

ST. JAMES THE LESS.



St. JAMES the LESS was of the tribe of Judah, and was a person of unusual integrity and sanctity of life, from whence he acquired the surname of the JUST.— St. James wrote the epistle bearing his name. He was singularly useful in establishing the Christian faith, and suffered much persecution on that account.

Ananias the high-priest at last summoned a council, before which James was brought, and ordered to speak to the people from the battlements of the temple, it being the feast of passover; having ascended, he was thrown headlong from the summit of the temple, when one of the people struck him on the head, which put an end to his life.

It is said he was buried upon mount Olivet, in a tomb he had provided for himself.