

# JESUS CHRIST



## Ancient Byzantine Coins

### JESUS CHRIST Anonymous Class A-N Byzantine Follis Coins Reference

Explore the ancient coins with the portrait of Jesus Christ on large historical medieval numismatic coins of Christian emperors

## Jesus Christ



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### A Guide to Byzantine Coins from circa 969-1118 A.D.

For more than a century, the production of Follis denomination Byzantine coins was dominated with purely religious

Christian motifs which included included Jesus Christ, and sometimes Virgin Mary. The Follis denomination coins were the largest bronze denomination coins issued by the Byzantine empire, and their large size, along with the Christian motif make them a popular coin type for collectors. This series ran from the period of Byzantine emperors John I (969-976 A.D.) to Alexius I (1081-1118 A.D.). The accepted classification was originally devised by Miss Margaret Thompson with her study of these types of coins. World famous numismatic author, David R. Sear adopted this classification system for his book entitled, *Byzantine Coins and Their Values*. The references about this coin site Mr. Sear's book by the number that they appear in that work. The class types of coins included [Class A1](#), [Class A2](#), [Class B](#), [Class C](#), [Class D](#), [Class E](#), [Class F](#), [Class G](#), [Class H](#), [Class I](#), [Class J](#), [Class K](#). Read more and see examples of these coins by reading the [JESUS CHRIST Anonymous Class A-N Byzantine Follis Coins Reference](#).

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## Class A1

Byzantine Empire

[Anonymous Class A1](#)

Bronze Follis 22mm (2.99 grams) Struck 969-976 A.D. under John I - Byzantine Emperor: 969-976 A.D.

Reference: Sear 1793

+EMMANOVHA - Bust of Christ facing, wearing nimbus crown (with two pellets in each limb of cross),

pallium and colobium, and holding book of Gospels (the cover ornamented with central pellet in border of dots) with both hands; to left, IC; to right, XC.

+IHSCYS / XPISTYS / BASILEY / BASILE ("Jesus Christ King of Kings") in four lines.



## Class A2

Byzantine Empire

[Anonymous Class A2](#)

Bronze Follis 28mm (10.10 grams)

Struck during the joint-reign of Basil II and Constantine VIII 1025-1028 A.D.

Reference: Sear 1813

Bust of Christ facing, wearing a nimbus crown, pallium and colobium, and holding book of Gospels with both

hands.

+IHSCYS / XPISTYS / BASILEY / BASILE ("Jesus Christ King of Kings") in four lines.

## Class B

Byzantine Empire

[Anonymous Class B](#)

Bronze Follis 28mm (11.67 grams)

Struck during the reign of Romanus III 1028-1034 A.D.

Reference: Sear 1823



Bust of Christ facing , wearing a nimbus crown, pallium and colobium, and holding book of Gospels with both hands.

Cross, with pellet at each extremity, standing on three steps; in field, above transverse limbs of cross, IS -XS; beneath limbs, bAS - ILC, bAS - ILC ("Jesus Christ King of Kings").

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## Class C

Byzantine Empire

[Anonymous Class C](#)

Bronze Follis 27mm (9.11 grams)

Struck during the reign of Michael IV 1034-1041 A.D.

Reference: Sear 1825

+ΕΜΜΑΝΟΒΗΛΑ - Three-quarter length figure of Christ Antiphonetes standing facing, wearing nimbus crown, pallium and colobium, and raising right hand in

benediction; in left hand, book of Gospels; in field to left, IC; to right, XC.

Jeweled cross cross, with pellet at each extremity; in the angles, IC -XC / NI - KA ("May Jesus Christ Conquer").

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## Class D

Byzantine Empire

[Anonymous Class D](#)

Bronze Follis 30mm (8.86 grams)

Struck during the reign of Constantine IX 1042-1055 A.D.

Reference: Sear 1836

Christ seated facing on throne with back, wearing nimbus crown, pallium and colobium, and holding book of

Gospels with both hands; in field to left, IC; to right, XC.

IS XS / bASILC / bASIL ("Jesus Christ King of Kings") in three lines; above, cross.

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## Class E

Byzantine Empire

[Anonymous Class E](#)

Bronze Follis 26mm (8.43 grams) Constantinople mint:



1059-1067 A.D.

under Constantine X - Byzantine Emperor: 25

December 1059 - 21 May 1067 A.D.

Reference: Sear 1855

Bust of Christ facing, wearing nimbus crown, pallium

and colobium, and holding book of Gospels with both hands; to left, IC; to right, XC.

IS XS / BASILE / BASIL' ("Jesus Christ King of Kings") in three lines, - + - above, -u- underneath.

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## Class F

Byzantine Empire

[Anonymous Class F](#)

Bronze Follis 25mm (7.76 grams) -

Struck under Constantine X - Byzantine Emperor: 25

December 1059 - 21 May 1067 A.D.

Reference: Sear 1856

Christ seated facing on throne without back, wearing nimbus crown, pallium and colobium, and raising right

hand in benediction; in left hand, book of Gospels; in field to left, IC; to right, XC.

IS XS / BASILE / BASIL ("Jesus Christ King of Kings") in three lines, - + - above, + beneath.

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## Class G

Byzantine Empire

[Anonymous Class G](#)

Bronze Follis 28mm (7.71 grams)

Struck during the reign of Romanus IV, Diogenes -

Byzantine Emperor: 1 January 1068 A.D. - 19 August 1071 A.D.

Reference: Sear 1867

Bust of Christ facing, wearing a nimbus crown, pallium

and colobium, and raising right hand in benediction; in left hand, scroll; to left, IC; to right, XC; border of large pellets.

Facing bust of the Virgin orans, nimbate and wearing pallium and maphorium; to left, MP; to right, ΘΥ; border of large pellets.

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## Class H

Byzantine Empire

[Anonymous Class H](#)



Follis 24mm (9.23 grams)  
 Struck during the reign of Michael VII  
 Emperor: October 24, 1071 - March 24, 1078 A.D.  
 Reference: Sear 1880  
 Bust of Christ facing , wearing a nimbus crown, pallium and colobium, and raising right hand in benediction; in left hand, book of Gospels; to left, IC; to right, XC;

normal border.

Patriarchal cross, with globule and two pellets at each extremity; in lower field, on either side, floral ornament.

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## Class I

Byzantine Empire  
[Anonymous Class I](#)  
 BrBronze Follis 24mm (4.65 grams)  
 Struck during the reign of Nicephorus III - 24 March 1078 - 4 April 1081 A.D.  
 Reference: Sear 1889  
 Bust of Christ facing, wearing nimbus crown, pallium and colobium, and raising right hand in benediction, in

left hand, the book of Gospels, IC to left, XC to right; within border.

Latin cross, with X at center, and globule and two pellets at each extremity; in lower field, on either side, floral ornament; in upper field, on either side, crescent.

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## Class J

Byzantine Empire  
[Anonymous Class J](#)  
 Byzantine Follis 25mm (4.38 grams)  
 Struck during the reign of Alexius I, Comnenus  
 Byzantine Emperor: 4 April 1081 – 15 August 1118 A.D.

Reference: Sear 1900  
 Bust of Christ facing, cross behind head; He wears pallium and colobium, raises right hand in benediction,

and holds book of Gospels in left; in upper field, C - C; in lower field, IC - XC.

Cross, with globule and two pellets at each extremity; beneath, large crescent; around, four globules, each surrounded by pellets.

\* Numismatic Note: Alexius I was the Byzantine emperor during the time of the First Crusade.

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## Class K



Byzantine Empire  
[Anonymous Class K](#)  
 BrBronze Follis 22mm (6.75 grams)  
 Struck during the reign of Alexius I, Comnenus  
 Byzantine Emperor: 4 April 1081 – 15 August 1118 A.D.

Reference: Sear 1901  
 Bust of Christ facing , wearing a nimbus crown, pallium and colobium, and raising right hand in benediction; in

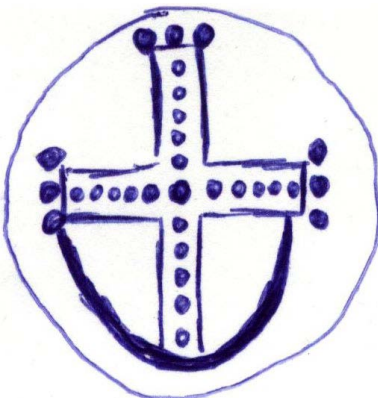
left hand, book of Gospels; to left, IC; to right, XC; border of large pellets.  
 Three-quarter length figure of the Virgin orans, nimbate and wearing pallium and maphorium; on either side of nimbus, M - Θ or MP - ΘV; border of large pellets.  
 \* Numismatic Note: Alexius I was the Byzantine emperor during the time of the First Crusade.



## Class L

Byzantine Empire  
[Anonymous Class L](#)  
 Bronze Follis  
 Struck during the reign of Alexius I, Comnenus  
 Byzantine Emperor: 4 April 1081 – 15 August 1118 A.D.  
 Reference: Sear 1902  
 Bust of Christ facing, wearing nimbus crown, pallium and colobium; infield to left, IC; to right, XC.

Cross pattee; above and beneath, IC/XC; on either side; NI - KA.



## Class M

Byzantine Empire  
[Anonymous Class M](#)  
 Bronze Follis  
 Struck during the reign of Alexius I, Comnenus  
 Byzantine Emperor: 4 April 1081 – 15 August 1118 A.D.  
 Reference: Sear 1903  
 Christ Enthroned Facing, wearing nimbus crown, pallium and colobium; in field to left, IC; to right, XC.

Jewelled cross, with three pellets at each extremity; beneath, large crescent.

## Class N

Byzantine Empire



[Anonymous Class](#)

N  
Bronze Follis  
26mm (6.61 grams)  
NICEPHORUS  
BASILACIUS -

Usurper: 1078 A.D.

Reference: Sear 1904; Numismatic Chronicle 1992, pp. 175-177

ΝΙΚΗΦΩ-ΡΟC ΒΑC, Bust of Christ facing, wearing nimbus crown, pallium and colobium, and raising right hand in benediction; in left hand, book of Gospels; to left, IC; to right, XC.

Patriarchal cross on base; in upper field, IC - XC; in lower field, NI - NA.

## Additional Non-Anonymous Coins Featuring Jesus Christ

This section is to cover other coins that feature Jesus Christ that were issued featuring the emperor and at times other rulers and family members.



### Constantine X & Eudocia 1059AD Ancient Byzantine Coin Jesus Christ i41773

Constantine X - Byzantine Emperor: 25 December 1059  
- 21 May 1067 A.D. -

Bronze Follis 24mm (5.44 grams) Struck at the mint of  
Constantinople circa 1059-1067 A.D.

Reference: [Sear 1853](#)

†ΕΜΜΑΝΟΒΗΛΑ. Christ standing facing on footstool, wearing nimbus crown, pallium and colobium, and raising right hand in benediction; in field to left, IC; to right, XC. -

†ΚΩΝ ΤΑ ΕΥΔΑΚ ΑΥΓΟ. Eudocia on left and Constantine, bearded on right standing facing, holding between them labarum, with cross on shaft, resting on three steps; each wears crown and loros.

### Constantine X Ducas 1059AD Large Ancient Byzantine Coin JESUS CHRIST i467

Constantine X - Byzantine Emperor: 25 December 1059



- 21 May 1067 A.D. -  
Bronze Follis 30mm (10.38 grams) Struck at the mint of Constantinople circa 1059-1067 A.D.

Reference: [Sear 1854](#)

†ΕΜΜΑΝΟΒΗΛΑ. - Bust of Christ facing, wearing nimbus crown, pallium and colobium, and raising right hand in benediction; in left hand, book of Gospels; to left, IC; to right, XC.

†ΚΩΝ ΡΑCΙΑΕΥC Ο ΔΟΥΚ - Bust facing, bearded, wearing crown and loros, and holding cross and akakia.



## JESUS CHRIST Ancient 1068AD Christian Byzantine Romanus IV Follis Coin i48619

Byzantine Empire  
[Romanus IV Diogenes](#) - Emperor: January 1, 1068 A.D.  
- August 19, 1071 A.D. -  
Bronze Follis 31mm (9.56 grams) Constantinople mint:

1068-1071 A.D.

Reference: [Sear 1866](#); B.M.C. 9-13

Bust of Jesus Christ facing, dotted cross behind head, wearing pallium and colobium, and holding book of Gospels with both hands; in field, IC - XC / NI - KA ("May Jesus Christ Conquer").

Cross, with globus and two pellets at each extremity, and X at center; in the angles, C - R / P - Δ.



## JESUS CHRIST Ancient Christian Byzantine Nicephorus III Follis 1078AD Coin i48623

Byzantine Empire  
[Nicephorus III Botaneiates](#) - Emperor: March 24, 1078  
- April 4, 1081 A.D.

Bronze Follis 24mm (5.51 grams) Constantinople mint: 1078-1081 A.D.

Reference: [Sear 1888](#)

Three-quarter length figure of Jesus Christ standing facing, wearing nimbus crown, pallium and colobium, and raising right hand in benediction; in left hand, book of Gospels; in field to left, IC over large star; to right, XC over large star.

Cross, with globule at each extremity; at center, circle containing star of eight rays; in the angles, C - Φ / N - Δ.





## JESUS CHRIST Ancient 1143AD Christian Byzantine Manuel I Tetarteron Coin i48626

[Byzantine Empire](#)

[Manuel I, Comnenus](#) - Emperor: 8 April 1143 - 24  
September 1180 A.D. -

Bronze Half Tetarteron 18mm (2.02 grams) Struck at the

mint of Thessalonica circa 1143-1180 A.D.

Reference: [Sear 1978](#); B.M.C. 64-6; R. 2150

Bust of Jesus Christ facing, beardless, wearing nimbus crown, pallium and colobium, and raising right hand in benediction; in left, scroll; to left, IC; to right, XC.

MANYHA ΔΕCΠIOTH, Manuel, bearded, standing facing, wearing crown and military attire and holding cruciform scepter and globe cross.

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