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Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary

## FEASTING on the WORD

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(PROPERS 17-REIGN OF CHRIST)

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## **Synopsis**

With this new lectionary commentary series, Westminster John Knox offers the most extensive resource for preaching on the market today. When complete, the twelve volumes of the series will cover all the Sundays in the three-year lectionary cycle, along with movable occasions, such as Christmas Day, Epiphany, Holy Week, and All Saints' Day. For each lectionary text, preachers will find four brief essays--one each on the theological, pastoral, exegetical, and homiletical challenges of the text. This gives preachers sixteen different approaches to the proclamation of the Word on any given occasion. The editors and contributors to this series are world-class scholars, pastors, and writers representing a variety of denominations and traditions. And while the twelve volumes of the series will follow the pattern of the Revised Common Lectionary, each volume will contain an index of biblical passages so that nonlectionary preachers, as well as teachers and students, may make use of its contents.

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## Customer Reviews

It is hard to write anything I haven't written about the others I have purchased. Starting with the middle of Year B, Feasting on the Word uses the alternate Old Testament Texts, so if this is important to you, you should know it. In fact, it uses the original texts for the first six books (Year A and the first half of Year B). If you aren't familiar with these books, they are an excellent resource, approaching each text from different perspectives, and I find them VERY helpful. Since I am no longer 21, the font in the hard cover is too small to read, and I have chosen to buy the Kindle Version for that very reason. You do not see the resources side by side, but the font can be enlarged to make it easier for me to read. They navigate easily in Kindle, and using the Table of Contents you can go directly to the section you want. These are one of my most used resources for preparing a sermon.

When I first began using Feasting on the word, I used the Kindle version, since they are easier to store and make the text larger. But as a result, I never read the reasoning behind the use and pattern of alternate texts. There are frequently alternate Old Testament texts in the Revised Common Lectionary. Unlike the traditional pattern, these texts attempt to bring a central theme to each Sunday. The editors of Feasting on the Word made a decision to only incorporate certain texts. In year A, they include the standard texts. In year B, for the first half of the year, they use the standard text, and for the second half (which includes this book), they use the alternate text. Year C they only use the alternate text. If you wish to see the essays from the texts not included in the commentaries, they are available online only at the publisher's site, for an additional fee. I appreciate the four selections of essays on each text, and I frequently use this in preparing my sermons, however, I wish they would have released these with both sets of texts, or made a decision to choose the regular or alternate text consistently, releasing a second set of books with the additional essays.

Love these commentaries and kindle version shows well. Only problem is that the Year A,B,C and Volume number are near impossible to read on the cover view which makes finding which one you need quite the annoying task.

This entire series is excellent. With this purchase, I now own the set. It offers 16 different approaches to each Sunday's lectionary (RCL); four different styles for each of the four readings. Well written, researched and documented, from a variety of perspectives. It is especially helpful for

those weeks when the readings seem to be so dissimilar. I almost always find a way to understand and then share a common theme. The authors include professors of homiletics, as well as well known preachers.

I have been using this series for over a year and have found it extremely helpful with my sermon preparation. It is thorough, with 4 commentaries on each reading: a theological perspective, an exegesis, a pastoral perspective and a homiletical perspective. These commentaries are clear and provide an in-depth perspective on each reading in the Revised Common Lectionary, using the thematic version of the Lectionary. For those who are using the semi-continuous readings, these commentaries will not be as useful, since the OT reading and the Psalm for the semi-continuous version are not included. But you can still benefit from the commentaries on the New Testament readings. I strongly recommend this series to preachers, pastors, lay readers and anyone who has a serious interest into delving deeper into the Holy Scripture readings that are proclaimed each Sunday in those churches which use the RCL.

Very excited to begin using this after I return from retreat! For lectionary preaching it is a wonderful resource, providing various insights into each of the four weekly texts. The only twist: There are two Old Testament readings within the Revised Common Lectionary. the first, called semi-continuous is often used in Methodist churches. Another none continuous is used by Lutherans and Anglicans. This series doe NOT include each text. One year of reading it favors the first; in another the second; and in the last of the three year cycle in alternates on a weekly basis. You can purchases electronic access to the alternate text for \$15. Why the editors didn't simply include both baffles me.

Leads to deepening your prayer and Bible knowledge

Excellent resource for preachers and Bible study leaders. Each Sunday lectionary reading is examined from four points of view: Pastoral, Theological, Exegetical and Homiletics. "Feasting on the Word is my favorite resource for sermon ideas.

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