Colossae, Laodicea, and Hierapolis all lie in the same area of south-west Turkey. Hierapolis and Laodicea have yielded archaeological and epigraphic material which is likely to provide useful background for interpreting future discoveries at Colossae. Colossae is an ancient site of great importance to students of Greek and Roman History and Early Christianity.

With the aid of a small group of inscriptions, evidence for the activity of imperial freedmen and wealthy women from early imperial Laodicea will be discussed in relation to the funding of public buildings; interaction between individuals and civic authorities; intermarriage between Romans and Greeks, and the holding of public offices.

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