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During the Julio-Claudian period, the modalities of imperial succession were not yet precisely defined. The study hypothesizes that marriage to an *Augusta* (a term used to describe a woman in the entourage of the domus Augusta) could represent a form of legitimization for the husband (or future husband) with a view to obtaining imperial power. The marriages of Sejan and C. Silius to (Claudia) Livia Julia during the reign of Tiberius, and to Valeria Messalina during the reign of Claudius, are examined from this perspective.