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Produced in an Irish monastery of Iona and carried to Kells to escape a Viking raids, it has been revered and treated almost as a relic since it was made.

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The original building has probably had a number of alterations but preserves traces of Merovingian influence in its marble capitals.

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Art historians attempt to classify medieval art into major periods and styles with some difficulty, as medieval regions frequently featured distinct artistic styles such as Anglo-Saxon or Norse. The Evangelists are placed in a grid and enclosed in an arcade, as is common in the Mediterranean tradition.

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Why would an early medieval warlord want to own and probably display this thing? Background An illuminated manuscript contains text supplemented by the addition of decoration, such as decorated initials, borders marginalia , and miniature illustrations. It is possible that missionaries arriving from the south, amazed by the complexities of local metalwork patterning, created this new style together with local converts.

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The Britons did not give in without a fight, but after many years the invaders managed to overcome them and were to rule for over 500 years. The round-tower church and tower-nave church are distinctive Anglo-Saxon types.

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