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Julius Caesar



Silver denarius, 17 mm, 3.83 gm
Obv.: Head of Venus wearing a diadem
Rev.: CAESAR
Aeneas advancing left, holding palladium and bearing Anchises on his shoulder

Military mint traveling with Caesar in North Africa
Late 48 - 47 BC.

The Palladium was an archaic wooden statue of Pallas Athena that was rescued from a burning temple in Troy by the hero Aeneas, and carried by him to Italy. On this coin, Caesar references his Julian family's distant ancestor Aeneas carrying the Palladium along with his aged father, Anchises.

Crawford 458/1; CRI 55; Sydenham 1013; RSC 12

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