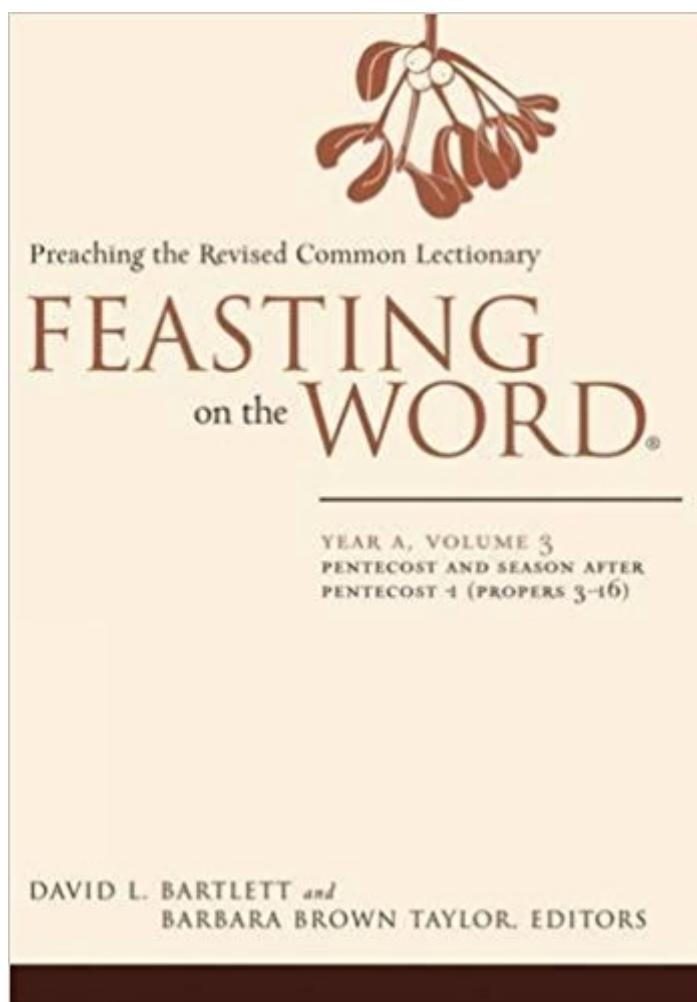


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# Feasting On The Word: Year A: Pentecost And Season After Pentecost 1 (Propers 3-16) (Feasting On The Word)



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Be forewarned: All of the *Feasting on the Word* (FOTW) commentaries are composed of short essays written by a wide variety of people, and it can often seem "throw together," with the essays sometimes relying on trite and theologically dubious advice (i.e. "Trust your spiritual heart to know the way. It is the only compass you need.") With that said, there are plenty of great authors who mention important points to reference in your sermons. However, I can no longer recommend buying this commentary. The quality is too inconsistent. Some essays make blatant mistakes that illustrate how hastily they were written, edited, and published. For example, for Year A's Trinity Sunday, the commentary thinks that the scripture is Genesis 1:1-2, 4a (just two and a half verses) as opposed to the actual text assigned by the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), Genesis 1:1-2:4a (the entire "Hymn of Creation"). What's so embarrassing is that the author of the "Exegetical Perspective" actually assumes that FOTW's text selection is purposeful, and half of his essay dwells on why verse 3 was left out by the RCL. Such mistakes speak to a rushed writing and editorial process, as if the essays were typed up in an afternoon by a seminary professor who was simply asked to produce something for the series but wasn't passionate about the text. I bought the entire set on Kindle, but sadly, I reference this commentary less and less, even as I've begun to use the Lectionary more. I'm now grateful that I didn't spend the money on the hardcovers. Just pull out your *New Interpreter's Commentary* and start from there. (That's pretty much what some of the essayists in this commentary are doing.)

I have been buying this series on Kindle for two reasons. Reason #1 - the font on the original books is too small. Reason #2 - It takes up much less space. The Kindle version, unlike the book version (which has side by side readings of the four) offers a single reading of each one. It is easy to mark up, take notes, and if I use my iPad for a screen shot, even lets me print out a bit of text I want to use. As a pastor I use this both in preparing sermons and in preparing to share in a group pastors Bible Study where we share the lectionary together. My only comment is that these use alternate texts for the second half of Year B and all of Year C. It would have been nice to have all texts available. But still, one of the best resources I have on hand.

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.

It's very helpful to have this excellent resource available as a download on my computer

Excellent resources and very well written. Thoughtful. I use it frequently

If you are new to the Revised Common Lectionary or have been using it for years, this book, and its companion volumes, will prove to be an invaluable tool for you for many years. It explores each reading for every Sunday of the Liturgical year from four perspectives: theological, pastoral, exegitical and homiletical and in doing so provides a wealth of information for the preparation of liturgies and sermons that reflect the sense of the scriptures for that day. I have been using these volumes for 3 years now, and have recommended them to sermon study groups and to my brothers and sisters in the ordained ministry since I first opened the first volume. Many thanks to David Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor for their excellent editorial work and for making these books available to preachers and students.

This is a helpful resource I use frequently.

I have bought the entire series in both hard-cover and Kindle versions. I love them for good commentaries and resources to help with my sermon development. Some weeks are better than others but I always find them useful. I highly recommend the entire series.

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