

ST. JOHN.



THIS is the Disciple that Jesus loved. He was the youngest of all the Apostles, and survived the longest, being an hundred years old, when he died. He was the most firm and steadfast of all the Disciples, in the attachment to his master, not being ashamed to own him when surrounded by guards : he followed him to the cross, and before he was crucified, as a proof of the tender affection he entertained for his beloved Disciple. he recommended his mother to the protection of John ; a duty he fulfilled by taking her to his own house, and behaving to her with the most pious filial attention till her death.

St. John propagated the gospel in Asia, and resided some time at Ephesus ; he also founded churches at Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea, and other places. He was at length condemned at Rome, to be thrown into a chaldron of boiling oil, but he came out unhurt, he was afterwards banished to Patmos, where he wrote the Revelations, and died.