



Nail Of The Crucifixion - Relic Of The Passion Of Christ - 19th Century



240 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Metal

Length : 12 cm

Description

Nail of the Cross, in forged metal, with ribbon sealed with red wax "BETLEHEM".

Length: 12 cm.

Presented on a later support.

Many replicas of this highly coveted relic were made over the centuries. This example is one, dating from the 19th century.

According to legend, Saint Helena (mother of Emperor Constantine) had the site of Calvary in Jerusalem excavated and miraculously discovered the relics of "the Passion of Christ" on May 3, 326 1.

In 549, the cult of the Nails of the Passion was recognized by the Church 2. The first testimony we have of the relic of the Nails is apparently that

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of Saint Jerome (340-420). Then many relics belonged to famous people as well as pilgrims, over the many centuries 3, and in many holy places.

Historical texts relate that Philip V of France (1291-1322) was cured of quartan fever by touching the Holy Nail 4.

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