

Magical Gem: Greek inscription (A-B)

CBd-Number	CBd-1831
ID-Number	DK_Copenhagen, Dfa 591
Collection	DK_Copenhagen, National Museum
Inventory	Dfa 591
References	Michel, DMG, no. 28.7.b_4; Spier, Gems, no. 169
Former Collections	Monrad, Peter Johann Collection
Material	jasper, red
Dimensions	17.3 x 13.3 x 3.6 mm
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω; voces, unidentified; Ἄδωναί; Σαβαώθ, variants; Ἰησοῦς; Χριστός



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Description: Both sides upright oval and flat. Shape 8-9. Red jasper gem, damaged at the edges of side A.

A: Greek inscription in six lines: $\iota\sigma\upsilon|\chi\rho\epsilon\iota\sigma\tau|\sigma\theta\epsilon\omicron\upsilon\sigma|\psi\iota\sigma\tau\omicron\upsilon\sigma|\sigma\omega\tau\eta\rho||\kappa\iota\rho\rho\alpha$ → Ἰ<η>σοῦ<ς> Χρ{ε}ιστός θεοῦ ὑψίστου{σ} σωτήρ κίρρα. 'Jesus Christ, (son) of the most high God, Saviour.' vox?

B: Greek inscription in six lines: $\iota\omega|\sigma\alpha\beta\alpha|\omega\epsilon\lambda\omega|\alpha\iota\alpha\delta|\omega\nu\alpha||\iota$ → voces including Ἰάω, Σαβαώ, Ἄδωναί.

Bibliography

[Eitrem 1939](#), 82-83, no. 169.

[Spier, Gems on CBd-1831](#)

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