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Ancient Crucifixion In A Bottle - Arma Christi - Bottle Altars



240 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Painted wood

Height : 23

Description

Popular devotional object, handmade and carefully assembled inside a sealed glass bottle. The composition depicts the Crucifixion of Christ, flanked by two female figures, the Virgin and Mary Magdalene. Around the crucifix are arranged miniature Arma Christi -- ladder, hammer, spear, sponge -- finely carved from soft wood and painted by hand.

The base is made of dried vegetal moss, a typical feature of naïve religious compositions from the early 20th century.

This type of object belongs to the tradition of Christian folk art: Anglo-Saxon bottle whimsies, German Flaschenaltäre, and domestic devotional assemblages from Northern Italy.

The workmanship, materials and shape of the bottle allow the object to be dated between 1920

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