   
   
 him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb,   
 maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus’   
 feet ; and he healed them: 8! insomuch that the multitude   
 wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed.   
 to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and   
   
   
 they glorified the God of Israel.   
 82 Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I   
 have compassion on the multitude, because they continue   
 with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I   
 lwill not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the   
 way. $54 And his disciples say unto him, Whence should «2X! .   
 we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great   
 a multitude? % And Jesus saith unto them, How many   
 loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little   
 fishes. 85 And he commanded the multitude to sit down   
 on the ground. % And "he took the seven loaves and the r.ziv.1.   
 fishes, and \* gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his +1m.tx15   
   
   
   
 1 sender, am not willing to.   
   
 of Decapolis. bers are less than on the former occasion.   
 ly persons Bat there is one token of authenticity   
 the feet. The meaning which marks these two accounts as refer-   
 ring to two distinct events, had we   
 not such direct testimony as that ch.   
 xvi. 9,10. It is, whereas the baskets   
 egilect, but from haste in which the fragments were collected on   
 rivalry. 81.) St. Mark (vii. the other occasion are called by all four   
 gives an instance dumb speaking. pes ow rl raed those for that   
 the God of Israel] Perhaps this last word is miracle in both Matt.   
 is added as an expression the joy of the and spyrides. And when our Lord   
 disciples themselves, contrasted the refers to the two miracles, the dis-   
 falness abundance of the acts merc tinction is ; a particularity   
 now before them, with the instance could not have arisen it as to   
 they had just seen of the difficulty a matter of fact, that, whatever dis-   
 which the ‘faith a Gentile had prevailed tinction be, which is uncertain, different   
 to obtain help. 32.] The modern kinds of baskets were used on the two   
 German interpreters assume the identity occasions, Perhaps the si reason   
 of this with that narrated ch. xiv. for supposing the two identical is an   
 14ff. If this be so, then Evan; mee difficulty e the question the   
 must have invested speech attributed we have” &c.,   
 our Lord in fee 9, 10. Bie celbure sista after the wicncley as if   
 remarks, every circumstance w! ree slowness to believe and trust in   
 iad vary docs vary, the two accounta. ‘ivine power were not found   
 The pet ears the wilderness, the kind among men, and itstaneeh ag ‘ipture   
 of food at hand, the and breaking, iteelf Exod. xvi. 18 with Num.   
 and distributing means of the disciples, 21, 22: and read in Exod. xvii. 1—7   
 these are to the itoo and the murmurings of the Israclites   
 were also to be so: but here the matter diately after deliverance at the Red   
 an expression ity for mnultit 2 And even could we reoognize this   
 who had continued ith Him three days: as a difficulty, is not implied   
 in the text. Our Lord puts the matter to   
 them as a question, without the slightest   
 intimation of His intention to supply   
 They make answer