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Medieval Garment Clasp With The Gothic Inscription "bien" - 14th-15th Century, High Middle Ages



400 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Length : 4 cm

Description

Medieval garment clasp with the Gothic inscription "Bien" - 14th-15th century, High Middle AgesRare garment clasp dating from the late Middle Ages, 14th-15th century, made of a copper alloy.Rectangular in shape, it features two hooked projections on each of its side edges. Its particular interest lies in its engraved decoration: the inscription "Bien," rendered in Gothic letters, stands out against an elegant latticework background.These small clasps have been well known since the Early Middle Ages, particularly from the Merovingian period onward. While they are relatively common from earlier periods, examples attributable to the late Middle Ages are significantly rarer.Often referred to as "shroud brooches" because they are frequently found in funerary contexts, these objects have long been

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associated almost exclusively with burial practices. This interpretation, however, warrants some qualification: these brooches were also used by the living, as fasteners and decorative elements for clothing.Our specimen has an interesting feature: a deliberate hole, drilled into the center of the clasp from the outset. This hole was likely used to attach a small cord tied with a knot, in order to secure the object and prevent its loss.Beyond its practical function, this small piece also attests to the symbolic significance that everyday objects could hold in medieval times. The inscription "Bien" (Good), associated with an object worn on clothing, evokes a moral and religious call to do good--a discreet reminder of a virtue to be cultivated in daily life.A small medieval treasure--at once utilitarian, decorative, and meaningful--that is particularly noteworthy for its inscription, its uniqueness, and its state of preservation.Dimensions: Length: 4 cmPrice excludes shipping costsPolice Registry Ref.: A281Professional Antique Dealer - Guarantee & peace of mind when purchasingAs 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

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