

EARLY CHRISTIAN SACRAL OBJECTS ON HERZEGOVINIAN SPACE

Abstract

The article is a review of archaeological localities on Herzegovinian space containing early Christian sacral objects. At the same time this serves as the only witness of Christian presence in this area before the seventh century. The author first, without deep involvement, talks about the directions of spreading of Christianity in the Roman province of Dalmatia, namely about the ways and time in which Christianization happened in the hinterland of some important colonies on the east Adriatic shore. Such include Salona, Naronna and Epidaurus. The material proof being the only sources of proof for Christian existence in this area, the focal point of the work are the archaeological investigations of early Christian localities which were conducted in the second half of the 20th century and the interpretations of the fore mentioned in relevant scientific literature.

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