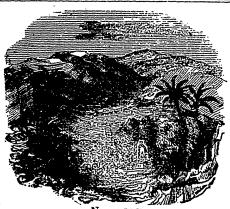


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Nazareth.

Pictures from the Life of Jesus. PICTURE III.

THE RIVER JORDAN; OR, THE PREACHER OF THE WILDERNESS.

All Judea was astir. From east to west, from north to south, the rumours spread of a strange preacher who, in the garb of the ancient prophets, proclaimed a coming Saviour and a wond- ten to the wonderful words he uttered. rous change. The busy citizens of Je-

country parts, heard alike of the wild son of the desert, and from all quarters-from village homes, and country towns, and noisy city streets-from the city of David and from despised Nazareth-crowds daily came; and from the rising to the setting of the sun, the people thronged the valley of the Jordan to see the wonderful man, and lis-

The deep valley of the Jordan, with rusalem, the quiet labourers of the its grey lofty mountains shadowing it