

## Identifying Constantinian bronze coins.

The dynasty of Constantius I ruled for over 60 years and, as they mostly had similar names it is often difficult to attribute coins to one or another

Some of the inscriptions (on the right) are unique to particular rulers. e.g. Constantine I is the only one to have MAX as part of his titles and Constantine II alone has IVN (Junior) in his titles, etc. Only Constantius I and Constantine I have IMP as their first title.

If you cannot read the enough of the inscriptions to identify the ruler, try to narrow it down by the reverse designs.



Commemoratives of Constantinople or Rome can only be Constantine I. Reverses with pagan gods (Sol, Jupiter, Mars) must be Constantius I or Constantine I (or possibly Crispus or Constantine II as Caesar).

Reverse designs with altars, etc inscribed VOTIS X or XX can be anyone but VOTIS XXX can only be Constantine I as only he ruled for 30 years.



The FEL TEMP REPARATIO reverses (e.g. soldier dragging captive, soldier spearing fallen horseman, phoenix on a globe, etc.) were only issued by Constantine II, Constans and Constantius II. Reverses showing a soldier holding a Christian Standard (<sup>P</sup>/<sub>X</sub>) are most likely to be Constantine II, Constans and Constantius II, (though Constantine I did issue one but this is rare).

## Inscriptions on the 'heads' side

### Constantius I (father of Constantine I)

As Caesar 293-305 AD

CONSTANTIVS NOB CAES  
FL VAL CONSTANTIVS NOB CAES

As Augustus 305-306 AD

CONSTANTIVS AVG  
CONSTANTIVS PF AVG  
IMP C CONSTANTIVS PF AVG

### Constantine I (Constantine the Great)

As Caesar 306-307 AD

CONSTANTINVS NOB CAES  
FL VAL CONSTANTINVS NOB CAES

As Augustus 307-337 AD

CONSTANTINVS AVG  
CONSTANTINVS MAX AVG  
CONSTANTINVS P F AVG  
IMP CONSTANTINVS PF AVG

### The four sons of Constantine I

**Crispus** Caesar 317-326 AD

CRISPVS NOB CAES  
FL IVL CRISPVS NOB CAES  
FL IVL CRISPVS NOB C

### Constantine II

As Caesar 317-337 AD

CONSTANTINVS IVN NOB C  
CONSTANTINVS IVN N C

As Augustus 337-340 AD

CONSTANTINVS AVG  
CONSTANTINVS IVN AVG  
FL CL CONSTANTINVS PF AVG  
VIC CONSTANTINVS AVG

### Constans

As Caesar 333-337 AD

FL IVL CONSTANS NOB CAES  
FL IVL CONSTANS NOB C  
FL CONSTANS NOB C

As Augustus 337-350 AD

CONSTANS AVG  
CONSTANS P F AVG  
DN CONSTANS P F AVG

### Constantius II

As Caesar 324-337 AD

FL IVL CONSTANTIVS NOB C  
CONSTAN / TIVS / CAESAR (in 3 lines)

As Augustus 337-361 AD

CONSTANTIVS AVG  
CONSTANTIVS P F AVG  
D N CONSTANTIVS P F AVG