

SA36807

Rare Antique French Bell Clock Set ~ French - Circa 1870 ~

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA36807****Date of manufacture:**

Description

Rare Antique French Bell Clock Set . ~ French - Circa 1870 ~ ~~ Excellent condition ~~ Bell clocks are unusual, but to find a bell clock set is very rare. This one is heavily cast in brass and is profusely decorated. The clock features Christian symbolism in fragments from the Lord's Prayer in Latin, a bold brass handle and it sits on feet in the form of mythical creatures. Candelabra are in the form of the Evangelist bell with four winged creatures: Matheus – The winged man represents Matthew, because his gospel narrative traces Jesus' human genealogy. Marcus – The winged lion. This is the symbol of Mark (and also Venice), because his gospel narrative begins with the voice of one crying in the wilderness, and this suggests the roar of a lion. Lucas – The winged creature with the head of an ox is the symbol of Luke; the animal of sacrifice stresses the atoning sacrifice of Jesus. Johannes – the winged creature with the head of the eagle. This is the emblem of John because in his narrative, he rises to the loftiest heights, in dealing with the mind of Christ. Four light candelabra are held above the bell by well sculptured hands. Each arm is in the form of a mythical ...

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