



THREE RUSSIAN BRONZE MINIATURE CROSSES

Left: This small cross shows, within a border, a Russian cross with the lance and sponge on the left and right sides respectively; the Slavic abbreviation for "King of Jews" appears over the cross; the letters IC and XC are to the left and right of the horizontal arms and, below these, the separated words for "Son of God"; beneath the Russian cross is the skull representing Golgotha. The reverse side is covered with writing too worn to be interpreted. There is a suspension ring at the top of the piece.

1 5/16" (including ring) x 3/4" 17th c.

Middle: This very small cross has a raised border and a raised design, the central figure of which is a cross made up of narrowly separated parallel lines:



The reverse is covered with diagonal striations. There is a suspension ring at the top.

15/16" x 3/8" 13th c.

Right: The horizontal arms of this small cross have trefoil ends; the verticals have flared ends. The center is decorated with a cross within a diamond. There is a thick suspension ring at the top.

1" x 13/16" 13th c.

The crosses are said to have been found in Kiev. Purchased from Iconastas, London, on October 28, 1992, for \$500.

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