

Acts 9 30 43 Resurrection Power Means Healing For You Are

Highly respected scholar Carl R. Holladay offers an in-depth critical commentary on the book of Acts in this new work from the acclaimed New Testament Library series. Holladay offers a theological, contextual, and literary interpretation, paying attention to Acts as a rich narrative that accounts for the development of the early Christian church. He sees Luke's literary style as an expression of its theological purpose. Holladay writes, "Convinced that Jesus' life and death and the emergence of the early Christian movement occurred under divine guidance and continued the biblical story by fulfilling God's ancient promises, Luke decided to incorporate them into a grandly conceived narrative told in a dignified yet dramatic style. Acts reflects the close relationship between medium and message, yet it also illustrates how the medium is the message." Holladay's commentary is theologically rich and steeped in narrative analysis that understands the high level of literary style as an expression of the theological content and the telling of the Christian origin. The New Testament Library series offers authoritative commentary on every book and major aspect of the New Testament, providing fresh translations based on the best available ancient manuscripts, critical portrayals of the historical world in which the books were created, careful attention to their literary design, and a theologically perceptive exposition of the biblical text. The contributors are scholars of international standing. The editorial board consists of C. Clifton Black, Princeton Theological Seminary; M. Eugene Boring, Brite Divinity School; and John T. Carroll, Union Presbyterian Seminary.

Follow the daily Mass readings with this new, portable reference booklet. For each day of the liturgical year, you will find citations for the Lectionary readings, along with notes about the liturgical season, Holydays of Obligation, and liturgical colors.

Stimulate audiences to see the scriptural message in a new light with these inspiring sketches based on Cycle C lectionary readings for the Lent and Easter seasons. Originally developed for presentation by a high school-age youth group, the simple, easy-to-perform scenes in this latest installment of John TenBrook's popular Thespian Theology series are an excellent tool for sharing the Gospel with unchurched people and getting them excited about Jesus Christ. Each skit is introduced by brief Thespian Theological Thoughts on the drama and the scripture texts. These versatile pieces can be staged as an alternative to the Sunday sermon or used for youth programs and other fellowship settings--they're sure to enlighten audiences of all ages while leaving an indelible impression.

The essential guide for prayer leaders who facilitate a separate Liturgy of the Word with children on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

This one-stop reference book on the vital relationship between Scripture and ethics offers needed orientation and perspective for students, pastors, and scholars. Written to respond to the movement among biblical scholars and ethicists to recover the Bible for moral formation, it is the best reference work available on the intersection of these two fields. The volume shows how Christian Scripture and Christian ethics are necessarily intertwined and offers up-to-date treatment of five hundred biblical, traditional, and

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contemporary topics, ranging from adultery, bioethics, and Colossians to vegetarianism, work, and Zephaniah. The stellar ecumenical list of contributors consists of more than two hundred leading scholars from the fields of biblical studies and ethics, including Darrell Bock, David Gushee, Amy Laura Hall, Daniel Harrington, Dennis Olson, Christine Pohl, Glen Stassen, and Max Stackhouse.

This is the third and final volume in the comprehensive three-volume set of commentaries on all of the lectionary texts for Sunday reading (including the Psalms) and for special days in all communions, treating the readings for each year in a single volume. The three volumes are based on The Common Lectionary (1992) together with other readings kept in the Episcopal, Lutheran, and Roman Catholic churches. A complete index of texts is included in each volume, making it useful for those who do not follow the lectionary or who are looking for commentaries on specific texts. Continuing acclaim for the series GCo GC There is no better one-volume resource for the weekly task of preparing sermons grounded in biblical faith. Over the course of the past year, the four authors have become my good and trusted friends as they helped me find something to say that is both lively and true to the text.GCY GCoThe Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor, Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church, Clarkesville, Georgia GC Simply put, the best commentary series on the best lectionary. An unusual blend of biblical and homiletical skills.GCY GCoJames F. White, Professor of Liturgy, University of Notre Dame GC Its exegeses are well written and extremely helpful in preparing sermons. I and my congregation are appreciative of this source. I look forward to reading the next volume in the series, and in the meantime I find myself continuing to browse through, study, reflect upon, write in the margins of, and otherwise use the previous volume.GCY GCoThe Rev. Rebecca L. Spencer, Central Congregational Church, Providence, Rhode Island GC Professors Craddock, Hayes, Holladay, and Tucker have already established themselves as insightful and helpful interpreters of the scriptures. These volumes significantly broaden their previous contributions by embracing all the alternatives offered by the recent revision of The Common Lectionary. The publishing values GCo the convenience of a single volume, a binding that lays flat, and clear, readable type GCo make this an indispensable addition or replacement for the preacherGCOs library.GCY GCoThe Rev. Patrick J. Willson, St. StephenGCOs Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, Texas The authors of the outstanding series teach at Candler School of Theology, Emory University. All have published extensively in their respective fields of endeavors: Fred B. Craddock, Professor of Preaching and New Testament; John H Hayes, Professor of Old Testament; Carl R. Holladay, Professor of New Testament; Gene M. Tucker, Professor of Old Testament.

The Book of Common Prayer and the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible are an excellent and logical combination for personal use, both in daily devotion and study, and on Sundays during the liturgy. The NRSV translation of the Bible is accurate, elegant, highly acclaimed by scholars, and enjoys wide use in congregations of the Episcopal Church.

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Designed to "jump start" the difficult task of sermon preparation, this indispensable three-volume work gathers exegetical essays

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on biblical texts from the Revised Common Lectionary. Covering every Sunday of the three-year liturgical cycle, as well as Christmas Day, Epiphany, and Ascension Day, the readings are arranged in canonical order so as to be of use to all preachers. Seventy-eight pastors, priests, and teachers from a variety of Christian traditions have contributed their insights to "The Lectionary Commentary." Designed to answer the question "What does the preacher need to know about this text in order to preach a faithful sermon from it?," each of their essays closely considers its specific biblical text, all the while remaining alert to the contemporary context in which the sermon will be spoken and heard. The result is an invaluable resource that will aid in the difficult task of facilitating a meaningful encounter between Holy Scripture and our modern world. This volume, "The Third Readings: The Gospels," provides exegetical commentary on the lectionary readings for the witnesses to Jesus Christ written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Also unique to this volume is an excellent essay by C. Clifton Black on Augustinian preaching and the nurture of Christians. Consulting Editors: Richard A. Burrige Thomas W. Gillespie Colin E. Gunton Robert W. Jenson James F. Kay Hughes Oliphant Old Fleming Rutledge Marguerite Shuster

A latest edition of a reference for Protestant pastors and ministers whose denominations range from evangelical to mainstream is complemented by a CD-ROM that allows users to access and reproduce any portion of the text. Original.

Designed to empower preachers as they lead their congregations to connect their lives to Scripture, Connections features a broad set of interpretive tools that provide commentary and worship aids on the Revised Common Lectionary. For each worship day within the three-year lectionary cycle, the commentaries in Connections link the individual lection reading with Scripture as a whole as well as to the larger world. In addition, Connections places each Psalm reading in conversation with the other lections for the day to highlight the themes of the liturgical season. Finally, sidebars offer additional connections to Scripture for each Sunday or worship day. This nine-volume series is a practical, constructive, and valuable resource for preachers who seek to help congregations connect more closely with Scripture.

Questions regarding the afterlife are many, and the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts pay a great deal of attention to them: why does Luke speak about several different forms of the afterlife? Why is resurrection described as a person's transformation into an angelic being? How many abodes are appointed for the righteous and the wicked after death? Alexey Somov addresses these queries in relation to the apparent confusion and variety found in the text, and in respect of the interrelatedness of these issues, and their connection with other eschatological issues in Luke-Acts, and in relation to the wider cultural context of the Mediterranean world to which Luke belonged. Every culture expresses its beliefs by means of special metaphors that allow it to comprehend supernatural realities in terms of everyday experience. Belief in the afterlife was part of this metaphorical system which Luke shared with the ancient eastern Mediterranean culture. Somov takes his analysis one step further by applying Cognitive Metaphor Theory to selected metaphorical aspects of the afterlife. While the inconsistencies and incoherence of the combined metaphors may seem jarring to a contemporary Western reader, Somov's reading enables a recognition of the specific religious metaphors used, which for Luke would have been current and widely accepted.

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This handy volume contains the world-renowned commentary that appeared in the multi-volume edition of the Navarre Bible, as well as the complete English text (in the reliable Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition) of each of the first five New Testament books. Many consider the Navarre Bible to be the best Catholic commentary available today. It brings you practical, useful insights from on the Gospels and Acts from Church documents, the writings of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, and modern spiritual writers, particularly St. Josemaria Escriva.

Celebrating the Lectionary® for Preschool and Kindergarten provides 15-minute Lectionary-based catechetical sessions for every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. It includes reproducible send-home pages for each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation that families can use to live the message of the Lectionary and celebrate the seasons of the liturgical year.

"Preachers must understand the teaching techniques of parable and hyperbole, not to mention having a good background in systematic theology, in order to understand what the Bible's writers really meant.... But our responsibility is also to reduce the complexities of Bible study to such simplicities that our many listeners, ranging from busy young professional people to aging men and women of failing health to youngsters facing a variety of new temptations, can take away a saving word." (from the Preface) E. Carver McGriff provides the tools preachers need for their daunting task with some of the most timely and thought-provoking research on the lectionary texts ever made available. Included for each scriptural lesson in the lectionary are: - A listing of the applicable Revised Common, Roman Catholic, and Episcopal lectionary texts. - A description of the Psalm of the day. - A prayer for the day. - Commentary that is more than academic exegesis -- McGriff brings to the forefront those points in the lessons that relate most poignantly to our contemporary reality. - Suggested sermon titles for each of the three texts for each Sunday. - Themes and suggested directions for preaching on each text. - Several additional illustrations to enliven your preaching. "Known in the Indianapolis community as a preacher with extraordinary gifts, it is no surprise at all that this work by Carver McGriff brings remarkable insights to those who look for integrity in their preaching. Carver looks at the texts with a freshness that is sure to stimulate the thought process.... Careful use of these suggestions will bring serendipities to preacher and congregation." George H. Tooze Senior Minister, First Baptist Church Indianapolis, Indiana One of America's premiere preachers, E. Carver McGriff returned home after earning two Purple Hearts during World War II to earn a degree in business administration from Butler University. Following a career as a salesman and business owner, McGriff entered Garrett Theological Seminary, where he was voted Best Preacher by the faculty and graduated with distinction. During his 26-year ministry at St. Luke's Methodist Church in Indianapolis, McGriff spearheaded his congregation's remarkable growth in membership from 900 to 4,400, with average Sunday attendance increasing from 300 to over 1,850. McGriff received an honorary degree from the University of Indianapolis and the Outstanding Alumnus award from Butler University and was voted the Distinguished Alumnus of the year by Christian Theological Seminary. McGriff was also honored in 1993 by the Governor of Indiana with the "Sagamore of the Wabash." His sermons have been distributed nationwide by the United Methodist Publishing House.

This is a prayer book for all the days from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost. It includes morning, evening and night prayers; meal

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prayers; and daily scripture references for all lectionary cycles. It also contains practical introductions to the seasons and notes on everything from lenten fasting to Eastertime feasting.

A translation of the Holy Scriptures, prepared specifically for teenagers, includes maps and a dictionary/concordance.

Bigger, stronger, better! Russell Anderson has taken the most original and successful lectionary resource in history and improved on it. He has kept all of the traditional features that have made it a classic, such as: overviews of each liturgical season; commentaries compatible with the Revised Common, Roman Catholic, and Episcopal lectionaries; an introduction to the featured gospel narrator (Luke, in Cycle C); theological reflections for exploring the relationships between the texts, and wide margins for note-taking. Instead of stopping there, he added: a 7"x10" one-size-fits-all format, a suggested sermon title for each week, a Sermon Angle briefly explicating the theological theme for the day (sometimes providing two or three), and two to four illustrative stories per chapter. "Contained are crisp, tightly written lectionary helps that zero in on the critical themes of the texts, augmented with illustrative materials. The Prayer of the Day suggestions summarize and apply the themes in helpful language." The Reverend Dr. Dennis Anderson President, Trinity Lutheran Seminary "Pastor Anderson's ability to relate eternal truths in the language of our 20th century society will enable those informed by his writings to communicate the TRUTH in a way that will gain attention and guide the living of life." The Reverend Dr. Reuben T. Swanson Former Bishop, Nebraska Synod, Lutheran Church in America Former Secretary, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Russell F. Andersonis pastor at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church in Omaha, Nebraska. He received his master of divinity degree from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and his doctor of ministry degree from McCormick Theological School in Chicago. He has published his own worship and homiletical resources under the banner "Worship Windows."

"The gospel of Luke and the book of Acts provide researchers with new perspectives on some of the deepest longings of our time: the search for a transcendent perspective on the meaning of life, yearning for community, and other issues that resonate with contemporary concerns. In this book, Allen raises up common motifs that occur in Luke and Acts and shows how these motifs can be used for effective preaching." --

A leading biblical scholar offers grounding in the interpretation of Acts that draws heavily on ancient backgrounds and attends to the theological nature of the texts.

This beautifully constructed and reasonably priced edition is a perfect choice for wide distribution in schools and for use as a pew prayer book. Embossed with an elegant gold cross, the imitation leather cover comes in black or burgundy. Includes one satin ribbon marker. This is the standard Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and Other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church together with The Psalter or Psalms of David according to use in the Episcopal Church in the United States as authorized in 1979.

"In this original and insightful book, Dorothy Jonaitis offers a refreshing alternative to the popular view of biblical apocalyptic writing as gloom-and-doom, fire-and-brimstone literature. Rather, she presents it as literature of hope and its authors as people who knew

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how to use their creative imaginations to communicate their hope-filled messages. The reader will come to see the apocalyptic authors of both the Old and the New Testaments as dramatists and will learn to preach, teach, and imagine their writings as dramatic messages to be applied in contemporary times of crisis."--BOOK JACKET.

Celebrating the Lectionary® for Preschool and Kindergarten 2018-2019 Supplemental Lectionary-Based Resource Liturgy Training Publications
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.

Acts is the sequel to Luke's gospel and tells the story of Jesus's followers during the 30 years after his death. It describes how the 12 apostles, formerly Jesus's disciples, spread the message of Christianity throughout the Mediterranean against a background of persecution. With an introduction by P.D. James

Black women are strong. At least that's what everyone says and how they are constantly depicted. But what, exactly, does this strength entail? And what price do Black women pay for it? In this book, the author, a psychologist and pastoral theologian, examines the burdensome yoke that the ideology of the Strong Black Woman places upon African American women. She demonstrates how the three core features of the ideology--emotional strength, caregiving, and independence--constrain the lives of African American women and predispose them to physical and emotional health problems, including obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and anxiety. She traces the historical, social, and theological influences that resulted in the evolution and maintenance of the Strong Black Woman, including the Christian church, R & B and hip-hop artists, and popular television and film. Drawing upon womanist pastoral theology and twelve-step philosophy, she calls upon pastoral caregivers to aid in the healing of African American women's identities and crafts a twelve-step program for Strong Black Women in recovery. We live in an age of rapid technological advancement. Never before has humankind wielded so much power over our own biology.

Biohacking, the attempt at human enhancement of physical, cognitive, affective, moral, and spiritual traits, has become a global phenomenon. This textbook introduces religious and ethical implications of biohacking, artificial intelligence, and other technological changes, offering perspectives from monotheistic and karmic religions and applied ethics. These technological breakthroughs are transforming our societies and ourselves fundamentally via genetic modification, tissue engineering, artificial intelligence, robotics, the merging of computer technology with human biology, extended reality, brain stimulation, and nanotechnology. The book also considers the extreme possibilities of mind uploading, cryonics, and superintelligence. Chapters explore some of the political, economic, sociological, and psychological dimensions of these advances, with bibliographies for further study and questions for discussion. The technological future is here – and it is up to us to decide its moral and religious shape.

This volumes contains hymns, Orders of Worship, a Lectionary, Prayers, Guitar Chord Fingering Diagrams, and several indices.

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Bloggers and other invited writers from around the world contribute to this creative conversation about the weekly lectionary through commentary, stories, biblical study, liturgical resources, and more. Jenee Woodard, creator and editor of the immensely popular lectionary research site, The Text This Week, curates the conversation and adds insights of her own, including a list of the best online resources for sermon preparation. The Abingdon Creative Preaching Annual remains among the highest quality preaching resources available, ensuring that pastors can quickly find relevant material for their sermons.

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If Christ had not risen from the dead, if God's plan for redemption had ended at the cross, what would our faith look like? Have we become so fixated on the cross that we have lost an understanding of the centrality of the resurrection? And if we ignore the resurrection, what effect does that have on our worldview, our evangelism, and our Christian practice? In *The Cross Is Not Enough*, Ross Clifford and Philip Johnson explore how the resurrection of Christ has been understood in times past and restore this linchpin doctrine to its rightful place as the basis of our hope, our worldview, and the way we live our lives. They compare Christianity's unique understanding of resurrection to other world religions and explore why the resurrection connects so readily with the human psyche. Pastors, teachers, students, and anyone involved in ministry will benefit from this insightful and engaging treatment of Christianity's most important doctrine.

Between Advents continues Bruce Taylor's series of sermons for the Common Lectionary (Revised), offering theologically rich, sacramentally reflective, ecumenically compatible, and biblically centered proclamations for the Sundays and major feast days of Year C, from Advent through Eastertide. Included is an appendix, featuring a sermon preached in departure from the lectionary on the occasion of a high school baccalaureate service conducted shortly after the United States military invasion of Iraq. His strong commitment to Christian unity and deep appreciation of the heritage and contemporary relevance of the church and the importance of individual discipleship are a common thread in these sermons for the first half of the church year featuring Gospel readings from Luke. Included is a sampling of engaging story sermons, illustrating how this style of preaching can be used in lectionary-based preaching. Preachers and devotional readers alike will find *Between Advents* to be a valuable companion as they discover the profound beauty of sacramental worship through the course of the liturgical year and meditate on the Scripture passages commended for Christian worship in the lectionary cycle.

The most accessible, most broadly pitched full-length commentary on Timothy and Titus, this NICNT volume explores Paul's three letters to Timothy and Titus within their historical, religious, and cultural settings. In his introduction, Towner sets out the rationale for his historical approach, questions certain assumptions of recent critical scholarship, and

establishes the uniqueness and individuality of each letter. Significantly, Towner's work displays unprecedented interaction with four recent major commentaries on these Pauline letters. Centered on an outstanding translation of the Greek text and including thorough footnotes, bibliographical citations, and indexes, Towner's commentary on Timothy and Titus is sure to become a standard reference for busy pastors, students, and scholars.

Charting the theological and cultural potency of Acts across the timespan of Christian history, this work of profound scholarship reveals the full extent of the New Testament book's religious, artistic, literary, and political influence. Reveals the influence of Acts at key turning points in the history of the Christian church Traces the rich and varied artistic and cultural heritage rooted in Acts, from music to literature Analyzes the political significance of the book as a touchstone in the church's external relations Provides detailed commentary on the exegesis of Acts down the centuries

Preaching pastors, ministers, and priests know how quickly Sundays come and go. Protecting time for study and theological reflection is an art not easily mastered. The fast pace of church life collides with the need to ground sermons in careful exegesis and extensive dialogue with biblical texts. "The Lectionary Commentary" will not slow the pace of the weekly calendar, but it will help assure that sermon preparation begins with a solid engagement with Scripture. This superb three-volume work offers exegetical essays on the biblical texts from the Revised Common Lectionary, Years A, B, and C. All the Sundays of the three-year cycle are included, as well as the texts for Christmas Day, Epiphany, and Ascension Day. This volume, "The First Readings: Old Testament and Acts," provides exegetical commentary on the lectionary readings from Genesis to Malachi, and from the first seventeen chapters of Acts. Also unique to this volume is an excellent essay on "Preaching as Worship" by Hughes Oliphant Old. The authors of "The Lectionary Commentary" are an ecumenical mix of respected pastors, priests, ministers, and teachers for whom exegesis for preaching is a vocational and personal interest. Some are preachers who value exegesis; others are exegetes who value preaching. All value the Revised Common Lectionary as a guide for good preaching. Designed to answer the question "What does the preacher need to know about this text in order to preach a faithful sermon from it?," the essay in each chapter closely considers its specific biblical text and provides theological reflection, all the while remaining alert to the contemporary context in which the sermon will be spoken and heard. These are not books of sermons. They leave homiletical work to the preacher, who is called to contextualize the gospel from biblical texts. Rather, these essays are meant to serve as exegetical "jump starts," giving preachers a firm place to stand in the text while at the same time stimulating the concerns they bring to sermon preparation. The result is an invaluable resource intended to aid in the difficult task of facilitating a meaningful encounter between Holy Scripture and our modern world. Consulting Editors: Richard A. Burrige Thomas W. Gillespie Colin E. Gunton Robert W. Jenson James F. Kay Hughes Oliphant Old Fleming Rutledge Marguerite Shuster

Death - and what lies beyond - is not something you consider every day. But the thought of it raises some intriguing questions: Are there good reasons for believing in life after death? What is the afterlife like? How valid are the reports of near death experiences? Do heaven and hell exist? And if so, how can hell be reconciled with a loving God? By sharing the very latest scientific, philosophical, anthropological, ethical, and theological evidence on life after death, noted Christian scholars Habermas and Moreland present a strong case for immortality with this book. They begin by taking up the question of whether life after death is real and what evidence supports its reality. They then explore what the afterlife is like and go on to show how having this reality in your future should affect the way you live here and now. This book will reassure you that there's no need to fear death - as long as you're prepared eternity that follows. It's also a great aid in developing a serious biblical, rational, and even scientific defense for the belief in life beyond the grave.

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