

## WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT # 2

LENGTH: 8 TYPED PAGES, DOUBLE SPACED

DUE: JUNE 15, 2021 (email to rubyknewman@gmail.com)

GRADING: 40%

This is a research essay. You are required to consult secondary sources. When citing references or secondary sources you should follow the MLA (Modern Language Association) guidelines. If you prefer, APA guidelines are acceptable.

Choose one of the following topics:

1. Analyze the ways in which "bad girls" from the New Testament (you may use Eve or women in the Apocrypha as well as in the New Testament) are models for the image of the *femme fatale* in film, drama or literature (e.g. *film noir*).
2. Discuss the ways in which our understanding of Mary Magdalene and/or other biblical women can be enhanced by material from early Christian sources such as the Gnostic Gospels (consult Elaine Pagels, Karen King and/or other scholars/academic sources).
3. Choose your own topic subject to my written approval. You may propose a topic that deals with biblical "bad girls" in art, drama, music, film or other forms of cultural expression. You must submit your proposal including the topic and thesis sentence to me by email. My approval of the topic should be included in your submission of the essay to me.