

Answers



The carving shows an anchor cross. This was a common way of showing the cross before Christianity became legal – it was probably made before the year 300.

Why an anchor? Partly to hide the message that the owner was a Christian and also because the anchor was a sign of hope

Here we have an anchor for our soul

Letter to the Hebrews 6:19

On either side of the cross are fish – with their tails at the top. Again, the fish was a Christian sign as each letter of the Greek word for fish gave the start of the words

Jesus Christ Son of God Saviour

The ring was found in 2014 at the Roman fort of Binchester near Bishop Auckland. It shows that there were Christians in this part of the world from earliest times even when it was against the law to be one.