



19TH CENTURY FRENCH HAND CARVED POLYCHROME AND PAINTED WALL CRUCIFIX

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This antique carved statue of Christ nailed on the cross was crafted in France, circa 1850. Found in a private chapel in the Rhone Valley, the large cross features a detailed hand carved sculpture of Jesus nailed on a wooden cross with forged iron nails over his hands and feet. The painted sculpture is well-proportioned, and has realistic details throughout the body, face, and hair. The pediment has the Latin inscription JNRJ or INRI (in John 19:19), which in English translates to "Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews", and John 19:20 states that this was written in three languages, Hebrew, Latin, and Greek during the crucifixion of Jesus. The title "King of the Jews" is only used in the New Testament by gentiles, namely by the Magi, Pontius Pilate, and the Roman soldiers. In contrast, the Jewish leaders use the designation "King of Israel". Although the phrase "King of the Jews" is used in most English translations, it has also been translated "King of the Judeans". The religious crucifix is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, and adorns the original polychrome paint finish. Measures: 18" W x 36" H.