

THE ARGVMENT OF THE EPISTLE OF S. IVDE.

Mt. 13. In the Ghospel these are called *Fratres Iesu, the Brethren of Iesus*: Iames, and Ioseph, 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*

Ioh. 19. *Ioseph*. Which Marie in another place being called *Maris Cleophæ*, we perceiue their father was named both Alphæus and also Cleophas. And that this Cleophas was

Euseb. hist. li. 3. c. 10. brother to Ioseph our Ladies husband, Hegesippus telleth vs. Therefore because Ioseph was called the father of

Christ, his brothers children were called the Brethren, that is (according to the custome of the scripture also) the kinfmen of our Lord; & not because they were the children of Ioseph himself by another wife, much lesse (as Heluidius the Heretike did blaspheme) by our B. Ladie the perpetual Virgin MARIE. Howbeit some good Authours say, 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. Howsoever that be, three of them are reckened among the 12. Apostles, Iames, and Simon Cananæus, and Iude. Yea and that they were some-what more then Apostles, though lesse then Peter, S. Paul signifieth, where he saith speaking of himself and Barnabas: *As also the other Apostles, and the Brethren of our Lord, and Cephas. 1. Cor. 9.*

And as S. Luke calleth this Iude, *Iude of Iames*, so he calleth himself in this Epistle of his, *Iude the seruant of Iesus Christ, and the brother of Iames*. S. Matthew and S. Marke doe call him *Thaddæus*, as *Lebbæus* also in the Greeke. His feast and his brother Simons together, the Church keepeth Octob. 28. called *Simon and Iudes day*.

Mt. 10. Mar. 3.

His Epistle is an Inuectiue against all heretikes (as it were a Commentarie of 2. Pet. 2.) and namely (as *pag. 342, 396.* S. Aug hath told vs) against those, which misconftr'd S. Pauls Epistles and held *Only faith*, whom he calleth therefore, *Men that transferre or peruert the grace of God*

into riotoufnes, v. 4. exhorting Catholikes to be conftant and vnmoueable from their old faith, and to contend for the keeping thereof, *v. 3.* and *v. 20.* For heretikes (faith he) *fegregate themfelues* from the Church and from her faith. *v. 19.*