

TARCISIUS Episode Three: "The Sacred Mystery" 8.

SFX: LYRE MUSIC SWELLS.

7 INT. TARCISIUS'S HOME - DAY

SFX: KNOCK ON THE WOODEN DOOR. LIVIA CROSSES.

052 LIVIA
Who's there?

Side 1
START >>>

053 CATO
(from the other side)
It's me, Cato.

054 LIVIA
Cato?

SFX: WOODEN DOOR OPENS.

055 LIVIA (CONT'D)
Tarcisius isn't here. I thought he
was with you and Cornelius.

056 CATO
He's not. Can I come in,
Tarcisius's Mamma?

057 LIVIA
Yes. Sit down and I'll get you
something to eat.

058 CATO
I was hoping you would.

SFX: DOOR SHUTS. WOODEN CHAIR SLIDING OUT. CATO
SITS.

059 LIVIA
I worry about you all alone on the
streets, Cato.

060 CATO
A group of us without parents or
homes stick together. We sleep down
by the river.

061 LIVIA
Still...

062 CATO
I'm more worried about Tarcisius.

063 LIVIA
What gives you reason? Here's some
honey cakes.

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SFX: A CERAMIC PLATE SLIDING ON A WOODEN TABLE.

064 CATO
Mmm. Thank you.
(mouth full)
*'Arcisius 'ollowed 'Amascus the
other day...*

065 LIVIA
Did you say Tarcisius followed
Damascus?

066 CATO
Mmm-hmmm. The day we saw all those
Christians being arrested.

067 LIVIA
Followed Damascus where?

068 CATO
(swallowing)
Don't know. Ever since, Tarcisius
is acting like he's got a secret.

069 LIVIA
(to herself)
The day you saw the arrests...and
there have been even more arrests
lately...

070 CATO
I don't want things to change.
Cornelius doesn't want to be around
me. And I'm scared Tarcisius will
change his mind, too.

071 LIVIA
About what?

072 CATO
About being my friend.

073 LIVIA
You mustn't worry. You... You
should try to give your worry to
God in prayer.

074 CATO
What god do you pray to?

075 LIVIA
There was a time my husband and I
believed in the one true God...but
it's too dangerous now.

076 CATO

So who do you give your worries to,
if you can't give them to the one
true God?

077 LIVIA

Let me get you some milk to go with
your honey cakes. And I think we
have a few dates somewhere...

078 CATO

Thanks, Tarcisius's mamma!

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SFX: SWEET LYRE MUSIC PLAYS OUT THE SCENE.

8 INT. CATACOMBS - DAY

Post Eucharistic celebration.

SFX: THE END OF ANCIENT CHANTING.

Father Rufus and Damascus join Tarcisius at the altar.

079 DAMASCUS

Good job today, little brother.
You're learning fast.

080 TARCISIUS

Not fast enough! How much longer
until I can take the Eucharist,
Father Rufus?

081 RUFUS

(chuckles)

I've had eager acolytes before, but
your devotion to the Eucharist is
like nothing I've yet seen.

082 TARCISIUS

Really? But... how can anyone stand
the wait to take their first
Eucharist?

083 DAMASCUS

I wasn't nearly so impatient for my
first Eucharist, trust me. It took
time for my understanding to grow.

084 TARCISIUS

But the Eucharist is so important!
That's why we have to get it to the
prisoners, right, Father?