

The Frankish warrior

Excavations carried out on the necropolis of Cordiers show the presence of tombs from the Early Middle Ages, including several in the form of sarcophagi.

The most remarkable among them has been attributed to a Frankish warrior. The deceased lays in a sandstone sarcophagus, with a ridged lid and a middle girdle topped by a cross of Saint Andrew, perhaps the sign of a Christian conversion.

The grave goods, formed of three weapons (sword, francisca and spear), a belt and a pouch, containing a pair of scales in particular, make it possible to attribute the grave to that of a Frankish warrior of the second third of the sixth century. This grave is all the more interesting because it is evidence of a Frankish presence in a southern part of Gaul.

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