

## Christian Tradition

### Study Guide: Jerome and a bit of Augustine

#### Important Names, Terms

Jerome  
Vulgate  
Augustine  
Manichaeism  
canon

#### Important Concepts

Asceticism  
Women and gender  
Salvation and heavenly rewards  
sin

*There will be quiz questions from lecture/discussion last time as well as today's readings.*

#### Study Questions:

When we read about martyrs, we discussed the fact that early Christians believed that martyrs would receive greater rewards in heaven, and sooner rewards, than average Christians. What does Jerome say about the rewards of asceticism? Does the ascetic earn greater rewards? Why/why not?

What are Jerome's attitudes towards women? How does he justify his views of women? This is a letter TO a young woman, after all. How do these views compare to other texts about women we have read?

The handout: What is the Vulgate? Why does Jerome do this project? For whom does he do it?

Augustine: Why does Augustine become a Christian?

Do you identify with anything Augustine says about his life as a young man? Why/why not?