## Gaius Julius Quadratus Bassus (ca.67-117 AD)

The biography of Julius Quadratus Bassus may be pieced together through this inscription combined with at least two other inscriptions. One is a bronze military diploma in Latin, for an unnamed figure, that was discovered in Heliopolis ([*CIL* III 14387d](http://www.mikoflohr.org/data/texts/CIL_3_14387d__7988/) and *Inscr. Syrie* 2775). The many corresponding details led von Premerstein (1934) to suggest that this concerns Julius Quadratus Bassus, which Habicht finds persuasive. This information is complemented by a small fragment from the San Saba church in Rome, interpreted by Gregori (2003) as further relating the career of Bassus. Together these present a picture of the *cursus honorum*, the path to the Roman Senate and to positions of leadership that elite males could follow.