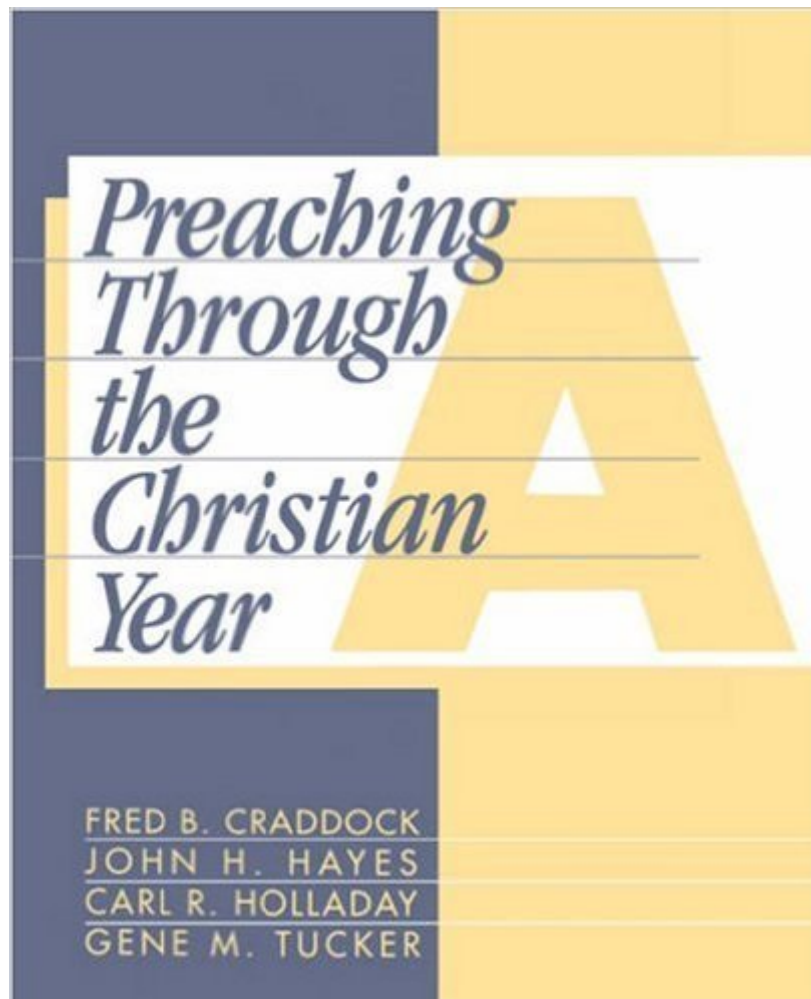


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I found the subject matter clearly understandable but most important for me, it aids in making sermon preparation. An ordained Priest showed a Deacon Formation class this book, several members of the class ordered the book. The minister that brought the book, uses it regularly. It is an excellent resource: I'm using it for my preparation of my sermon this Sunday.

It covers a wide range of ideas and exegesis covering each scripture from the years lectionary, providing endless support for sermons. I have years A and B as well and they are a valuable part of my library.

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