

# SPEAR OF LONGINUS

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## The Spear of Longinus

The Imperial Treasury (Ge: Schatzkammer) is located in Swiss Court yard in Hofburg palace and is one of the world's most important collections of imperial and royal regalia and jewels . Schatzkammer involves priceless objects from a thousand years of European history. The Treasury is divided into two sections: Secular and Ecclesiastical.



This Lance in Schatzkammer is one of the three or four major relics that are claimed to be the Holy Lance. According to the Gospel of John as Jesus hung on the Cross, a roman centurion pierced his side with a spear to find out whether he is dead or alive. For a long time the Holy Lance (also called the Spear of Destiny) was seen as a symbol of imperial power and the most noble of the imperial insignia, and its miraculous powers were considered capable of turning the course of battle.



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