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Sommario/riassunto	With the emergence of the cult of saints, their remains assumed a central role, becoming sources of miraculous events and healings. According to the accounts of their martyrdom, the bodies were initially removed immediately after death to protect them from destruction by the elements or animals.