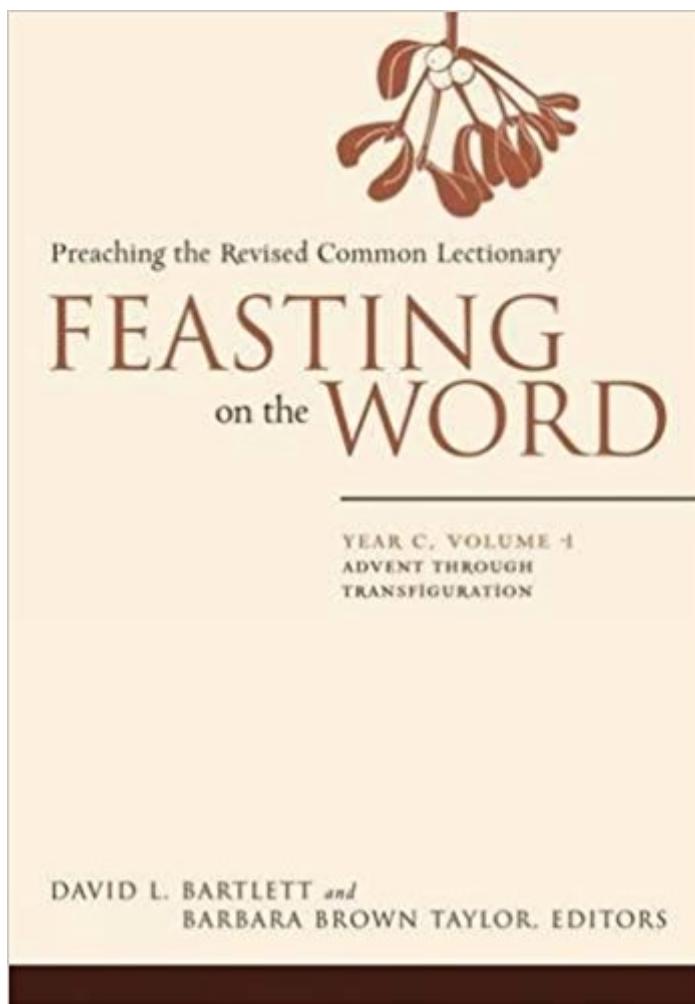


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# Feasting On The Word: Year C, Vol. 1: Advent Through Transfiguration



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Feasting on the Word is a monumental contribution. The editors have gathered an impressive roster of writers and the result is a lively collection of thoughtful and well-written pieces, many of which directly address preachers, offering a bracing blend of admonition, exhortation, and encouragement. Feasting on the Word will richly repay your investment. ----The Christian Century, April 2009

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If you are looking at getting this book, you are most likely a Lectionary preacher. As you are aware, there are two different formats for the text. The one most often referred to is simply the standard texts. There is also a secondary text where the Old Testament text is changed to harmonize better with the Gospel text. In *Feasting on the Word*, Year A and the first half of Year B focus on the standard texts. The second half of year B and Year C all use the alternative texts. I have found these to be an excellent resource in fully understanding the text, and particularly appreciate the pastoral focus. In a way it is like listening to four different sermons on the text as you read through. Whenever possible, I have been purchasing the Kindle version, since the regular hardcover edition is in small print.

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.

The articles are well-written and well-researched. Because they approach the given passage from different perspectives, the reader can sculpt a personal response that could be mono-faceted (concentrating solely on the pastoral, say) or multi-faceted (pastoral and theological, perhaps). I don't always agree with the conclusions of the writers, but that makes for a very good learning for me. Often there will be a point emphasized that allows me to grow in my understanding of the Word of God since it isn't necessarily the point I would have made.

This series is the very best of Bible study helps for anyone who is interested in the scriptures. Based on the lectionary calendar, it is excellent for both group and solo study, and sermon preparation. If any of this set of books were lost, I would replace them immediately. This volume is my first try at study in the Kindle format. I think I'm going to like it, as I read each week's section in full,

highlighting helpful texts. Then, I study my highlights carefully, and soon begin to write. Being an old codger, I still prefer paper books, but this set doesn't add any weight or bulk to my Kindle, so I can work anywhere I happen to be. I would like a full-size keyboard for the Kindle, to keep in my glove compartment or saddlebags; that would improve the already great experience of owning a Kindle.

I began using Feasting on the Word a year ago and each volume continues to deliver excellence. Each perspective helps give me something to chew on, it helps jump-start some great ideas to preach on, and I end up knowing so much more about the selected passage than I did before. Plus, God definitely speaks to me through the whole process. Though it is designed to help pastors coordinate their efforts with liturgy preparation, I'm Baptist and I find it to be very compatible with my preaching efforts. I highly recommend Feasting on the Word for any pastor who wants a quick and yet thorough dissection of God's word to aid in preaching preparation.

I love the 4 different perspectives (theological, exegetical, pastoral and homiletical) on EVERY text in the lectionary--not just the gospels. The perspectives are fresh, interesting, and helpful in many ways and on many levels. I highly recommend this commentary to anyone who preaches or is interested in learning more about The Bible.

I am so grateful that these books are available for Kindle. When I first discovered them, it was as a print resource, and I loved the insights and help for preaching, however, I did not want to buy them because books are very cumbersome and it is hard to take them wherever. As a preacher always on the move, it is very helpful for me to have them on my ipad.

This is an excellent Lectionary resource for any minister; great scholarship. It explores the scriptures from many angles, with many authors and will provide more than ample inspiration for some great sermons. I wish a resource of this nature had been available during my 'active' ministry. I bought a copy for two minister friends of mine first; then this copy for myself even though I'm retired. It is probably more than the average Layperson would be seeking; but a full cup for those who want more. I purchased this item through .

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