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Terra Sancta XXIII. Nova Tabula [Rare edition with upside down U]

Stock#: 20003
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1545
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.5 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare early edition of Munster's map of the Holy Land, the only edition to include an upside down letter "U" in the word TABVLA, making it appear as TABALA.

One of the earliest obtainable modern maps of the Holy Land. The map extends from Sidon and the land of the Phoenians in the north to Gaza in the south with numerous Biblical sites and a number of vignettes. The inset is a key of ancient and modern placenames. This map is orientated with west at the top and is based on earlier maps by Munster and Ziegler. After the 1542 edition, the title was changes to XXIII.

Munster's *Geographia* was a cartographic landmark, including not only Ptolemaic maps, but also a number of landmark modern maps, including the first separate maps of the 4 continents, the first map of England and the earliest obtainable map of Scandinavia. Munster dominated cartographic publication during the mid-16th Century. Munster is generally regarded as one of the three most important map makers of the 16th Century, along with Ortelius and Mercator. Munster was a linguist and mathematician, who initially taught Hebrew in Heidelberg. He issued his first mapping of Germany in 1529, after which he issued a call geographical information about Germany to scholars throughout the country. The response was better than hoped for, and included substantial foreign material, which supplied him with up to date, if not necessarily accurate maps for the issuance of his *Geographia* in 1540.

Detailed Condition: