

the acts of the successor of St. Peter, and therefore he should be acquitted without investigation. That is a pretty extreme stand to take, but that is his stand, we do not know whether the charges were right or unjustified in this case, the next I want to mention is the successor Felix IV, how he came in, mention Theodoric, his last act was to nominate Felix IV, a very worthy man to be bishop of Rome, Theodoric found it impossible to give it to whoever had the majority of votes because the strife was so great that it was pretty hard to tell, and so Theodoric picked out a good man in the Roman church and said this man is to be the bishop and he ordered that hereafter as before the pope could be elected by the clergy and people and but he must be confirmed by the king before he can assume his office, with this understanding the clergy in the city said we do not like the idea of the king who is an Arian anyway to appoint the bishop of Rome but with such hard fighting here that it seems almost necessary and since he promised that we will have the chance to elect the next one, we agree to have him, so Felix seems to have been a very worthy man became the ~~bishop~~ bishop of Rome in 526, he was quite elderly, and in 530 when he was felt that his end was drawing near, he gathered the clergy together in Rome and he said to them I don't want fighting after I die as to who is going to be the next bishop, he said here is a decent of mind a man named Boniface, a fine man and he said that I want him to be the next pope, and so he said if anybody here who will not promise to support him I will excommunicate that man immediately and so he they promised and they promised to support him and also to avoid excommunication and so he said that Boniface II would be the next pope however as soon as he was dead the clergy assembly and out of 67 of them 60 voted for a different man, Dioscurus instead of Boniface II, and so 60 wanted Dioscurus and Boniface had been declared to be pope by the previous one and he was able to support enough power to get himself installed as the pope and so you had bitter fighting between the sides, 60 voted against him but he got control and managed to seize some of the leading buildings and got himself established there and Dioscurus was a man from the east a man of very high quality man, Greek background and the Catholic enc. says that it was very