

19 Women Presbyters

- What was a presbyter and what did presbyters do?
- Bishops, presbyters, and deacons/deaconesses
- Not a direct line from bishop to presbyter, but from bishop to deacon
- Presbyters as council of the bishop, then to churches in the countryside

- Ambiguity in the word *presbyter*: elder or leader?
- Mrs. Presbyter?

- 4th-5th c. epitaphs of women presbyters
- Flavia Vitalia, Leta, Guilia Runa

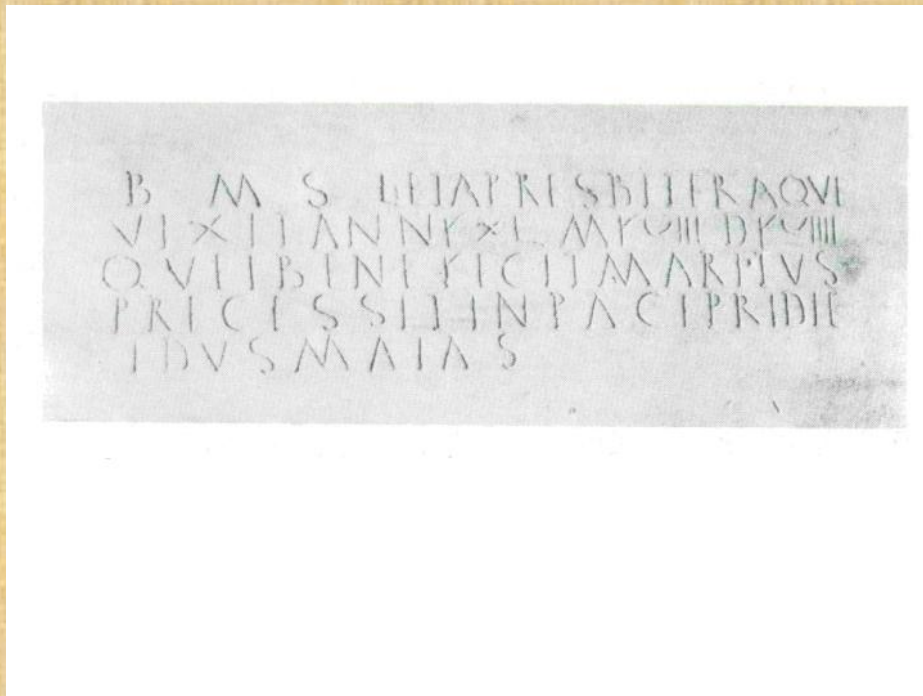


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