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061 TARCISIUS

Mamma's been saying that you're out all the time and missing meals with us because you're in looove. But I knew better. It's because you're a Christian!

062 DAMASCUS

(chuckles)

Being Christian is about love. The love of Jesus Christ.

063 TARCISIUS

Damascus, that man at your gathering today. He was talking about the body and blood of Christ...

064 DAMASCUS

That's Father Rufus. He's the priest who leads our gatherings.

065 TARCISIUS

Everyone says Christians are cannibals, but it looked like you were just having bread and wine to me.

066 DAMASCUS

Eucharist is one of the sacred mysteries.

067 TARCISIUS

A secret mystery? I guess all mysteries are secret, aren't they?

068 DAMASCUS

Sacred mystery. The Eucharist is a special way Jesus gives Himself to us. Bread and wine are consecrated by the priest and transformed in the actual body and blood of Christ.

069 TARCISIUS

The actual body and blood? So you are cannibals?!

070 DAMASCUS

It's not like people think. The Eucharist is the way Jesus can live within us, and we can live in Him.

071 TARCISIUS
You have Jesus inside of you!?
Like...in your stomach?

072 DAMASCUS
(laughs)
No! It's...
(groans in frustration)
I'm sorry, Tarcisius. Father Rufus
explains this a lot better.

073 TARCISIUS
Well...I want to learn.

074 DAMASCUS
You do?

075 TARCISIUS
Yes. Can you take me to meet Father
Rufus?

076 DAMASCUS
Hold up, little brother.
(changing his mind)
Maybe you should forget you saw
anything. If Mamma ever found out--

077 TARCISIUS
But I can't forget. When I saw you
taking Eucharist today... it felt
like there was a presence there.
Like someone had just come into the
room, and suddenly I remembered.

078 DAMASCUS
Remembered what?

079 TARCISIUS
What it was like when Pappa was
here, and we used to pray together.
But it was so much more than that,
too. Please, I want to go back and
learn from Father Rufus.

Beat.

080 DAMASCUS
You saw the Christians being hauled
off to jail today. It's dangerous.

081 TARCISIUS
But it's not dangerous for you?

082 DAMASCUS

It is, but... I've been called by God to live this life. I've decided that I'm going to become a priest... like Father Rufus.

083 TARCISIUS

What if they put you in prison?

084 DAMASCUS

Then I'll be a priest in prison.

085 TARCISIUS

What if they... kill you?

086 DAMASCUS

(resolute)

I'm willing to give my life for the one who gave His life for me.

087 TARCISIUS

When Mamma talks about the Christians, she's scared. But when you talk about danger and prison and dying, you're not. Lately, every time I see you...you've never been so happy.

088 DAMASCUS

Because I have found joy in Jesus.

089 TARCISIUS

Then share that joy with me! If you really loved me, you'd want me to be closer to Jesus - like you and Pappa.

(a beat)

Please, Damascus. Take me with you.

A long silence as Damascus contemplates.

090 DAMASCUS

If I thought you just wanted to go because I'm going, I wouldn't. But the way you talk about the Eucharist...

(sighs)

Tomorrow, I'll take you to the catacombs and you can meet with Father Rufus.

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091 TARCISIUS

Thank you, Damascus!