

Magical gem: Lion-headed figure with scepter and sword (A) Μιχαήλ (B)

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 1986,5-1,105
References	Michel, BM, no. 273; Michel, DMG, no. 37.B.1.d_3
Former Collections	Ogden Collection
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	16 x 12 x 2 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	figure, lion-headed; weapon: sword; moon, crescent; stars (3); plant: palm branch; weapon: armour
Divine Names & Voces	Μιχαήλ



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A: Lion-headed figure, head to left, standing within a circle resembling an Ouroboros. Both hands lowered beside the body, and bent in elbow: right hand holding a sword, left hand holding a palm branch. The figure wears armour. In the free field on the left, next to the figure's head: a lying crescent.

B: Inscription in one line: μιχαηλ → Μιχαήλ (name of the archangel Michael). Above, two six-pointed stars; below, one six-pointed star.

Bibliography

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