

Magical gem: Crucifixion (A) characteres (B)

CBd-Number	CBd-816
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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 231 (EA 56231) Michel, BM, no. 458; Bonner 1951, no. 54; Spier, Gems, no. X93; Michel, DMG, no. 31.4_2
References	
Former Collections	Chester, Greville John (1830-1892)
Material	jasper, red
Dimensions	22 x 17 x 5 mm
Dating	4th-5th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	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

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