A 15th century carved walnut figure of a male saint, circa 1490

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Height: 98.5 cm (38.8")

Width: 27 cm (10.6")

Depth: 19.5 cm (7.7")

Description

Probably Joseph of Armathea, in the manner of Tilman Riemenschneider (c.1460-1531), standing, wearing flowing robe, his left hand holding a casket, probably of ointment, on a moulded hexagonal base, traces of red and blue polychrome.

Provenance:
Dr. Peter Mangold Collection.

For comparable carved figures attributed to the workshop of Tilman Riemenschneider, see Sotheby's London, 2 July 2013, Lot 27 & 6 July 2021, Lot 3.

Saint Joseph of Armathea assumed responsibility for the burial of Jesus after his crucifixion, hence his portrayal carrying an ointment casket.

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