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- 1 In this contribution, Nabel reflects on the meeting between king Tiridates and emperor Nero that took place in the Roman forum in 66 AD and during which the Arsacid formally obtained by the Romans the kingship of Armenia. He establishes a parallel with a passage by Procopius where the Sasanian king Peroz, trapped with his army by the Hephthalites, is compelled to purchase salvation at the cost of his dignity. Peroz avoids humiliating himself in front of the enemy, simply performing the usual morning prayers prescribed by the Zoroastrian rite during the ceremony, letting the enemy perceive them as an act of submission. According to Nabel, Tiridates played a part with Nero in Rome shrewdly using protocols and languages from religious rituals meant to pay homage to deities and inducing the Romans to interpret his behaviours as a submission towards Nero.

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