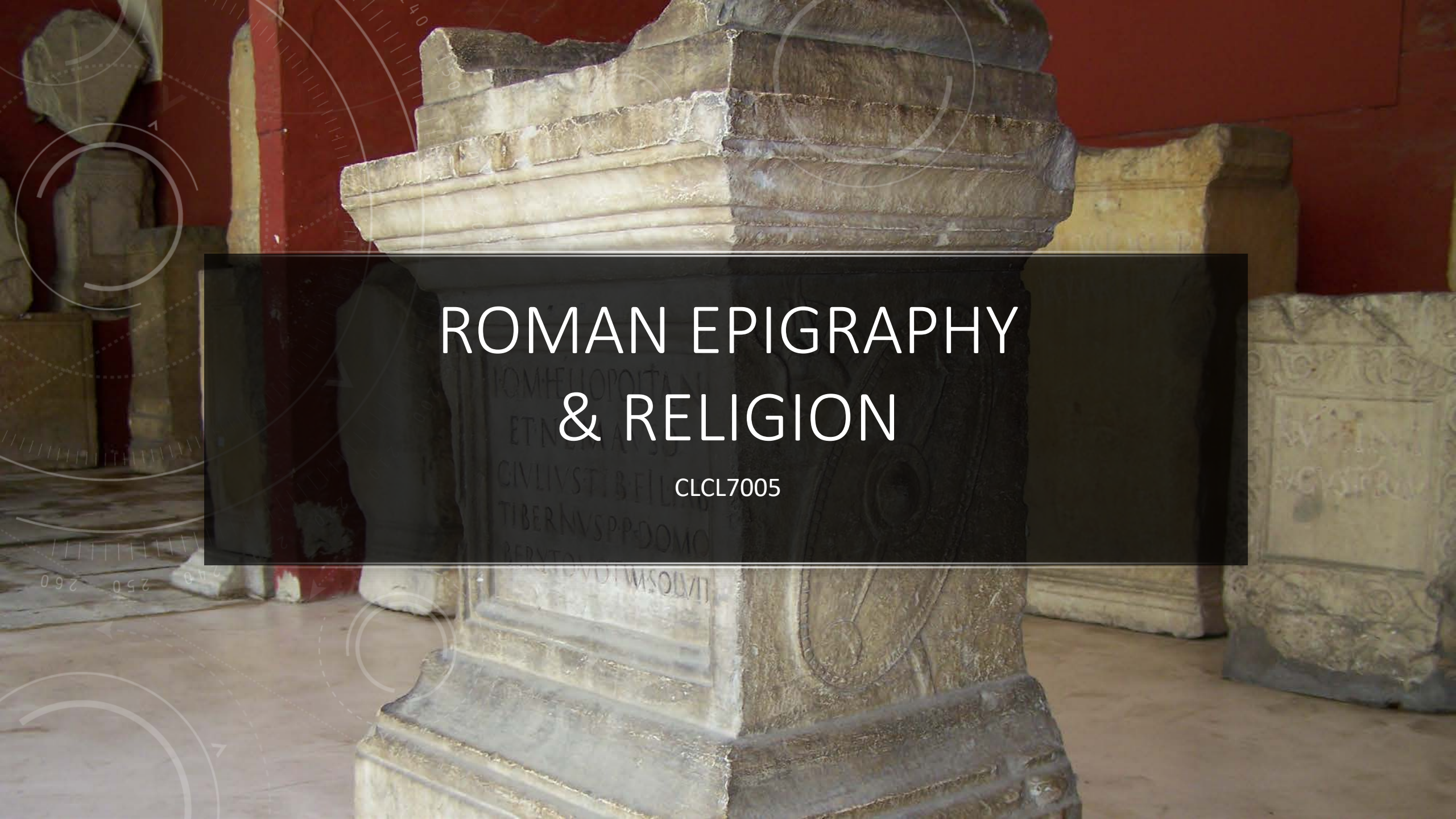


A photograph of a large, weathered stone block, likely a Roman epigraphic stone, with Latin inscriptions. The stone is light-colored with some darker, possibly carved, areas. The background is a solid red wall. The stone is positioned in the center of the frame, with other stone fragments visible to the left and right. The text is overlaid on a dark, semi-transparent rectangular area in the center of the image.

ROMAN EPIGRAPHY & RELIGION

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- Inscriptions provide an insight into religious activities across the Roman empire
- Rome had no religious missionary ambitions, and yet, religious activities, rituals, communications were changing
 - Why?
 - Who?
 - When?
- Persistence vs. Innovation

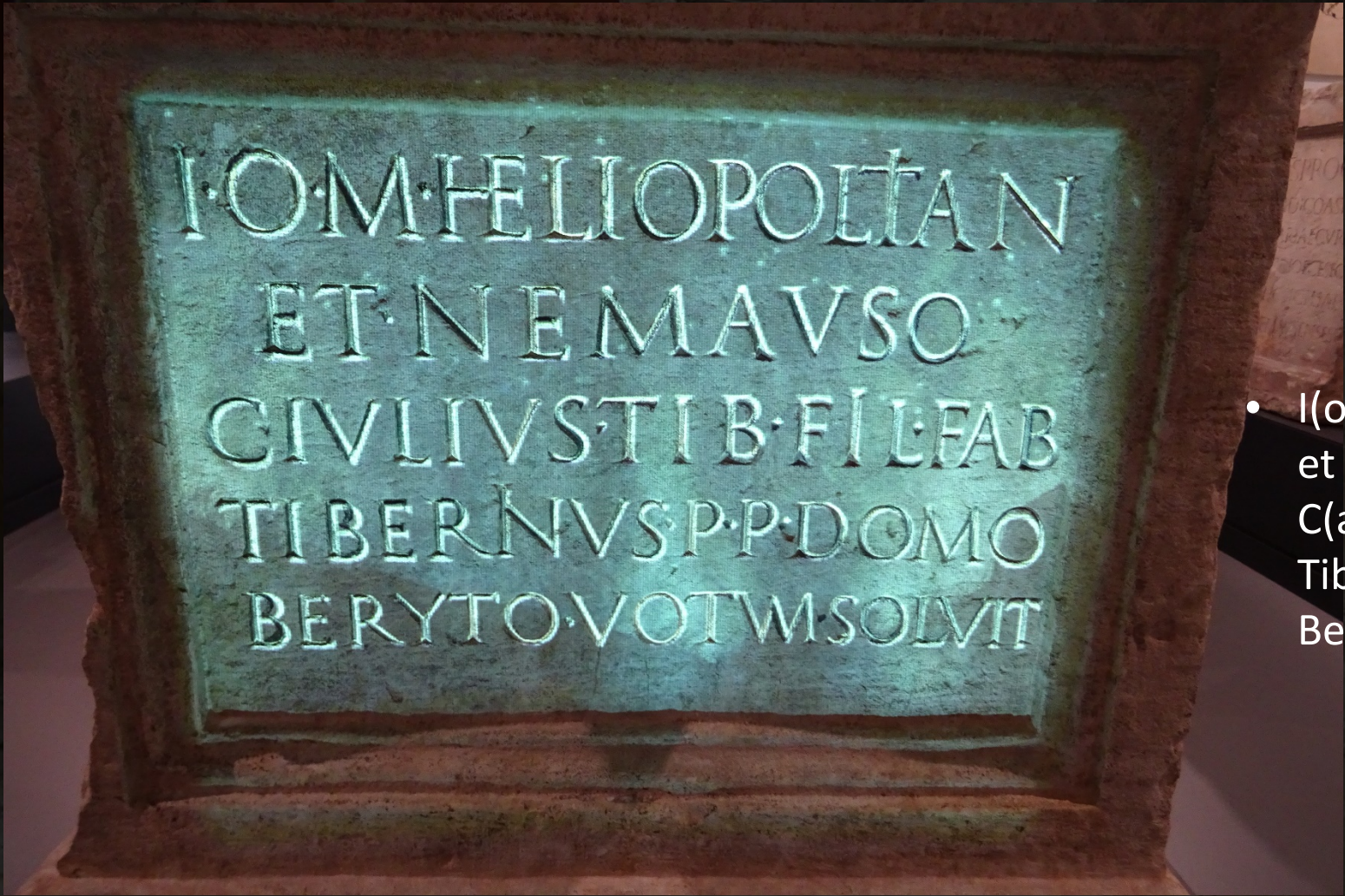
CIL XII 3072
Nemausus / Nîmes



ligature

I·O·M·**HE**·LIOPOLITAN
ET·NEMAVSO
CIVLIVS·TIB·FIL·FAB
TIBERNVS·P·P·DOMO
BERYTO·VOTVM·SOLVIT

- I O M HĒLIOPOLITAN
ET NEMAVSO
C IVLIVS TIB FIL FAB
TIBERĪNV S P P DOMO
BERYTO VOTV̄M SOLVIT



I·O·M·HELIOPOLITAN
ET·NEMAUSO
CIVLIVSTIB·FIL·FAB
TIBERNVS·P·P·DOMO
BERYTO·VOTVM·SOLVIT

- I(ovi) O(ptimo) M(aximo) H[^]eliopolîtan(o) /
et Nemauso /
C(aius) Iulius Tib(eri) fil(ius) Fab(ia) /
Tiberînus p(rimi)p(ilaris) domo /
Beryto votûm solvit.

Leiden Conventions

<http://www.csad.ox.ac.uk/varia/unicode/Dohnicht.pdf>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leiden_Conventions

To Jupiter, the Best and Greatest, Heliopolitanus

I·O·M·HELIOPOLITAN

ET·NEMAVSO

CIV
TIB
BEP



Baalbek = Heliopolis
→ Ba'al

no) M(aximo) Heliopolitan(o) /
o /
s Tib(eri) fil(ius) Fab(ia) /
(rimi)p(ilaris) domo /
m solvit.

To Jupiter, the Best and Greatest, Heliopolitanus

I·O·M·H·E·L·I·O·P·O·L·I·T·A·N

E·T·N·E·M·A·V·S·O

E·F·A·B

O·M·O

D·I·V·I·T

- I(ovi) O(ptimo) M(aximo) Heliopolîtan(o) /
et Nemauso /
C(aius) Iulius Tib(eri) fil(ius) Fab(ia) /
Tiberînus p(rimi)p(ilaris) domo /
Beryto votûm solvit.

What is Ba'al / Jupiter
Heliopolitanus doing in
Southern Gaul...?

Baalbek = Heliopolis
→ Ba'al



To Jupiter, the Best and Greatest, Heliopolitanus
and to Nemausus

I·O·M·HELIOPOLITAN

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Beryto votûm solvit.

Jupiter, the Best and Greatest, Heliopolitanus

I·O·M·HELIOPOLITA

ET·NEMAVSO

CIVLIVS·TIB·FIL·FA

TIBERNVS·P·P·DOMO

BERYTO·VOTVM·SOLVIT

Who is the god Nemausus?

- Nemausus / Nîmes
- Nemetona
- nemeton = Celtic for 'sacred grove'

NEMAVSO

Q·CRASSVS

SECVNDIVS

Q·COL

o) M(aximo) Heliopolîtan(o) /

Tib(eri) fil(ius) Fab(ia) /

imi)p(ilaris) domo /

n solvit.

To Jupiter, the Best and the Most
and to Nemausus

tanus

) Heliopolîtan(o) /

us) Fab(ia) /
omo /

Who is the god Nemausus?

- Nemausus / Nîmes
- Nemetona
- nemeton = Celtic for 'sacred grove'

CARNYX

Did people still know what they were used for?

To Jupiter, the Best and the Most Auspicious
and to Nemausus

I·O·M·HELIOPOLITAN
ET·NEMAVSO

CIVLIVS·TIB·FILI·FAB
TIBERNVS·P·P·DOMO

(Nemausus) Heliopolîtan(o) /

(Tiberius) Fab(ia) /
Domus /

to votum so

CARNYX

Did people still know what they were used for?



To Jupiter, the Best and Greatest, Heliopolitanus
and to Nemausus

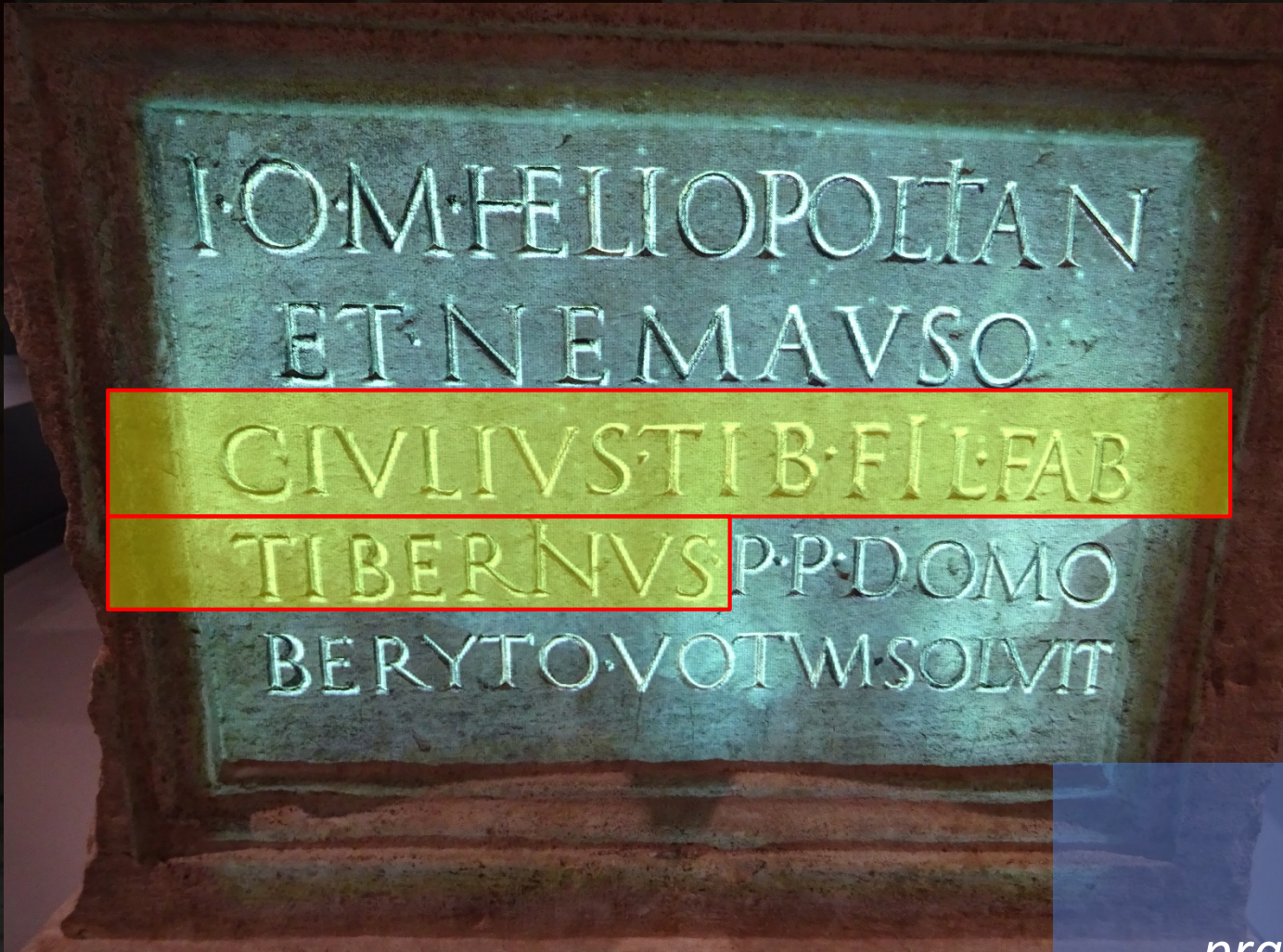
ximo) Heliopolîtan(o) /

i) fil(ius) Fab(ia) /
laris) domo /

Who is the god Nemausus?

- Nemausus / Nîmes
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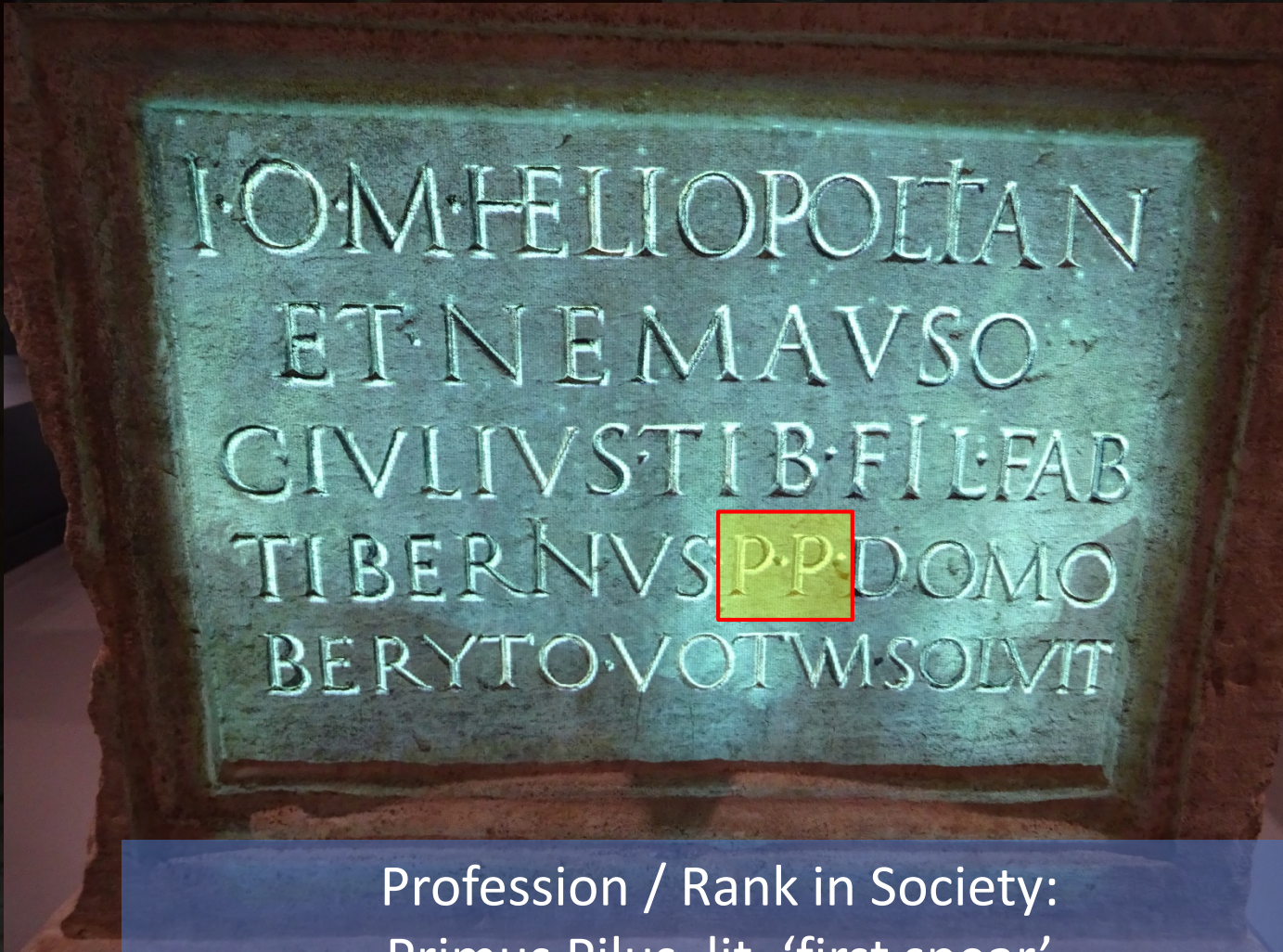
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To Jupiter, the Best and Greatest, Heliopolitanus
and to Nemausus,
Gaius Iulius Tiberinus, son of Tiberius,
of the Fabia (voting tribe)

- I(ovi) O(ptimo) M(aximo) Heliopolîtan(o) /
et Nemauso /
C(aius) Iulius Tib(eri) fil(ius) Fab(ia) /
Tiberînus p(rimi)p(ilaris) domo /
Beryto votûm solvit.

Names & Identity:
here: *tria nomina*

praenomen – *gentilicium* – *cognomen*
filiation – *tribus* – *origo*



I·O·M·HELIOPOLITAN
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BERYTO·VOTVMSOLVIT

To Jupiter, the Best and Greatest, Heliopolitanus
and to Nemausus,
Gaius Iulius Tiberinus, son of Tiberius,
of the Fabia (voting tribe), Primus Pilus

- I(ovi) O(ptimo) M(aximo) Heliopolîtan(o) /
et Nemauso /
C(aius) Iulius Tib(eri) fil(ius) Fab(ia) /
Tiberînus p(rimi)p(ilaris) domo /
Beryto votûm solvit.

Profession / Rank in Society:

Primus Pilus, lit. 'first spear'

→ the highest ranking centurion in a legion

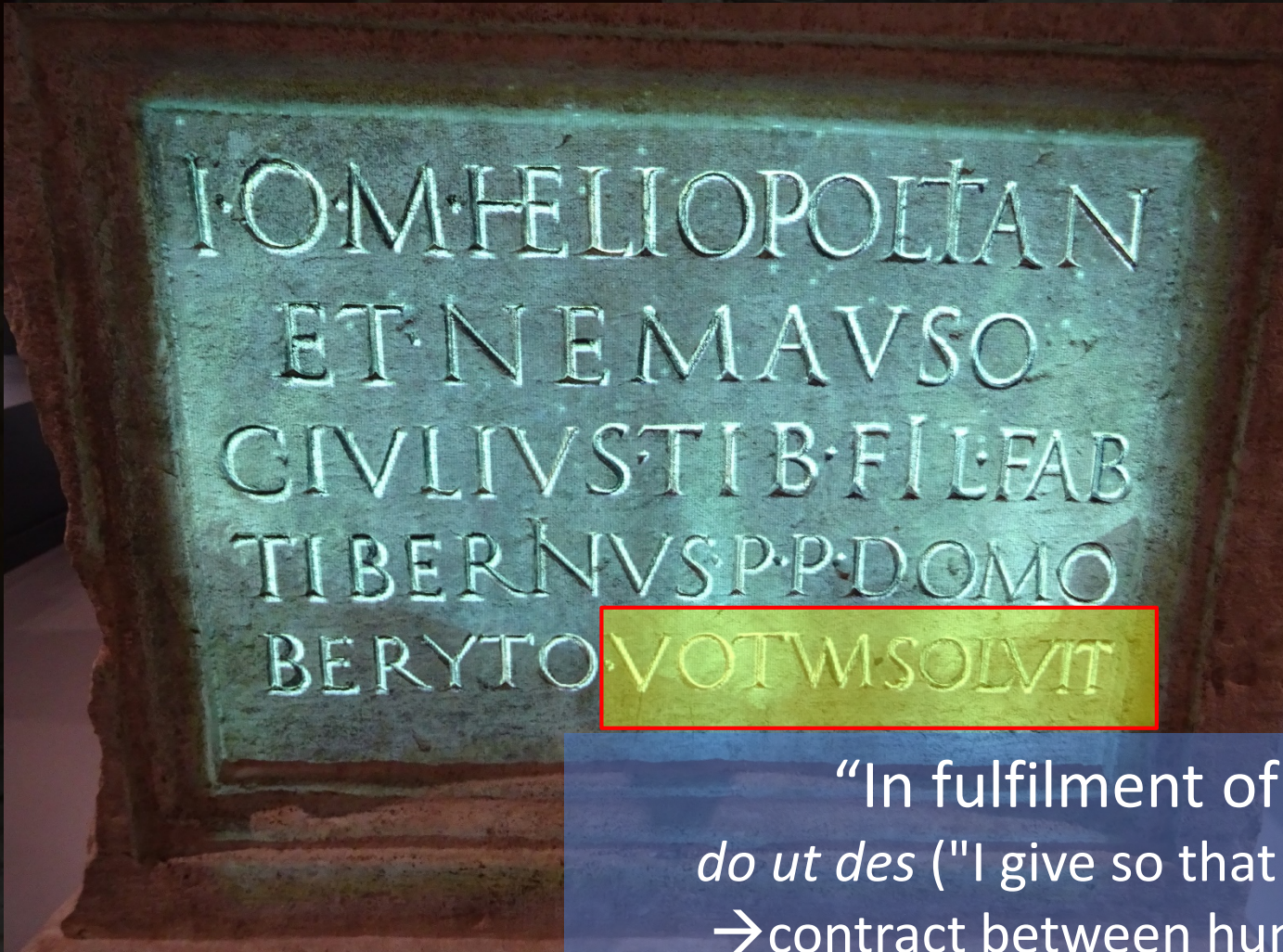
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To Jupiter, the Best and Greatest, Heliopolitanus
and to Nemausus,
Gaius Iulius Tiberinus, son of Tiberius,
of the Fabia (voting tribe), Primus Pilus, native of
Beirut

- I(ovi) O(ptimo) M(aximo) Heliopolîtan(o) /
et Nemauso /
C(aius) Iulius Tib(eri) fil(ius) Fab(ia) /
Tiberînus p(rimi)p(ilaris) domo /
Beryto votûm solvit.

origo

Beryto → Beirut
(90 km west of Baalbek)



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BERYTO·VOTVM SOLVIT

To Jupiter, the Best and Greatest, Heliopolitanus
and to Nemausus,
Gaius Iulius Tiberinus, son of Tiberius,
of the Fabia (voting tribe), Primus Pilus, native of
Beirut, has fulfilled his vow.

- I(ovi) O(ptimo) M(aximo) Heliopolîtan(o) /
et Nemauso /
C(aius) Iulius Tib(eri) fil(ius) Fab(ia) /
Tiberînus p(rimi)p(ilaris) domo /
Beryto votûm solvit.

“In fulfilment of a vow”

do ut des ("I give so that you will give")

→ contract between human and deity

→ reciprocity of exchange

between human being and deity

→ Most religious dedications are ex votos...

CONTEXTUAL ANALYSIS

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Porticus

- 1 MINERVA
- 1 HONORIFIC INSCR

Spring

- 5 NEMAUSUS
(2 ~ JUPITER)
- 1 RIG G-204
- 1 VENUS AUGUSTA
- 1 AUGUSTUS – 25BC
- 1 IMP. CULT
- 1 HONORIF. INSCR.

So-called Diana temple

- 2 NEMAUSUS
- 1 MATREBO/MATRES
- 1 PROXSUMES
- 2 NYMPHS
- 1 IMP CULT
- 7 HONORIFIC INSCR

South of Sanctuary:

- 1 MATRES, 2 PROXUMES,
1 Demeter, 1 QUARTA,
1 APOLLO, 1 HERCULES,
4 Venus

Tour Magne / Hill

- 2 ISIS & 1 SERAPIS
- 1 SUCELLOS
- 2 PROXSUMES
- 1 ALAMINOS
- 1 HERCULES

From the Spring Sanctuary

- 1 RIG G-205
- 2 NEMAUSUS
- 2 NYMPHS, 1 APOLLO
- 1 PROXSUMES
- 1 VICTORIA AUG.
- 1 Anubis
- 1 LARES AUG, FONS URA
- 1 AUGUSTUS by
vicus Arcevotum
- 4 HONORIFIC INSCR.

Quai de la Fontaine

- 1 PROXSUMES
- 1 SILVANUS
- 1 Fortuna

CONTEXTUAL ANALYSIS

Meaning of
Sanctuary ?
“Augusteum” ?





What information does this one inscription provide us?

- Migration of People and Deities
- People's identities
- Concept of Roman citizenship
- Insight into religious activities in a provincial Roman city (*colonia*) ?
- Local & Global
 - Local: Nemausus (Celtic? Native?)
 - Global: Ba'al / Jup. Heliop.
- Contextual Analysis
- Does the inscription mislead us...?

QUESTIONS...?

