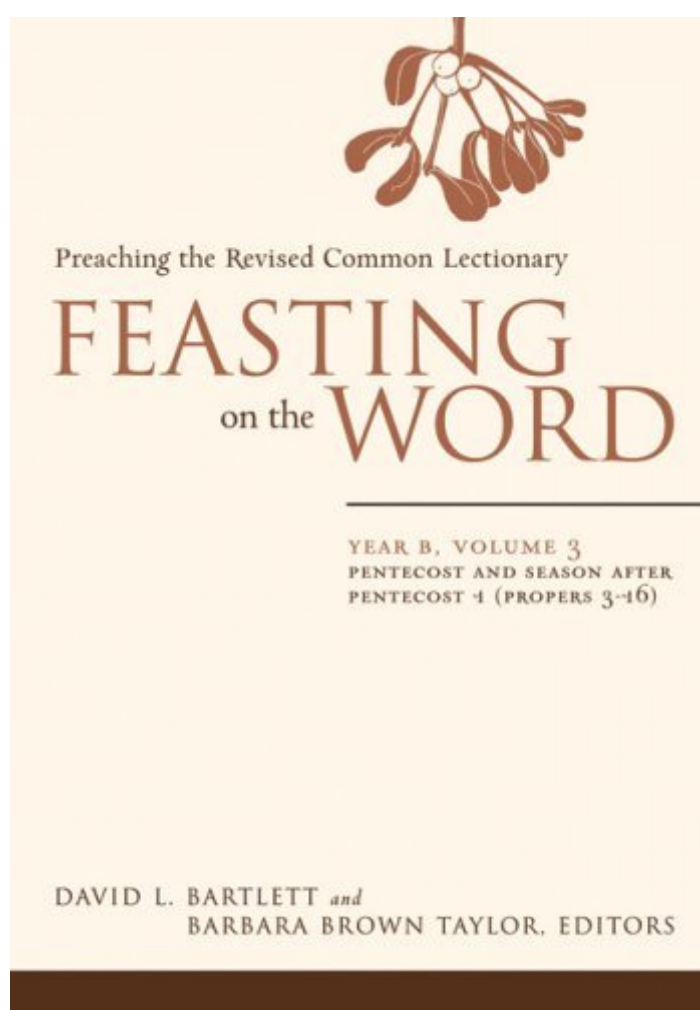


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Customer Reviews

I am a tri-vocational, part-time local pastor in the United Methodist Church. Besides my church and my day job, I also serve as a City Councilman for my city-ward. So I keep a fairly busy schedule. I am something of a book-addict and have literally hundreds of books that I will never live long enough to read, including many commentary sets. This is by far the best set of books that I have come across for sermon preparation. I especially like the commentaries for the homiletically and pastoral perspectives. They are so good at getting the mind working as to how to most effectively relate specifically to my parishioners the scripture text(s) I am going to use for the week. Even if I am not going to use a particular passage in any way during the week, I still like to read the commentary as there is so much to learn in these volumes. I have followed the lectionary since beginning my church ministry two years ago, but have veered off for the season of Lent. As someone previously mentioned, there is scripture index in the back of each volume, that I have used; and as luck would have it, the text I needed yesterday for the First Sunday in Lent, was in one of the three volumes already issued. I greatly look forward to receiving each volume as they are issued. The price (especially with the discount) is money well spent.

Excellent resource for writing sermons! Based on the Revised Common Lectionary, this series provides four different approaches to address each scripture: exegetical, theological, homiletical, and pastoral. The bible passage leads each section followed by the associated essays. I use it for nearly every sermon I give and consider it an invaluable resource. Since I end up traveling a great deal, I have the Kindle version so the book is always available. It was recommended to me by several of the ministers I work with. Many of them have both the hard copy and the Kindle version. While our church library carries it, I purchased my own because they were always checked out!

This series of volumes takes the preacher through the lectionary year using the RCL texts. The series examines each text from four different perspectives, Theological, Pastoral, Exegetical, and Homiletical. Clearly written and very accessible it is as good a guide for the lay person called occasionally to read scripture as it is for the full-time pastor or lay minister. While it does not dwell on the texts in as scholarly a fashion as do some of the more detailed exegetical tools, it gives good perspective and background for each text which makes it a fine starting point for sermon preparation.

This is going to sound like a total nitpick, but I have problems using these very helpful resources--both the "Preaching..." books and the "Worship Companion" series because I bought

many of them for use on my Kindle, and I can't tell which book is which. Within each series the covers are identical except for the very tiny print that distinguishes each from the others by year and volume: "Year x, Volume n" Every time I go to my library to look for a Feasting on the Word resource, I end up opening multiple volumes one at a time until I stumble onto the right one. The publisher could fix this simply by providing larger text on the eBook covers. Aside from this, these are wonderful.

As a regular preacher, I am always looking for a good text to help me with sermons and this is an excellent one. But it had one drawback in that it did not include the alternate readings (O.T., psalm, Epistle) that we commonly use. I find that a great hinderance, but not one that we can't overcome. The scholarship on what is done is laudable.

Now, this is not a game breaker, but I love books. I'm one of those "old-fashioned" types that would rather go to a shelf and pull off a book to read, to feel its heft, to smell the pages, and if they are old enough, and I have a lot of them, to even smell the history. I use electronic books, but given a choice, I would rather have paper and ink. The three volumes that I ordered came in record time, I have no problem there. In fact, I am greatly appreciative that a delivery time is overstated so that they come early - you guys are geniuses! And the books are everything they are reported to be, which means, my head hurts because they make me think! BUT - and this is just me - they were listed as new. So when I open the box and the books are not shrink wrapped and the jacket covers are all marked up - I know, they did what they were supposed to in order to protect the book - it looks like they were slid from one end of the warehouse to the other to be packaged and sent. I always thought with a new book it was my job to scuff things up. Not a deal breaker, but it does beg the eternal question - Hmmmmmm?!

I have found this series to be quite helpful. With four points of view on each reading, can almost always find something that help me connect the reading with a Word that I think God might have for me and the congregation, in our situation here and now. And as a person with overflowing shelves, I get the Kindle version, which I can look at on my Blackberry (at those odd moments when I waiting in the doctor's office or something) and my PC (when working on my sermon).

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