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Note too, the use of atmospheric aerial perspective in the mountains in the distance. It was noticed that the bearded man holding his hands together in prayer is the same person as one of the Magi in the predella of the Pisa Polyptych, now in Berlin; furthermore it has been suggested that it may be a portrait of Donatello, while others think that Donatello is the old man with a beard between St Peter and St John.

Frescoes in the Cappella Brancacci of Santa Maria del Carmine in Florence (1426)

The chronology of the other known works is not clear, although they seem all to have been painted between 1425 and the artist's death, probably some time in 1428.

Masaccio Paintings, Bio, Ideas

And when he had called the saints and the widows, he presented her alive. This painting exemplifies Masaccio's skilful use of perspective - atmospheric perspective in the mountains to the left, and linear perspective in the building to the right,a technique that would have a significant influence on later Renaissance artists such as Piero della Francesca and Paolo Uccello.

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Giovanni continued work on such objects throughout his artistic career, earning him the nickname lo Scheggia the splinter on account of this, as well as his slim build. As a result, Theophilus, the entire population of Antioch and many others were converted to the faith; they built a magnificent church and in the centre of the church a chair for Peter, so that he could sit during his sermons and be heard and seen by all. The Brancacci Chapel, though structurally undamaged by the fire, suffered great damages to its frescoes.

How was the Brancacci Chapel originally seen?

In 1670 further alterations were carried out: the two levels of frescoes were divided by four sculptures set in carved and gilded wooden frames. All of the frescos tell the story of the life of St. Construction of the chapel was commissioned by Pietro Brancacci and begun in 1386.

The Brancacci Chapel: Masaccio in the Cappella Brancacci in Santa Maria del Carmine, Florence

The Tribute Money, though, is considered Masaccio's work entirely. Peter curing the sick with his shadow and the Distribution of goods, with the death of Ananias.

The Tribute Money (Masaccio)

The restoration also highlights Masaccio's mastery of chiaroscuro light and shade , which, combined with his grasp of perspective, created much marvel at the time.

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