



## Coptic Cross Made Of Embossed Silver Foil. Second Half Of The 14th Century



2 500 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Vermeil

Length : cm 29

Width : cm 23

### Description

A superb Coptic cross, made of chiseled and engraved silver foil and highlighted with gold. It features interesting medieval iconography, with Christ depicted with distinctly African features, holding the Holy Scroll in his hand. At the ends of the cross, on each of the four arms, are figures carved in relief representing Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The structure, made of thick, shaped sheet metal, suggests that the cross was originally set into the wooden cover of a Gospel book. Most likely in the late nineteenth century, the cross was skillfully mounted on a wooden support. The iconography of both Christ and the Apostles, as well as the angels surrounding Christ are considerably more archaic than the form of the cross structure itself, but the ovalized cross heads with pointed corners allow us to date the

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object to the second half of the 14th century. 29 x  
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