

QUO VADIS

Full feature animation film

SHORT STORY SUMMARY

Based on the internationally successful and Nobel Prize winning book written by Henryk Sienkiewicz; Quo Vadis is a tale about eternal love and good no matter religious or cultural belonging. Told through a love story of the young and royal Roman soldier Marcus Vinicius, and Lygia, the daughter of a defeated king from a distant corner of Europe that is being held by the Roman Empire, the story full of historical characters and events, Quo Vadis is set in 63 AD during the reign of the tyrannical Nero. Returning from war as a hero, Vinicius stops at the residence of the retired General Plautius to rest, there, he sees and instantly falls in love with Lygia. A young Christian during the early emergence and persecution of Christians in Rome, Lygia lives by a high set of values and morals and can't fully give her heart to Vinicius until he too lives his life dedicated to good and love. Having to have Lygia, Vinicius enlists the help of his uncle Petronius, a former Governor and very influential member of Nero's high court to help him. Petronius himself is involved in a budding love that is transforming him towards good with his beautiful servant, Eunice. Petronius hatches a plan to get Lygia for Vinicius and speaks to Nero, convincing him to order Lygia to be brought to the palace as property of the Empire, with the eventual plan to have her then given to Vinicius as a present. At one of Nero's extravagant parties, a drunken Vinicius tries to seduce Lygia. Trying to resist his advances, Lygia is saved by her bodyguard Ursus and escapes to her Christian friends. Vinicius and Petronius enlist the Greek Chilo to investigate, eventually finding out about her Christian identity and location. While trying to raid the home where Lygia is staying, Vinicius is wounded and knocked unconscious by Ursus. When Vinicius returns to Petronius', he is a changed man, a believer and follower of good. A great fire breaks out in Rome, and although caused by Nero himself, he blames the Christians. Vinicius desperately tries to find and save Lygia as Christians are being executed during the mass games at the arena. In a showdown, Lygia is rescued during the games and reunited with Vinicius in love as Nero and the gluttony of the Empire crumble around them.