

THE ARGVMENT OF THE EPIS- TLE OF S. IVDE.

Mt. 13. In the Ghofpel thefe are called *Fratres Iefu, the Brethren of Iefus*: Iames, and Iofeph, and Simon, and Iude.

Their father is called Alphæus, where Iames is termed,

Mat. 13. *Iames of Alphæus*: and their mother, *Maria Iacobi minoris, Marie the mother of Iames the yonger & of Iofeph*. Which Marie in another place being called

Ioh. 19.

Eufeb. hift. li. 3. c. 10.

Maris Cleophæ, we perceiue their father was named both Alphæus and alfo Cleophas. And that this Cleophas was brother to Iofeph our Ladies husband, Hegefippus telleth vs. Therefore becaufe Iofeph was called the father of Chrift, his brothers children were called the Brethren, that is (according to the cuftom of the fcripture alfo) the kinfmen of our Lord; & not becaufe they were the children of Iofeph himfelf by another wife, much leffe (as Heluidius the Heretike did blaſpheme) by our B. Ladie the perpetual Virgin MARIE. Howbeit fome good Authours fay, that their mother Marie was the natural fifter of our Ladie, and that therefore they are called, *Fratres Domini, the Brethren of our Lord*.

Luc. 6. Mt. 10.

Howfoeuer that be, three of them are reckened among the 12. Apoftles, Iames, and Simon Cananæus, and Iude. Yea and that they were ſome-what more then Apoftles, though leffe then Peter, S. Paul fignifieth, where he faith ſpeaking of himfelf and Barnabas: *As alfo the other Apoftles, and the Brethren of our Lord, and Cephas. 1. Cor. 9.*

And as S. Luke calleth this Iude, *Iude of Iames*, fo he calleth himfelf in this Epiftle of his, *Iude the feruant of Iefus Chrift, and the brother of Iames*. S. Matthew

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and S. Marke doe cal him *Thaddæus*, as *Lebbæus* alfo in the Greeke. His feaft and his brother Simons together, the Church keepeth Octob. 28. called *Simon and Iudes day*.

His Epiftle is an Inuectiue againft al heretikes (as it were a Commentarie of 2. Pet. 2.) and namely (as

pag. 342, 396. S. Aug hath told vs) againft those, which misconftr'd S. Paul's Epistles and held *Only faith*, whom he calleth therefore, *Men that transferre or peruert the grace of God into riotousnes*, *v. 4.* exhorting Catholikes to be constant and vnmoueable from their old faith, and to contend for the keeping thereof, *v. 3.* and *v. 20.* For heretikes (faith he) *segregate themselues* from the Church and from her faith. *v. 19.*