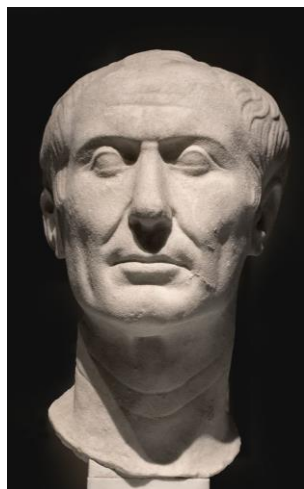




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49-44 BC JULIUS CAESAR, AS DICTATOR. AV AUREUS NGC CH AU 5/5 - 4/5



Gaius Julius Caesar was a Roman general and statesman who played a critical role in the events that led to the demise of the Roman Republic and the rise of the Roman Empire. In 60 BC, Caesar, Crassus and Pompey formed the First Triumvirate, a political alliance that dominated Roman politics for several years. Their attempts to amass power as Populares were opposed by the Optimates within the Roman Senate, among them Cato the Younger with the frequent support of Cicero. Caesar rose to become one of the most powerful politicians in the Roman Republic through a string of military victories in the Gallic Wars, completed by 51 BC, which greatly extended Roman territory. During this time he both invaded Britain and built a bridge across the Rhine river.

AV aureus (20mm, 8.12 gm, 5h). Rome, 46 BC, Aulus Hirtius, praetor. C•CAESAR-COS TER, veiled female head (Vesta or Pietas?) right / A•HIRTIVS•P R, lituus, oenochoe and securis, all turned left (emblems of the augurate and pontificate). Crawford 466/1. Sydenham 1017-1018. Hirtia 1 and Julia 22. Calicó 36. Perfectly struck with strong detail....from dies of lovely style. Very Rare this nice.

Additional Rarity: AV aureus (20mm, 8.12 gm, 5h) graded Choice AU★ 5/5 - 5/5 was sold in 2020 auction for \$39,600.

