

ST. MATTHIAS.



St. MATTHIAS was chosen to be an apostle in the room of the traitor, Judas Iscariot, who hanged himself. From hence we conclude that Matthias was an early disciple of Jesus Christ.

After the first fruits of this apostle's ministry, he is supposed to have travelled eastward, in Cappadocia, among a very uncivilized and barbarous people, where, after suffering great persecution, and converting many to the Christian faith, he received for his reward the glorious crown of martyrdom, being seized by certain Jews as a blasphemist, was stoned to death, and afterwards beheaded.