



Oil lamp with possible Christian iconography

Date

4th-7th century

Primary Maker

Unknown artist, Roman (Ancient)

Medium

Terracotta

Description

Mold-made oil lamp with two pouring holes and an unpierced handle. Vessberg Type 18. Grapes and grape vine motif around shoulder. Discus depicts a nude man facing forward holding a jar

in his lowered right hand and with an amphora below his raised left arm. Possibly Christian iconography referencing Jesus Christ's Miracle at Cana where he turned water to wine.

Dimensions

Overall: 3 1/4 × 2 3/8 × 7/8 in. (8.3 × 6.1 × 2.2 cm) Spout: 9/16 in. (1.4 cm) Base: 1 5/16 in. (3.4 cm)