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OBJECTS AND RITUAL IN EGERIA'S 4TH
CENTURY PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM

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A female pilgrim made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the late fourth century. *Egeria's Travels* recounts her impressions of the trip. This text is remarkable: it is written by a female of the ancient world and it has an early date in Christian history (relatively soon after the initiatives of Constantine in establishing Christian pilgrimage). Intriguingly, Egeria mentions venerating the incredible artifacts of the true wood of the cross and the inscription which had been above Jesus' head. This talk examines the ritual surrounding these objects, and how it gives us a glimpse into this world of long ago.