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Carved Walnut Statue Of A Saint (st. James The Greater?) - France - 16th Century - 98 Cm



750 EUR

Period : 16th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Solid wood

Height : 98

Description

A large statue in the round, carved from walnut wood, depicting a standing pilgrim saint. The figure, young and beardless, with an idealized, serene face slightly raised, is dressed in a long tunic, a short hooded cape (esclavine) thrown back over his shoulders, and a loose, draped cloak, gathered and held on his forearm in long, cascading tubular folds of beautiful fullness. His hands, clasped against his chest, hold a pilgrim's staff (bourdon) with a pommel; on his right side, a book is held under his arm. This combination of the staff and the book, attributes of the pilgrim and the apostle, allows us to propose, as a hypothesis, a depiction of Saint James the Greater, the great pilgrim saint of Compostela. The identification remains open, in the absence of shells and other attributes that have since

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disappeared. The sculpture bears witness to a skilled hand: delicate modeling of the face in the Renaissance style, deeply carved and elegantly rhythmic drapery. The reverse side, roughly shaped with a gouge, indicates a work designed for frontal display, in a niche or an altarpiece. Work from the late 16th century 98 cm in height Signs of wear and small losses (particularly on the staff), clearly visible in the photos.