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Epistle Sermons CSS Publishing

These are messages "for those who have discovered that batteries are not included in life, and who long to live power-filled lives." That is the vision behind these thirteen inspirational sermons from Robert Beringer, designed to help you empower your congregation with the energy of the Spirit. Within these pages are sermons for every Cycle C gospel text during the first third of the Pentecost season from the Common, Lutheran, and Roman Catholic lectionaries, including: - Promises, Promises! - Where Do We Find God? - Making People Whole - By the Hair of the Sinner - Excuses - Power to the People and seven more. Use these complete sermons as they are presented -- or as inspiration for your own empowering messages. Robert A. Beringer is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, New Jersey. A graduate of Cornell University and Princeton Theological Seminary, he has served parishes in Bound Brook and Hopewell in New Jersey before coming to Metuchen in 1984. He and his wife, Peggy, are the parents of four adult children.

Batteries Not Included CSS Publishing

Ormond looks at scripture in a new way and uncovers extraordinary inspiration through his penetrating insights. There is a surprise for the reader/listener in each sermon/chapter as the author explores the Bible passages. Sermon titles include: An Extremely Odd Couple -- Luke 18:1-8 When Self-Esteem Gets Out Of Hand -- Luke 18:9-14 Topsy-Turvy Christianity -- Luke 6:20-31 One Bride For Seven Brothers -- Luke 20:27-38 Good News Among The Rubble -- Luke 21:5-19 J. Will Ormond graduated from the University of Alabama where he belonged to the Phi Beta Kappa scholastic honorary. He attended Columbia Theological Seminary and graduated with a B.Div. Degree. After serving as a parish pastor, he attended Princeton Theological Seminary and earned his Th.M. degree. After fifteen years as founding pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, he attended the University of Glasgow, Scotland, and fulfilled the requirements for the Ph.D. degree. He served on the faculty of Columbia Theological Seminary and was named I. McDowell Richards Professor of Biblical Exposition. Columbia Seminary honored him with its Distinguished Service Award in 1996.

Pentecost Fire CSS Publishing

In a world filled with disappointments, where many people have lost any sense of hope and purpose, Billy Strayhorn reminds readers that Jesus Christ is the hope that does not disappoint. And noting that hope and faith go hand in hand, his messages point the way toward a life filled with hope and possibilities through faith in God. Strayhorn's sermons explore second lesson passages from the Revised Common Lectionary (many drawn from Paul's letters) for Pentecost and the weeks immediately following. And Pentecost is an apt focus -- as the church's "birthday," it is the day that the hopes and dreams of Jesus' disciples and followers began to take shape. While pastors will find in these hope-filled pages a jumping-off place for their own sermons, anyone who wants a closer relationship with God will benefit from this inspiring and uplifting volume. Titles include: - Bewitched, Bothered, And Bewildered -- Acts 2:1-21 - A Hope That Does Not Disappoint -- Romans 5:1-5 - Born And Called -- Galatians 1:11-24 - Bear One Another's Burdens -- Galatians 6: (1-6) 7-16 - Get Your Transfer Here -- Colossians 1:1-14 ... and more! Billy D. Strayhorn is a graduate of Central Methodist College (Fayette, Missouri) and Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. He has pastored many congregations in Texas and Missouri, and now serves at First United Methodist Church in Joshua, Texas. Strayhorn's sermons and sermon briefs have been featured in several outlets, including Dynamic Preaching and Preaching magazines as well as the Abingdon Preaching Annual.

Ten Hits, One Run, Nine Errors CSS Publishing

Epistle Sermons of Martin Luther are a great guide for studying the Epiphany, Easter, and Pentecost and provide an in depth look at each of these three portions of scripture. It also contains twenty-four practical sermons from Trinity Sunday to Advent. In these sermons, Luther hammered home the primacy of core Christian values such as love, patience, charity, and freedom, and reminded the citizens to trust God's word rather than violence to bring about necessary change_x000D_x000D_x000D_

Let's Get Committed CSS Publishing Company

Based on texts mainly drawn from the books of First and Second Kings, Robert Leslie Homes' finely honed sermons focus on the ministries of the prophets Elijah, Elisha, and Amos. Through the stories of the prophets, Holmes addresses the unchanging theme of the gospel: that God loves the world and gave his Son, the King

of kings, to save it. Packed with enlightening illustrations, these nourishing messages will help generate ideas for preaching and enrich the faith of all who read them. I highly commend to you these sermons by Leslie Holmes. They are well crafted and biblical. His quotations and illustrations will be particularly helpful! John A. Huffman Jr. Senior Minister, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Newport Beach, California This is a book for preachers, presented as sermons with many texts but a single message -- namely, God's love manifested in Jesus Christ. The author clearly understands that our primary task as preachers is to educate the people of God in the spirit and power of John 3:16 for ministries in a changing world. Our mission is to be faithful to God's mission of love and forgiveness demonstrated by Jesus. That is the challenge that Holmes brings to readers. Carnegie Samuel Calian President, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Leslie Holmes has prepared a faithful and practical resource for preaching First and Second Kings. Whether or not the lectionary is used, his insight into these passages along with the illustrative material will prove valuable for the pulpit and the pew. John W. Coker Jr. Minister, First Presbyterian Church Fayetteville, North Carolina A native of Belfast, Northern Ireland, Robert Leslie Holmes is currently Senior Minister at the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh. He earned a B.A. degree from the University of Mobile (Alabama), his M.Div. degree from the Reformed Theological Seminary (Jackson, Mississippi), and a D.Min. degree from Columbia Theological Seminary (Decatur, Georgia), with post-doctoral studies at Princeton Theological Seminary, Fuller Theological Seminary, and New College (Edinburgh, Scotland). Holmes has preached and lectured on six continents and has spoken at conferences and churches throughout the United States and Canada.

Stepping Inside the Story CSS Publishing

We have been called to travel lightly. We are on a journey of faith. None of us has arrived. We may remember a thrilling moment of decision when we first responded to the awakening of God's love for us... We never know in advance where submission to the kingship of Christ will lead us. -- from the sermon for Christ the King Sunday Richard A. Hasler draws upon countless incidents from contemporary settings to bring the words of the Minor Prophets and 2 Samuel to contemporary Christian believers. Using scriptures from nine texts on the Old Testament, this book provides as many sermons for use in the Common Lectionary. Sermon titles include: - The Dreamer Within You -- Joel 2:23-30 - When God's "No" Means "Yes" -- Habakkuk 1:1-3; 2:1-10 - Leaping for Joy -- Malachi 4:1-6 - No One Enters into the Kingdom... Save with Empty Hands -- 2 Samuel 5:1-5 Richard A. Hasler was organizing pastor of Pioneer Presbyterian Church, Belpre, Ohio, where he still serves. This is his second CSS book. His first book is titled God's Game Plan: Sports Anecdotes for Preaching. *Preaching after Easter: Mid-Pentecost, Ascension, and Pentecost in Late Antiquity* CSS Publishing Each one of these powerful messages fortifies the conviction that if God is for us, who can be against us! This is not only inspired preaching ... it is inspiring reading.

Distinctively Different CSS Publishing

In each of the chapters of this book Freeman carefully opens up the text with an introductory statement. He then shares the historical background and the theological theme of the text and continues with commentary that amplifies and illustrates the passage for contemporary preaching. Chapters include: The Marvelous Style Of Jesus: Truth And Love -- Matthew 22:1-14 Spiritual Armchairs vs. Mature Discipleship -- Matthew 22:34-36 Authenticity vs. Showmanship -- Matthew 23:1-12 Terminally Distracted Or Decisively Prepared? -- Matthew 25:1-13 Commitment One Way Or The Other -- John 8:31-36 Joseph M. Freeman graduated from Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, with a B.A. degree. He earned his M.Div. degree from Yale Divinity School and spent two and half years in a Clinical Pastoral Education program at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C. After serving as assistant and associate pastor for churches in Ohio and Colorado, he established Christ The Savior Lutheran Church in Fishers, Indiana. Under his energetic leadership the church has grown to 1,600 baptized members. CSS Publishing Company -

A Hope that Does Not Disappoint CSS Publishing

Preaching after Easter examines the festal history and homiletics of Mid-Pentecost, Ascension, and Pentecost in the late-antique Mediterranean world. Methodologically rigorous studies of important sermons and preachers are complemented by attention to Jewish-Christian dialogue, art-historical reception, and contemporary liturgical theology.

Questions of Faith CSS Publishing

"People seem dazzled by the world's glitter of false grandeur and

pay little to no attention to the majesty of God. The sparkle of glitter the world offers does nothing but litter the ocean floor of the spirit. A saint's job is to pay close attention to the security of God's grandeur -- magnitude, creation, mercy, hope, happiness, joy, peace, and life. With God as our ship we can stay afloat for eternity." (from All Saints' Sunday sermon, "Called To Be Saints") Derl Keefer explores the timeless and life-changing truths of the Bible in ten powerful and effective messages based on First Lesson passages from the Revised Common Lectionary. While particularly useful to pastors gleaning ideas for their own preaching, these sermons offer an abundant dose of spiritual power to all who read and digest them. Sermon titles include: * Where Are We Without God? -- Exodus 33:12-23 * Leaving A Legacy -- Deuteronomy 34:1-12 * Reformation To Transformation -- Jeremiah 31:31-34 * God's New Shepherd -- Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 "You will enjoy the reading journey of Let's Get Committed. These are sermons written by a practitioner, a pastor who has passion for people and for sermon preparation.... While Keefer's illustrations are clear and his quotes are pertinent, the priority is how they bring focus to the Word. They are biblical in an age when God's Word needs to be heard throughout the land... There is meat here for the mind and inspiration for the heart." (from the Foreword) C. Neal Strait District Superintendent, Michigan District Church of the Nazarene Derl G. Keefer is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University (B.A.) and Nazarene Theological Seminary (M.Div.). He has been the pastor of congregations in Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois, and is currently serving in Kansas City, Missouri, as the Developmental Ministries coordinator for the International Church of the Nazarene's Adult Ministry Division. His sermons and articles have appeared in numerous clergy publications, and he often leads workshops and seminars on preaching and Sunday School ministry. Keefer was named the Church of the Nazarene's Michigan District Pastor of the Year in 1995, and in 2000 Southern Nazarene University honored him as its Alumni Pastor of the Year. He is the co-author of "Wedding Sermons & Marriage Ceremonies" (CSS), and is also co-editor of "The Wesleyan Preaching Annual" (CSS).

Prophets, Pioneers And Possibilities CSS Publishing

For many years Professor Hoyer was editor and writer for Currents In Theology And Mission. In that publication he called the homiletic section "Preaching Helps." But he explained that the emphasis was to be put on the second word. "It is more than a noun. It's a verb," he said. "Preaching does help! Preaching conveys both the wisdom and power of God." When sermons only talk about the gospel, they fail to utilize the power. They may be wise, but they don't work the work of God. Medics who answer a 911 call do more than talk about CPR. They diagnose. Then they supply the breath of life. In these gospel-based sermons Hoyer shows how to draw out the power of the word. His messages breathe life and hope into listening ears. George W. Hoyer is Professor of Homiletics (Emeritus) at Christ Seminary, Seminex, in St. Louis, and teaches at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California. He has served congregations in Sarnia, Ontario, and in Silver Springs, Maryland. At Christ Seminary he taught in the worship and liturgies departments and served as Dean of the Chapel.

Out of the Whirlwind CSS Publishing

Packed full of stories about the human condition, this book of insightful sermons based largely on texts from Paul's letter to the Romans will be invaluable to preachers, teachers, and laypersons. Readers will serendipitously find marvelous results when one acts in faith on the "absurd" notion that God loves us unconditionally. These messages from an outstanding preacher demonstrate that when we follow the example of Paul and faithfully try to become what God created us to be, wonderful things begin to happen! Gary Carver moves beyond those who find Paul's words to be complex and rigid. He gives to us examples in which Paul's timeless and deep theological concepts are used to address the struggles of contemporary Christians sensitively.... From teenage athletes to contacts in Alcoholics Anonymous to couples struggling with marriage and a host of other human experiences, Carver profoundly recalls experiences that illustrate Paul's insistence that one can experience a changed life in Christ. (from the Foreword) Harold C. Warlick Jr. Professor of Religion and Minister to the University High Point University With a scholarly understanding of the Pauline writings, Gary Carver uses his masterful skills as a storyteller to bring the biblical accounts to life. His treatment of each passage is brought to a climax with probing ethical insight and deeply moving personal application. Both laypersons and preachers will benefit greatly from a reading of these prophetic sermons laced with marvelous illustrations. Thomas H. Graves President, Baptist Theological Seminary at

Richmond To experience the preaching of Gary Carver is to find oneself in a gallery of living illustrations, all pointing to Jesus Christ. No cookie-cutter preacher, this gifted communicator is endowed both with uncommon insight into the human predicament and God's absurdly fetching grace. Read this book and discover God's spirit calling you to a more meaningful, involved following of Jesus. Timothy L. Owings Pastor, First Baptist Church Augusta, Georgia Gary Carver has a vivid sense of the wonder God creates in everyday life, and he has a keen eye for the human condition.... His insight into the Bible and into the heart of its stories always finds the underlying story of hope, even in the most hopeless-looking of situations. His discoveries, then, make it seem quite natural and sensible to "act on the absurd." Dudley Rose Director of Field Education Harvard Divinity School Gary L. Carver is pastor of First Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He has also served as pastor of churches in Alabama and Indiana. Carver is a graduate of Samford University (B.A.) and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div. and D.Min.) and has done additional graduate study at Candler School of Theology and Harvard Divinity School. He has been widely published in a variety of church and clergy publications, and is the author of *Distinctively Different and Out From the Ordinary* (CSS).

Changing a Paradigm-- Or Two CSS Publishing

"Larry Powell breathes life into scripture with a preacher's imagination, a poet's turn of the phrase, and a writer's craftsmanship. He gathers vibrant illustrations from everywhere... but most of all, as you ponder these pages, you will look at Jesus Christ. You will listen to him, meditate on his messages, watch him in action." -- Bishop Richard B. Wilke The United Methodist Church The Arkansas Area Here are eleven sermons from John and Luke offering close inspection of texts and providing many modern illustrations. This book offers sermons for use in the Common, Lutheran, and Roman Catholic lectionaries. Sermon titles include: Show Us the Holy Father (John 14:8-17, 25-27) Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) Just Speak the Word (Luke 7:1-10) Fleshing Out the Word (Luke 10:1-12) Larry D. Powell is pastor of First United Methodist Church in Malvern, Arkansas. For many years he has been a contributor to "Arkansas United Methodist." He is the author of three other CSS books, "Christainty Is a Verb," "I Hear the Rolling Thunder," and "Glimpses Through the Dark Glass."

Adventuring Into the New Age CSS Publishing Company

In a time when many mainline churches are experiencing ecclesiastical and theological anarchy, Robert Kopp explores the timeless and life-changing truths of the gospel in 11 powerful and effective messages based on Second Lesson passages from the Revised Common Lectionary. Book jacket.

God at Work CSS Publishing Company

The season after Pentecost has had several different names over the years. It has been called "Ordinary Time," which meant that the Sundays were numbered, not that they were common or mundane. It has been called "Kingdomtide" as the celebration of the imminent nature of God's Kingdom breaking forth in the world as both present and future reality. And it has sometimes just been called "The Time after Pentecost." Whatever we choose to call it, it is often felt as a slow-down, or a sag in the enthusiasm and energy of the church. Rarely does anything new begin in the summer. It's a time of waiting for vacations to end and school to begin again so we can get back to the business of doing ministry. The sermons in *Like A Phoenix* offer the goal of bringing new vigor and vitality into the life of the church even in the hot months of the year when everything and everyone is calling us to slow down and take it easy. Since the season after Pentecost is drawn out it may be more difficult to come up with sermon ideas. This book will help ease the burden. A busy pastor will have more time to focus things other than sermon preparation, especially during the summer, with vacation time in full-swing. This book may be used for: Sermon preparation Independent or group study Inspirational reading Some Sermon Titles Include: Together in One Place (Acts 2:1-21) Meeting Jesus (John 3:1-17) Meet the Rose Family (Mark 3:20-35) Little Start, Big Finish (Mark 4:26-34) A Non-anxious Presence (Mark 4:35-41) Dean Feldmeyer is the author of five novels, four non-fiction books, three plays, and over two hundred published articles, short stories, essays, songs, and poems. He is also one of the contributing writers for *The Immediate Word*, a component of CSS's *SermonSuite*. A graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Theater, Dean also holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Methodist Theological School of Ohio and has studied classical philosophy at the post graduate level at The University of Cincinnati and The Ohio State University. Dean served as an ordained minister in the

United Methodist Church before retiring in July 2017. He currently lives with his wife, Jean, a retired registered nurse in Cincinnati where he enjoys writing, playing folk music, playing golf, and hanging out with his grandchildren.

Two Kings and Three Prophets for Less Than a Quarter CSS Publishing

"The Word in Other Words" presents a beautiful collection of thoughts and experiences, ushering the reader into a closer examination of their walk with God. Too often we forget that the significance of Easter is its ability to deliver a future, saving us from the past and the present with its offer of redemptive hope. As Reverend Dr. Tom Garrison urges the Christ follower to surrender despair and exchange it for hope, he boldly calls us to pursue lives filled with gratitude, risk, and faithfulness -- lives centered on a future that is only possible because of the cross and an empty grave. "The Word in Other Words" confidently encourages us to follow Jesus, reminding us that he is the only one who can carry our burdens and mend our brokenness. Nothing is beyond Christ's reach, Garrison proclaims, and "The Word in Other Words" is an excellent resource for those seeking a poignant unveiling of our human vulnerabilities and a compelling case for a strong and merciful God. Rev. Dr. Tom M. Garrison is the Senior Pastor at Pensacola Beach United Church of Christ, and has been ordained since 1985. Rev. Garrison holds ordained standing with the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Through his career he has not only served churches but also taught in Seminary, University, and his latest teaching assignment was at St. George's House, Windsor Castle, Windsor England. He was educated at Amridge University, Auburn University, and received his doctorate from Columbia Theological Seminary. He is married to the former Renate Hainberger a native of Vienna, Austria. This is Tom's third book with CSS.

Good News for the Hard of Hearing CSS Publishing

Kristin Borsgard Wee tells us that the scriptures are "endlessly fascinating, constantly surprising, and an unparalleled adventure in God's interaction with people." The same might be said of these first-rate sermons based mainly on texts from the book of Genesis. Readers will discover that Wee has an uncanny ability to place them right in the heart of the lections -- experiencing what the biblical characters did while at the same time revealing what God is trying to say to us that can transform our lives. By challenging basic assumptions and raising interesting questions, Wee is able to unveil some of the truths about God and human nature that are embedded in these sacred texts. These messages offer to readers, in the words of Anne Lamott, "a path and a little light to see by." Here is a preacher who knows her audience. The context for her sermons is all parish and the lives of her parishioners (all ages). She is a wordsmith and storyteller supreme. Her sermons are anchored in scripture. She has a great talent in mining the surprises that are in the text. For this preacher, law and gospel are never in doubt, but God's grace reigns supreme. This is one fine preacher. These are excellent sermons. I commend them to you. Glenn W. Nycklemoe Bishop, Southeastern Minnesota Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Pastor Wee writes about the practical and everyday issues of life with a distinctly human touch. Through her sermons we clearly see a God who understands our daily situations and acts on our behalf. Thomas L. Jolivette President, Waldorf College For those who have difficulty in hearing "gospel" in the Old Testament stories, Kris Wee's volume of sermons is a healthy corrective and a refreshing reminder. In her carefully constructed sermons containing a good mix of biblical exposition and stories, we have pictured for us God's great and gentle love in action. Her sermons are "full of God," who remains transcendent, yet warm and approachable. Durwood Buchheim Professor of Preaching (Emeritus) Wartburg Theological Seminary Kristin Borsgard Wee is the pastor of congregational life and education at St. Olaf Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Austin, Minnesota. She is an accomplished bassoonist with music degrees from St. Olaf College (B.A.) and the Manhattan School of Music (M.M.) as well as an M.Div. degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary. In addition to a pastorate in Waterloo, Iowa, Wee has been the Director of Mentor Development at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. She is a frequent guest speaker and Bible study leader at synod assemblies, conference meetings, and women's retreats.

Spirit Works CSS Publishing Company

Stories are a powerful element in preaching. They have a way of triggering connections and bringing life to otherwise mundane illustrations. Stories capture our imaginations, pique our memories, and envelop us in the drama of life. Glenn Ludwig brings to these messages on gospel lessons from the Revised

Common Lectionary many personal stories drawn from his ministry. And the pericopes themselves (mostly from Luke) are filled with stories of Jesus' encounters with people. Ludwig's dynamic sermons are sure to captivate readers and draw them into a greater understanding of the scriptural texts. Titles include: On a Need-to-Know Basis (John 16:12-15) Lessons From a Picnic (Luke 9:11-17) A Grave Reality (Luke 7:11-17) Jesus' Travel Instructions (Luke 10:1-11, 16-20) Must I Love That Neighbor? (Luke 10:25-37) Glenn E. Ludwig is the senior pastor of First Lutheran Church in Ellicott City, Maryland. He holds degrees from Susquehanna University (Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania) and Lancaster Theological Seminary (cum laude). The author of several books on youth ministry, Ludwig has been a keynote speaker at over 100 youth gatherings in the U.S. and Canada. *Sermons for Pentecost III Based on Gospel Texts for Cycle C* CSS Publishing Company

In this latest collection of Cycle A gospel sermons for Pentecost (last third), Albert Butzer shows that we Christians live our lives with one leg in the ancient and sacred world of the Bible and the other leg in our modern, scientific world. The job of the preacher is to make holy sense of the intersection of these two worlds. It is a great honor and a sacred responsibility to do this, as well as a weekly lesson in humility. Preaching is risky business. And good preachers quake every time they step into the preaching moment. Al Butzer understands this privilege, this power, this promise of preaching, he has been at it a long time, and his quaking is as fresh today as it was 35 years ago. His sermons crawl inside our lives, because his life is much like ours. He does not pontificate; he persuades. He does not prescribe; he wonders. He does not scold; he inspires. Through story and metaphor and creative twists of theology, he widens the lens of our lives and helps us see in new ways. Susan Andrews Moderator of the 215th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, USA These sermons do precisely what the author intends: They help the reader live at the intersection of holy scripture and daily life. They never stray from that complex and often ambiguous intersection where all faithful people must live. Read these sermons to hear a word of God's wide grace proclaimed with courage and deep faith in the living God who is still at work in our lives. Al Butzer is a seasoned preacher whose gifts are displayed in this collection. Roy Howard Book Editor for The Presbyterian Outlook Sermon titles included: All Are Invited, But... (Matthew 22:1-14) Stamped With God's Own Image (Matthew 22:15-22) The Rule of Love (Matthew 22:34-46) The Word Above All Earthly Powers (John 8:31-36) Blessed to Be Among the Company of Mourners (Matthew 5:1-12) Albert G. Butzer, III has served as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia since 2007. A graduate of Tufts University and Princeton Theological Seminary, he previously served congregations in Short Hills, New Jersey; Oak Park, Illinois; and Fairfax, Virginia. He was elected moderator of Chicago Presbytery in 1992 and three times served as a commissioner to meetings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, USA. He is the author of *Tears of Sadness; Tears of Gladness* also published by CSS Publishing. In 2011 he received an Award of Merit (Second Place) from the Associated Church Press for his essay, "Making Sense of Difficult Texts," originally published in *The Presbyterian Outlook*.

Blow the Silver Trumpets: Gospel Lesson Sermons for Pentecost First Third, Cycle C CSS Publishing Company

There is an air of unpredictability about William G. Carter's sermons... Improbable characters... turn up all over the place: a nursing home resident abandoning her walker to dance the polka... cows listlessly chewing their cud beneath a Jesus-is-coming sign along the highway. This volume is an attic full of eccentric treasures ready for a rainy day's exploring... Enjoy their humor, their joyful interplay of the biblical and the contemporary, their delightful poetic cadences. Thomas G. Long Princeton Theological Seminary This book contains twelve sermons, mostly based on the gospel of Mark. They include these titles: - Learning to Live Without Jesus - Can Christians Dance? - Looking a Little Bit Crazy - How to Plant an English Garden William G. Carter serves as pastor and head of staff of the First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. He received his B.A. degree from the State University of New York and his M.Div. degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. An accomplished jazz pianist, Carter has extensive experience as a composer and arranger, having studied and performed with noted jazz artists such as Phil Woods and Bob Brookmeyer. His sermons and articles have appeared in *Journal for Preachers*, *Presbyterian Survey*, *Preaching*, *Lectionary Homiletics*, *The Christian Ministry*, and *Best Sermons* (Harper-Collins, 1994).