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Report on the dendrochronological analysis of the panel „Melanchthon“ (Cranach-follower,
signed 1532, Inv.-No. 4700/3)

The beech panel (18,7 x 12,9 cm) contains 77 growth rings. Using the beech-chronology the
rings could be dated between the years 1510 and 1434.

The youngest growth-ring was formed out in the year 1510.

Because for beechwood normally the entire tree was used an earliest felling date can be
derived for the year 1510. With a minimum of 2 years for seasoning an earliest creation of the
painting is possible from 1512 upwards.

Dr. Peter Klein