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 Joseph, we should thus have Mary the wife of Clopas designated as the   
 mother of James, who was an apostle, and of Joses, who was not an   
 apostle, to the exclusion of her son Judas, who was also an apostle. Is   
 not this, to say the least, extremely improbable ?   
 8. And besides this, let us review for a moment the epithet “the   
 small,” attached to “ Jacobus” (James) by St. Mark. Beyond question,   
 at the time when this Gospel was written, James the son of Zebedee had   
 long ago fallen by the sword of Herod\*. And as certainly, at this time   
 James the Lord’s brother was at the head of the mother church at Jera-   
 salem, one of the three pillars (Gal. ii. 9) of the Christian body. Was   
 it likely that at such a time (for the notice and epithet is one whose use   
 must be sought at the time of the publication of the Gospel, not at that   
 of the formation of the apostolic oral history, seeing that it does not   
 occur in the parallel place in Matthew) the epithet “ the small” would   
 be attached to this James by way of distinguishing him from that other,   
 long since martyred? Is it not much more probable that the epithet,   
 for whatever reason, was attached to James the son of Alpheus to dis-   
 tinguish him from this very James the brother of the Lord ?   
 9. If James the son of Alpheus, the Apostle, were the head of the   
 mother church at Jerusalem, and a man of such distinction among the   
 Jewish Christians, how comes it, that when an Apostle of the circum-   
 cision is to be named, over against St. Paul, St. Peter, and not he, is   
 dignified by that title ?   
 10. There is another more general consideration, which, however   
 much it may be disallowed by some, yet seems to me not without   
 weight. It hardly consists with the mission of the Twelve, that any   
 of them should be settled in a particular spot, as the president or Bishop   
 of a local church, Even granting the exceptional character of the Jeru-   
 salem church, it does not seem likely that the chief presbyter there would   
 be one of those to whom it was said, “ Go into all the world, and preach   
 the Gospel to every creature :” and of whom all that we read in the Acts   
 of the Apostles, and all that primitive tradition relates to us, assures us   
 that they fulfilled this command.   
 11. If we compare this hypothesis with early tradition, its first notices   
 present us with adifficulty, Speaking of James the brother of the Lord,   
 Eusebius quotes Hegesippus, an immediate suecessor of the Apostles, as   
 saying that “James, the brother of the Lord, succeeded to the church of   
 Jerusalem with the Apostles, and was of all men named the Just from   
 the Lord’s time even to our own; for there were many who bore this   
 name of James.”   
 12. This passage seems most plainly to preclude all idea of James the   
 Lord’s brother being one of the Twelve. However we understand the   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
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