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Report on the dendrochronological analysis of the panel "Christ and Adulteress" (Lucas Cranach, Inv.-No. 394)

The beechwood panel (83.0 x 118.0 cm) consists of five boards. With a beechwood chronology of Germany the boards could be dated as following:

board I	no measurement		
board II	133	growth rings	1511 - 1379
board III	113	growth rings	1515 - 1403
board IV	126	growth rings	1530 - 1402
board V	163	growth rings	1527 - 1364

The youngest ring has been formed out in the year 1530.

For the manufacturing of beechwood panels normally only the bark was removed and the entire tree was used. Therefore an earliest felling date can be derived with the year 1530. Assuming a minimum of a 2 years storage time a creation is plausible from 1532 upwards.

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