



Byzantine-era Silver Spoon, 6th-9th Century, Christ, Archaeology, Early Christianity



750 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Length : 19.5 cm

Description

Rare solid silver spoon from the Byzantine period, dating from between the 6th and 9th centuries. This remarkable piece stands out for its elegance and the delicacy of its decoration. It features a circular, slightly concave bowl, extended by a slender handle adorned with a series of small cross-shaped motifs and delicately engraved lines. The upper part of the handle is adorned with a diagonally oriented square containing the depiction of a holy man with a halo, bearing a cross atop his head--a representation traditionally associated with Christ. The end is finished with a suspension ring, characteristic of this type of object. These Byzantine silver spoons are traditionally referred to as communion or baptismal spoons, and sometimes as incense spoons. Their exact

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function remains a matter of debate, but they attest to the richness of liturgical furnishings and Christian goldsmithing in the Byzantine Empire. Weighing 32 grams and measuring 19.5 cm in length including the ring, this piece is in remarkable condition and is a particularly rare example on the antique art market. This spoon comes from a former collection in western France. An exceptional collector's piece, combining exquisite craftsmanship, ancient Christian iconography, and great rarity. Price excludes shipping costs. Police Registry Ref.: A163. Professional Antique Dealer - Guarantee & peace of mind when purchasing. As a professional antique dealer, I am committed to offering only authentic items that have been carefully selected and are legally marketable. Each piece is chosen for its historical, aesthetic, or collectible value and undergoes a rigorous verification of its provenance. Invoice and Traceability. Each purchase comes with a detailed invoice and a certificate of authenticity, guaranteeing the item's provenance and ensuring complete transparency. Legal Compliance. All items comply with current French and European legislation. Any archaeological items are offered in accordance with the Heritage Code (Articles L.542-1 et seq.). Items that may be subject to specific regulations (cultural artifacts, antiques, items made of specific materials) are sold strictly in accordance with the law. International Buyers. Buyers outside of France are advised to verify the regulations applicable in their country regarding the importation of cultural artifacts or antiques. Right of Withdrawal. In accordance with the law (Article L.221-18 of the Consumer Code), you have 14 days from receipt to return an item. Return shipping costs are the responsibility of the buyer. The item must be returned in its original condition. Quality Commitment. Buying from a professional ensures security, transparency, and reliability. I am available to answer any additional questions you may have before making

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