

## Magical gem: Crucifixion (A) characteres (B)

<b>CBd-Number</b>	CBd-816
<b>ID-Number</b>	GB-BM-MMEu_G 231, EA 56231
<b>Collection</b>	GB_London, The British Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	G 231 (EA 56231) Michel, BM, no. 458; Bonner 1951, no. 54; Spier, Gems, no. X93; Michel, DMG, no. 31.4_2
<b>References</b>	
<b>Former Collections</b>	Chester, Greville John (1830-1892)
<b>Material</b>	jasper, red
<b>Dimensions</b>	22 x 17 x 5 mm
<b>Dating</b>	4th-5th c. AD (Michel)
<b>Iconography</b>	Jesus Christ; nimbus; figures, unidentified (2); gesture, orant; gesture, kneeling; gesture, crucifixion



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- A: Christ crucified: hands tied, feet as if hanging in the air, head nimbed. On the two sides, two smaller figures in profile, turning towards the cross kneeling and praying. In the free field above Christ's head, Aramaic(?) writing: Jesus M(essiah)?.
- B: Non-Greek inscription in three lines.
- C: Not-transcribable letters and signs.

### Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-816](#)  
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