

ST. BARNABAS.



St. BARNABAS, though not one of the twelve, is yet honored with the title of apostle by St. Luke. He was of the tribe of Levi, of a family out of Judea, settled in the isle of Cyprus, where they had an estate.—He was educated at Jerusalem with St. Paul, by the learned Gamaliel.

When St. Paul came to Jerusalem, after his conversion, he found Barnabas there, who introduced him to the rest of the apostles, and abode in Peter's house fifteen days. He afterwards travelled with St. Paul, and preached to the Gentiles with great success.

It is said that Barnabas ended his days in his own country; Cyprus, where certain Jews, enraged at his success in preaching, set upon him in the synagogue, where they shut him up till night, when they brought him forth, and after torturing him, they stoned him to death.