

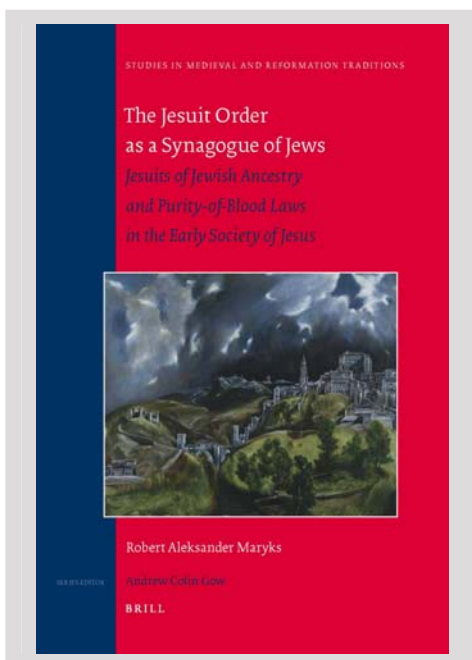
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IN THE EARLY SOCIETY OF JESUS*

A LECTURE BY  
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