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Medieval Monastic Relics



In medieval England, monasteries were important _____ of religion and learning. The monks who lived there dedicated their lives to _____ and study. One of the most fascinating aspects of these monasteries was their collection of _____. These relics were believed to be connected to saints and held significant _____ value. People from all over would come to the monasteries to see these _____.

One famous relic was a piece of the _____ on which Jesus was crucified. This relic was highly revered and thought to have _____ powers. Monasteries also often held relics like the bones of a _____. These remains were usually kept in elaborate _____ known as reliquaries. The presence of a relic could greatly increase the _____ of a monastery. Monks would often tell _____ about the relics to the visitors. These stories were sometimes about the life of the saint or the _____ associated with the relic. Pilgrims believed that being near these holy items could bring them _____ and even cure illnesses.

The design of the monasteries also reflected the importance of these relics. The _____ were often built to showcase them in the most _____ way. During special occasions, relics would be taken out in _____ around the monastery.

Despite their importance, after the _____, many relics were destroyed or lost. Today, only a few relics from the medieval period can be found in museums. They continue to be a _____ into the religious and cultural life of medieval England.

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