

most favorably by St. Paul, in 2 Tim. 4 : 11, and in Philemon, where he is styled Paul's *fellow-labourer*, and he is the same John Mark who is mentioned in Col. 4 as nephew of Barnabas. The book of Acts, as we plainly see, was written by the same Luke—the companion of St. Paul—who wrote the gospel bearing his name; and, immediately after being written, it also went into circulation and use, among many, if not all the Churches, and also from the first has been held to be a divinely inspired book.

As to the two Epistles of James and Jude, they also were written and went into use as divinely inspired books, in many, if not all, of the first Churches, and most probably during the lives of some of the twelve Apostles. It is most generally held that they were written by two of the Apostles of those names: that of James, either by James the son of Zebedee, or James the son of Alphaeus,—and that of Jude, by “Judas,” *not* Iscariot.

Having thus treated in a rather condensed, but, it is thought, comprehensive manner, of the subjects of the inspired character of the New Testament *writers*, and of the internal evidence of the inspiration of the *books*, but little need here be said, in addition to what has been already given, as to the *external* proof of the inspired character of all the New Testament Scriptures. Of the four Gospels, two of them, as we have seen, were written by Apostles, and the other two by persons who accompanied the Apostle Paul on many of his journies; and the book of Acts also by one of those two. Of the twenty-one Epistles, nineteen of them were written by *three* of the Apostles, and the other two, most probably, as has been mentioned, by two others of the twelve Apostles. As to the Book of Revelation, although it was, for a time, doubted by some whether it was written by the Apostle John, yet from the very first it was held by others to be his, and before any very long period was *universally* admitted to have been composed by him, and consequently an inspired writing, and has ever since sustained that character in every