



Buddha Shakyamuni

Date

14th century

Medium

Gilt copper alloy

Description

This sculptural representation of the Buddha shows him wearing a crown and monk's robes, a convention that became known as Vajrasana Buddha. It refers to a famous image of the Buddha in Vajrasana (present-day Bodhgaya), India, that commemorated the Buddha's enlightenment. Although in Tibet this type of Buddha's image was also associated with the principal image at the main temple in Lhasa, images of the crowned Buddha were popular and well known in all of Asia, including the

Himalayas and were among some of the earliest to come to Tibet.

Dimensions

17 3/4 × 15 5/8 × 10 1/2 in.