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Marcus Aurelius



Silver denarius, 17.5 mm, 3.22 gm.
Obv: Laureate head of Marcus Aurelius right
Rev: Mars, helmeted and wearing military attire, standing right, holding spear and resting hand on shield set on ground to right

161-180 AD.Struck 172 AD

The adopted son of Antoninus Pius, Marcus Aurelius served as co-emperor with his adopted brother Lucius Verus. His reign was marked by constant warfare, plague and insurrection. A devoted stoic, his 'Meditations' are still widely read. He was the last of a string of five wise and virtuous emperors. He died on his camp bed along the Danube.

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