

007 JULIAN

Basil! Maximus has taken you on, given you this opportunity, and now you're going to just walk away from him? People will notice. Will you embarrass him like this?

008 BASIL

Julian I am a Christian!

009 JULIAN

So am I! I am baptized.

010 BASIL

Well then stand up for your Christian Faith!

011 JULIAN

A good Christian would have more respect for the authorities that have been placed over him.

012 MAXIMUS

Enough, Julian. It is alright. Come on, let Basil go back to his Christian friends. Goodbye, Basil.

MAXIMUS AND JULIAN WALK AWAY.

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START >>>

013 GREGORY

Come on, Basil. Let us return to our studies.

014 BASIL

I stand by what I said.

015 GREGORY

You've said enough for one day.

016 BASIL

Has someone appointed you over me to judge my actions?

017 GREGORY

I am your friend, Basil. I don't want you to go the way of the world! But you're spending time with - with platonists and *Julian*?

018 BASIL

It's not as if he teaches philosophy and religion, Gregory. It's rhetoric. Debate. There's a wider world out there!

019 GREGORY

You cannot have what the world
offers and God as well - you have
to choose.

020 BASIL

Gregory, that's not fair I-

021 GREGORY

(disappointed)

God be with you, Basil.

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GREGORY WALKS AWAY.

022 BASIL

But Gregory - wait! Gregory!

(beat)

Lord. What is happening to me? I'm
losing friends... I need... I need
a good mentor.

MUSIC BUILDS, SFX DRONE, TRANSITION:

6 INT. EUSTATHIUS STUDY - NIGHT

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DOOR CREAKS. BASIL ENTERS.

023 BASIL

Bishop Eustathius. I'm sorry to
interrupt-

024 EUSTATHIUS

Basil? What are you doing here?

025 BASIL

I'm sorry, I just, well I have a
few questions.

026 EUSTATHIUS

What are your questions?

027 BASIL

My family are all good Christians.
Martyrs, bishops. And Gregory, he
is a good Christian.

028 EUSTATHIUS

Yes. The boy would make a good
priest.

029 BASIL

Yes. But in Athens, I have met
others. Julian is a Christian-