

Saint John the Baptist (inv. 00178)

Author: Anonymous (Indo-Portuguese)

Place: China

Period: 17th century

Material: Ivory

Measurements: 12 x 3,5 x 3,5 cm

Origin: purchased by Jean van Caloen

Description: The figurine represents Saint John the Baptist. The prophet wears a camel skin over which is a cloak. On his left arm he holds a closed book on which a reclining lamb. His right hand, now partially broken off, perhaps pointed to the lamb because of John's statement "Agnus Dei," behold the Lamb of God, the personification of Jesus's sacrifice to redeem mankind from its sins.

Exhibition:

Bibliography:

