

ST. JAMES THE GREAT



WAS by trade a fisherman, and partner with Simon Peter, and the son of Zebedee, and related to our Lord himself, his mother and the Virgin Mary being kinswomen.

He was one of those whom our Lord usually chose to attend him on any particular occasion, as when he raised from the dead the ruler of the synagogue's daughter; and at his transfiguration none but Peter, James and John were admitted to this foretaste of celestial glory; also at the agony in the garden of Gethsemane, the night before the crucifixion.

He at last suffered martyrdom from the hands of the Pharisees, who threw him headlong down the stairs of the Temple of Jerusalem, and his brains were dashed out by a fuller's club.