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ST. LUKE.



St. LUKE was born at Antioch, a city of great riches and eminence for learned men. This Apostle had the advantage of a liberal education, and was by profession a physician. He was the companion and fellow-labourer of St. Paul in the ministry, and rendered himself eminently useful as a physician, and as a minister of the Gospel of Christ.

St. Luke followed St. Paul in all his dangers, both at Jerusalem and Rome, and other places: he supplied his wants in prison, and assisted him in his ministry. During St. Paul's imprisonment at Rome, St. Luke wrote his Gospel, and also the Acts of the Apostles, as a supplement thereto, and as an history of the first age of the primitive church. Having travelled through Greece, where he converted many to the Christian faith, and planted several churches, his zeal was at length rewarded with martyrdom, in the eightieth year of his age.