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Half a century earlier diglossia was put on display inscribed with both Chir of East Syriac (aka “Nest” (figure 0.2). The stele de (figure 0.2). The stele de c.E.—who may not have court (Thompson 2009) religion of Da Qin, “from” Along its sides, the stele de of all the Christian bishops of the inscription (figure...