



PROANTIC

LE PLUS BEAU CATALOGUE D'ANTIQUITES

St. John The Baptist In The Desert, Oil On Canvas, 17th Century.



3 900 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting

Width : 56

Height : 66

Description

St. John the Baptist in the Desert, a 17th-century oil painting on canvas. St. John's face and torso emerge dramatically from the darkness. The intense, raking light that illuminates only certain parts of his body accentuates the realism and creates a powerful emotional impact. The saint's body, though not idealized, is rendered with great anatomical precision; his limbs have a realistic sense of weight, and his pose appears natural and contemplative. His gaze is directed downward, absorbed in thought, marked by an emotional realism, with a strong expression of introspection and spirituality. Spiritual introspection, the use of dramatic chiaroscuro, and the absence of classical idealization are key elements that point to the Italian naturalist Baroque and, in particular, to the Neapolitan Caravaggist movement of the first

Dealer

Antichità il Leone

PAINTINGS, FURNITURE, SCULPTURES AND OBJECTS

Tel : 0039 3355230431

Strada Maggiore N.16-A

Bologna 40125

quarter of the 17th century. The work is an emblematic example of the spread of the Caravaggesque style in early 17th-century Naples. Although not signed by the artist, the painting is of significant historical and artistic interest due to its adherence to the Battistellian style (Giovan Battista Caracciolo, 1578-1635) and the quality of its rendering of light and emotion. 44 x 32 cm WITHOUT FRAME - 66 x 56 cm WITH FRAME Worldwide shipping