



**RARE FIND SOON TO BE AUCTIONED:**

Very Rare. 1st century BC, Hand-written Treasure Map of the famous Roman Pirate and general, Sexton Pompeius, 44-43 BC. Included in the lot are two (2) AR Denarius coins, Circa 44-43 BC depicting the bare head of Pompey the Great right; trident before, dolphin below / Ship sailing right; star above.

The hand-written papyrus map has been authenticated by Professors at the British Museum, London, and has been carbon dated to the first century BC. It is the only map known to exist of the pirate- turned-general - Sexton Pompeius, of the Roman Republic, 44-43 BC.

There are five known Denarius coins circa 44-43 BC. The first is housed at the Museo della Civiltà Romana, also known as the Museum of Roman History, in Rome, Italy. Two are held in private collections, and the last two coins will be awarded to the successful bidder, along with the map.

For security reasons, the map will not be allowed to be viewed until 5 minutes before the bidding starts. No photographic images are allowed. Certificates of Authentication can be viewed at the website hosting the auction at any time prior to bidding. Pre-registration required to bid.

Additional Information: The map was discovered in 1913 by Dr. L. Seymour in a cave on the coast of Italy while undertaking an excavation of the ancient city of Herculaneum, which was destroyed along with Pompeii in 79 AD. The cave was buried under several meters of ash. "The map has been well preserved due to the lack of oxygen in the cave". says Professor Tidwell of the British Museum, London.

The on-line auction is scheduled to take place in November, date and time TBA. The auction can be viewed live from their website.

Doesn't that sound exciting! It is exciting! Just to have the *chance* to find something of such great value! The map itself is of great value, but the treasure waiting at the end...that is what we see. Gold...Silver...Jewels...and who knows what else!

The pirate, Sexton Pompeius is real, the denarius coins are real, but, sad to say, the map is not. The story you just read was nearly complete fiction. But don't feel bad, for millenia people have been going off in search of their fortune. Our continent alone saw the Gold rushes of North Carolina (which began when a 17 pound nugget was purchased by a jeweler from a farmer who had been using it as a door stop), The Alaskan Gold Rush and the California Gold Rush. In addition were Silver Rushes, along with other minerals and the land of rush of Western Expansion.

Men and women would sell nearly everything they owned for the chance to "strike it rich" The reality; however; is that it was the men who sold the supplies that "struck it rich". The people were literally willing to *pay anything*, to secure the supplies they needed just for a mere *chance* to become rich.

### **Where your treasure is, there your heart is also. Matt 6:21**

*"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all that he had and bought that field.*

*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."* Matt 13:44-46

The Bible is our map, and the kingdom of heaven is the treasure. These men and women were searching for treasures that were temporary. The Bible tells us to *"Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."* Matt 6:20

Just like following any treasure map, the way to get from point "A" to "X Marks the Spot", is very specific. If you don't follow the directions, you never find the treasure. Taking any other route but the one given will lead you to nothing. There are no short cuts; and, there is no prize for just looking at the map.

How far are *you* willing to go... what are *you* willing to do... to secure the only treasure that goes with you when you die? *I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. 2 Cor 6:2* If the Lord said your time on earth was up, would you be ready?

## **Salvation**

**Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12**

