

# Magical gem: Osiris-Christ figure, four angels (A) Osiris-Christ figure

<b>CBd-Number</b>	CBd-968
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<b>Collection</b>	GB_London, The British Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	G 25 (EA 56025)
<b>References</b>	Chifletius-Macarius, no. XIX 78; Michel, BM, no. 609; Michel, DMG, no. 39.8.a_1
<b>Former Collections</b>	Towneley Collection
<b>Material</b>	heliotrope
<b>Dimensions</b>	44 x 34 x 6 mm
<b>Dating</b>	17th c. AD (Michel)
<b>Iconography</b>	gesture, arms crossed; crown, unspecified; stars (8); stars (2); figures, winged (2); figures, unidentified (4); globus; clothing: bandage; mummy; base
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	voces, unidentified; Χριστός



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A: Large, herm-like figure standing to front on a base, arms crossed in front of the chest, wearing mummy bandage, beard and a crown (of thorns?). Below, four figures (two to left, two to right) squatting on a globe decorated with five stars, also with arms crossed. The two figures on the sides have wings, and are connected to the larger figure through lines. At the top, two six-pointed stars to the left and right of the figure. Below the stars, inscription in three lines:  $\chi\eta\eta\sigma\upsilon\upsilon\ \sigma\eta\eta\sigma\upsilon\upsilon\ |$   $\sigma\upsilon\chi\sigma\sigma\ \sigma\upsilon\tau\eta\eta\ |$   $\chi\eta\chi\tau\eta\delta\ \upsilon\sigma\iota\upsilon\upsilon$ . To the left and right of the four figures:  $\mu\pi\ \sigma\upsilon\iota$  → unidentified voces. Above the winged figures:  $\chi\ \pi\alpha\ \theta$ . → Χριστός. πάτερ. θεός. ? (S. Michel)

B: Crowned mummy with arms crossed in front of the chest, similar to the one represented on the obverse. On the left and right of the figure, eight six-pointed stars (six at the top, two at the bottom), and characteres or the letters  $\omega\pi$ .  
Post-antique.

## Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-968](#)

[Michel, DMG](#), 315, 39.8.a\_1, pl. 102,1.2; pl. VIII,1

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