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ACT III SCENE III

Where is Romeo hidden?

Act 3.2 begins in Friar Lawrence's cell. The Nurse has already said that Romeo is hiding there and this confirms that is true.

How does Romeo bear the news of his punishment? How is that different than the way the Friar views it?

"Ha, banishment! Be merciful, say 'death,'" (3.3, 12)
O rude and unthankfulness! / Thy fault our law calls death, but the kind Prince ... turned that black word "death" to "banishment" (3.3, 24-27)

Banished

"'Tis torture, not mercy, heaven is here, / Where Juliet lives" (3.3, 29-30)

Friar's monologue (109)

Thou hast amazed me. By my holy order, / I thought thy disposition better tempered. / Hast thou slain Tybalt? Wilt thou slay thyself, / And slay thy lady that in thy life lives / By doing damnèd hate upon thyself? What, rouse thee, man! Thy Juliet is alive, / For whose dear sake thou wast but lately dead— / There art thou happy. Tybalt would kill thee, / But thou slew'st Tybalt— there art thou happy. / The law that threatened death becomes thy friend / And turns it to exile— there art thou happy. / A pack of blessings light upon thy back, / Happiness courts thee in her best array," (3.3, 108-145)

What is Romeo going to do next?

"But that a joy past joy calls out on me, / It were a grief so brief to part with thee. / Farewell. (174-176)