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SERMON I.

Bodily Pain.

"And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn Him to death, and shall deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify Him: and the third day He shall rise again."—MATTHEW XX. 17-19.

This passage seems to contain the first direct notice which we have on record about that particular mode of death which was inflicted upon our Saviour. In the commencement of His ministry, He had said to the Jews, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John ii. 19). But the words were figurative, not understood at the time, nor did they define how that "temple of His Body" was to be destroyed. Afterwards He had announced His coming death in words which incited S. Peter "to rebuke Him, saying, Be it far from Thee, Lord: this shall not be unto Thee" (Matt. xvi. 22); so instinctively did the followers of Jesus shrink from the notion that He was to finish His mission by a violent death. The grave rebuke in which our Lord replies to His warm-hearted but misjudging Apostle is followed, indeed, by a saying which might or might not