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Julius Caesar



Silver denarius, 17 mm, 3.91 gm.
Obverse: CAESAR
An elephant walking right, trampling a snake.
Reverse: The implements of Pontifex Maximus: Simplum, aespergillum, secures, and apex.

Minted 49-48 BC to fund the invasion of Italy.

Caius Julius Caesar, the son of an old Patrician family, rose quicly in Roman politics to become a member of the 1st triumvirate. He subjugated Gaul and invaded Britain. A civil war with Pompey began following his return to Italy. He won by 45 BC and was murdered on Ides of March, 44 BC.

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