

Funerary altar of the argentarius Lucius Calpurnius Daphnus



Subject

Funerary altar representing a market scene, dedicated by Apelle, freedman of Claudius or Nero, and Asconia Quarta to L. Calpurnius Daphnus argentarius Macelli Magni. Found in the Calpurnia sepulchre in the archaeological area of the Tombs of the Via Latina.

The altar, currently in a private collection, provides clear chronological indication about the sepulchre's use during the Neronian age. In this period the large market on Celio, where the deceased man carried out his job of money dealer.

Accession number –

Marble

Height 79 cm; width 41 cm; depth 34.5 cm; letters height between 0.4 and 2.7 cm

Second half of 1st cent. A.D.

Provenance

Tombs of the Via Latina, Calpurnia sepulchre

Placement

Massimo collection, Palazzo Massimo alle Colonne, Rome.

Credits

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