inTRopucTION.] TIE GENERAL EPISTLE OF JAMES. [cu. xvi.   
   
 artificial explanations of the relationship of the brethren to our Lord   
 have been given, to escape the inference from the simple testimony of   
 Holy Seripture, that they were veritably children of Joseph and Mary,   
 younger than our Lord.   
 16. Let us now follow the other hypothesis, that James the brother   
 of the Lord and James the son of Alphwus were diferent persons.   
 Against this many objections have been brought, the principal of which   
 seems to be, that thus we have so considerable a repetition of names   
 among the family and disciples of our Lord. But this cannot on any   
 hypothesis be got rid of. The undoubted facts of the Gospel history   
 give us the following repetitions of names: a) we have under the name   
 Sno, 1) Simon Peter: 2) Simon the Cananwan or Zelotes, the Apostle :   
 3) Simon, the brother of the Lord, Matt. xiii. 55 ; Mark vi. 3: 4) Simon,   
 the father of Judas Iscariot, John vi. 71 and elsewhere: 5) Simon the   
 leper, in Bethany, Matt. xxvi.6; Mark xiv. 8: 6) Simon of Cyrene, who   
 bore the cross after our Lord, Matt. xxvii. 32 and parallels: 7) Simon   
 Magus: 8) Simon the tanner: besides 9) Simon the Pharisee, in whose   
 house our Lord was anointed by the woman who was a sinner, Luke vii. 40.   
 b) Under the name Jupas, 1) Judas Lebbeus or “ of James,” the   
 Apostle: 2) (?) Judas, the brother of the Lord: 3) Judas Iscariot:   
 4) Judas Barsabas, Acts xv. 22: if not also 5) the Apostle Thomas, ‘ the   
 twin” (“Thomas who was also called Judas,” Eusebins), so called by   
 way of distinction from the two other Judases among the Twelve,   
 c) Under the name Mary, 1) the Mother of our Lord: 2) the mother   
 of James and Joses, Matt. xxvii. 56: 8) Mary Magdalene: 4) Mary,   
 the sister of Lazarus: 5) Mary, the mother of John Mark.   
 17. Besides these, we have d) at Icast four under the name Josepn,   
 viz. 1) the repnted father of our Lord: 2) Joseph of Arimathea:   
 3) Joseph Barnabas, Acts iy. 36: 4) Joseph Barsabas, Acts i. 23: if   
 not two more, a brother of our Lord, Matt. xiii. 55, and according to   
 some MSS., a son of Mary and brother of James, Matt. xxvii. 56.   
 This being so, it really is somewhat out of place to cry out upon the   
 supposed multiplication of persons bearing the same name in the New   
 Testament.   
 18. The improbability of there being in cach family, that of Joseph   
 and that of Alpheus (Clopas), two sets of four brothers bearing the   
 same names, is created by assuming the supplement of Judas of James,   
 Luke vi. 16; Acts i, 13, to be “ brother,” which, to say the least, is not   
 necessary. The sons of Alphans (except Levi [Matthew] who appears   
 to have been the son of another Alpheus, but has been most unaccount-   
 ably omitted from all consideration by those who object to the multi-   
 plication of those bearing the same name) are but two, James the less   
 the Apostle, and Joses. We have not the least trace in Seripture, or   
 even in tradition rightly understood, indicating that Simon Zelotes was   
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