



Christ Teaching - Gothic Wooden Sculpture - Southern France (languedoc) - 14th Century



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Signature : France méridionale (Languedoc ou Pyrénées)

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Solid wood

Height : 54 cm

Description

This evocative medieval sculpture represents Christ as teacher, a central iconographic theme in medieval Christian art symbolizing the transmission of divine wisdom and the authority of the Gospel. Carved from solid wood, likely a local hardwood, the figure displays the elongated proportions characteristic of 14th-century Gothic sculpture. Christ stands upright, slightly inclined, his head gently tilted in a contemplative and compassionate gesture. His elongated face, almond-shaped eyes and stylized beard convey a quiet spiritual intensity typical of Gothic devotional imagery. The right hand is raised in a gesture of teaching or blessing, while the left hand originally held an attribute -- probably a book symbolizing the Gospel -- now missing. The drapery treatment is particularly characteristic:

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soft yet angular folds cascade vertically, enhancing the elegant slenderness of the figure and animating the sculptural surface. Traces of original polychromy remain visible, suggesting the sculpture was once vividly painted, as was customary in medieval religious sculpture. The figure stands on an integrated base, indicating that it likely belonged to a church ensemble, altar niche, or devotional retable. Both expressive and archaic in its simplicity, this sculpture perfectly illustrates the devotional production of workshops in Southwest France during the 14th century, where spirituality was conveyed through restrained yet deeply human forms. A moving and authentic example of French Gothic devotional sculpture. Private collection - Southwest France. #ArtRoman #SculptureAncienne #ArtSacré #Médiéval #RomanesqueArt #ArteCollection #ArtGothique #SculptureBois #Collectionneur #ChristPantocrator #XIIesiècle #PatineAncienne #BoisPolychrome #ArtCatalan #ChristEnseignant