

Edwardian leather cased set of six silver apostle spoons, hallmarked
Birmingham 1904

£75



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Apostle spoons are ornate silver spoons traditionally bearing finials shaped as the twelve apostles, each identifiable by a distinctive emblem. Popular in England from the late medieval period through the seventeenth century, they were often given as christening gifts, symbolising spiritual guidance and prosperity.

Complete sets of twelve, or thirteen including Christ, were prized heirlooms among wealthy families. Crafted by skilled silversmiths, apostle spoons reflect religious devotion, social status, and fine workmanship.

Today they are valued by collectors and museums as charming survivals of domestic piety and Renaissance decorative art. Examples vary in scale, detail, and regional style; traditions endure.