

# Magical gem: Cross, fish, Greek text: Ἰησοῦς σωτήρ

<b>CBd-Number</b>	CBd-900
<b>ID-Number</b>	GB-BM-MMEu_G 1986,5-1,160
<b>Collection</b>	GB_London, The British Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	G 1986,5-1,160
<b>References</b>	Michel, BM, no. 541; Spier, Gems, no. 446; Michel, DMG, no. 31.6_2
<b>Former Collections</b>	Ogden Collection
<b>Material</b>	chalcedony, green to blue
<b>Dimensions</b>	10 x 13 x 4.5 mm
<b>Dating</b>	4th c. AD (Michel)
<b>Iconography</b>	cross; fish
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	Ἰησοῦς



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A: In the centre, a large, T-shaped cross. Above, a fish in profile to left. Below, inscription in two lines: εἰ[.] .]υσ[.] .]τηρ → Ἰησοῦς σωτήρ. 'Jesus, the saviour.'

B: Plain.

## Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-900](#)

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[The British Museum Collection database on CBd-900](#)

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