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EUSTATHIUS, ACTS OF, Christian martyrological text, of which versions survive in many languages, including Greek, Latin, Syriac, and Armenian. Several fragments of the manuscript C2 (preserved in Berlin, in the Turfan collection of the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Preussischer Kulturbesitz, Orientabteilung, and in the Museum für Indische Kunst) have been identified by Schwartz and Sims-Williams as belonging to a Sogdian version of the legend, translated from the Syriac. The story is set in the Roman empire during the reigns of Trajan (98-117 C.E.) and Hadrian (117-138 C.E.). Its central character is a general named Placidus, who becomes a Christian after seeing a vision of Christ between the antlers of a stag and is baptized under the name Eustathius (Eustace). By a series of mishaps, Eustathius, his wife, and his two sons, are all separated from one another, only to be miraculously reunited many years later and to suffer martyrdom together.

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