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S. Marcus. Wallsart der weisser. [Saint Mark's Lion]

Stock#: 47454
Map Maker: Buno
Date: 1680
Place: Hamburg
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 13 x 7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Highly unusual and decorative engraving of lion composed of many constituent smaller images, all illustrating scenes from the Gospel of Mark.

The engraving comes from a collection by Johannes Buno (1617-1697), a Lutheran school teacher from Lüneburg, Germany. Buno's scarce work, a "Picture Bible", was filled with engravings to illustrate virtually every chapter of the Bible. The engravings include miniature pictorial elements and were intended as mnemonic devices to help the reader better remember the bible.

Buno's imagery reflects real artistry and personality, however, they were not intended for veneration, as that would have run contrary to Lutheran attitudes of the time. They were intended as a didactic instrument and thus did not offend his intended audience's sensibilities.

Buno's engravings are very rich and reward close examination with new discoveries.

Detailed Condition:

Centerfold somewhat toned.