



Untitled [Emperor John and Pilgrims]

Medium

Cotton duck cloth, pigment

Description

Religious painting of Emperor John and other pilgrims on six reed boats traveling to an island church in Lake Tana. Top left boat carries swordsmen; far left boat has horn blowers; center left boat has drummers; lowest boat has priests w/hand-held crosses. Boat with animal heads fore & aft carries Emperor John, protected by umbrella. Upper right boat carries a woman and man. Each boat is steered by an oarsman. On far right of island there is a Psalmist.

Congregant couples appear on island and on shore. At bottom left, women prepare their hair & scarify their faces. At bottom right, swimmers are in lake. Signed center bottom: Artist Jenbere Wondimu.

Dimensions

28 3/8" x 47 1/4"

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