



Christ on the Cross Between Saints John the Baptist and Francis of Assisi

Date

late 1400s

Primary Maker

Unknown

Medium

Oil on panel

Description

This is an oil on panel painting. Christ hangs on the cross, almost skeletal thin, bleeding from the thorns around his head, and the nails through his feet and each hand. On his right is John the Baptist wearing a brown tunic and red cape; he gazes at Christ, pointing toward him with his right hand, and in his left hand is an open book. On Christ's left is St. Francis of Assisi, tonsured head, robed in brown, holding both his hands up to reveal his stigmata. At the base of the cross, in the center foreground are

rocks, detailed in painting. The background presents a 15th century Flemish landscape, detailed such that the viewer can see the people in the window of the house just above John the Baptist's right hand. In the far distance, the colors fade because of atmospheric perspective; however, more buildings and treed landscapes are visible.

Dimensions

Overall: 26 1/2 x 16 3/4 in. (67.3 x 42.5 cm) Overall, Frame: 33 1/4 x 23 3/8 in. (84.5 x 59.4 cm)