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Caravaggio's "David with the Head of Goliath"



This painting is dated between the years 1609-1610. It could go back as early as 1605. The painting is displayed in the Galleria Borghese in Rome. It is thought to be one of Caravaggio's last works. If not it is the last of Caravaggio's work. He shows self disgust in this painting. The head of Goliath is actually a self portrait of Caravaggio himself. He shows disgust towards himself in the way that David is holding the head. An interesting part to this is that the face of David is actually a self portrait of a younger Caravaggio. His sword also has an inscription that says H-AS OS, which in Latin means "humanity kills pride."