



18TH C. FRENCH CARVED WALNUT FIGURE OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST WITH LAMB

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This evocative sculpture, hand-carved in France circa 1780 from solid walnut, depicts Saint John the Baptist, shown in youthful form holding an open book and accompanied by a lamb—his traditional attribute as the herald of Christ. The figure stands 33 inches high by 12.5 inches wide and is carved in the round, with flowing drapery, long hair, and a gentle, contemplative expression that reflects the devotional purpose of the piece. The presence of the lamb clearly identifies the figure as John the Baptist, whose proclamation of Christ as the “Lamb of God” (Agnus Dei) was a central theme in Christian art. His right hand rests gently on the book, a likely reference to prophecy or scripture, and his bare feet, rustic robes, and simplified facial features are consistent with provincial French religious carvings from the 1700s. The 18th century sculpture retains a warm and rich walnut patina; it is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, contributing to its authenticity and character. The back is finished, indicating it may have once stood in a niche or devotional setting. A moving and highly decorative religious work, this piece is ideal for a private chapel, library, or curated interior with antique or ecclesiastical elements. Measures: 12.5"W x 10.5"D x 32"H