

Apostle (Peter?) (inv. 00177)

Author: Anonymous (Indo-Portuguese)
Place: China
Period: 17th century
Material: ivory, polychromy, timber, paint
Measurements: 33 x 10,1 x 9,5 cm
Origin: purchased by Jean van Caloen

Description: The statue represents an apostle. Given the full beard and little hair on the skull, the man can be identified as Peter. In his left hand a closed book, in the right perhaps two keys, currently missing. The statue stands on a wooden elaborate pedestal. There are traces of polychromy in the hair and beard, as well as in the eyes, eyebrows and lips. Traces of gilding are present on the tunic, knotted belt and mantle. The tusk, in which the figurine is carved, is clearly visible in its "curved" form with a broad base that narrows upward.

Exhibition:

Bibliography:

