

Lent and Easter books for adults

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BANNER DESIGNS FOR THE CHURCH YEAR (806170) Author: Debord, Jane and Isbell, Linda. This collection of 40 creative designs offers a banner design for the entire church. Each design is accompanied by an explanation of its meaning, related Scripture passage, a suggested color scheme, and easy-to-follow reproducible patterns. Includes designs for the following themes: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter, Pentecost, Trinity, Marriage, Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Funeral, Stewardship, Education, Worship, Evangelism, Reformation, All Saint's Day, Ascension, All Occasion. 64 Pages.

BEHOLD HIS CROSS (805171) Author: Stroble, Paul. Lent 2002: A Lenten Study Based on the Revised Common Lectionary. Seven sessions: Sin abounds--grace abounds more; Abundant grace through faith; All that we need; Seeing as God sees; For death, no victory; The journey to Golgotha; Behold our Savior! 71 Pages.

BREAD AND WINE: READINGS FOR LENT AND EASTER (809019) This anthology contains meditations from a wide spectrum of classic and contemporary Christian writers: C.S. Lewis, G.K. Chesterton, Philip Yancey, Frederick Buechner, Madeleine L'Engle, Henri Nouwen, Dorothy Day and many others. Contains 72 entries grouped around the themes of Invitation, Temptation, Passion, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and New Life. Includes author index. 412 Pages.

CAIAPHAS: THE HIGH PRIEST (814000) Author: Reinhartz, Adele. As the Roman-appointed high priest who had a hand in orchestrating Jesus' crucifixion, Caiaphas secured his place in infamy alongside Pontius Pilate. Who was he really? The author's thorough reconsideration of representations of Caiaphas in the Gospels and other ancient texts as well as in visual arts, literature, film, and drama emerges a portrait that challenges long-held beliefs about this New Testament figure. 254 Pages.

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER (807210) Author: Rosen, Ceil and Moishe. Enter the celebration of Passover, rich with history and significance for both Jew and Gentile. Through this book, you'll trace God's involvement through the history of this holy day--from the first Passover, all the way to the modern seder. The authors show how the death and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah are forever interwoven with the Passover and its symbolism. Includes index. 166 Pages.

CHRIST WALK: A 40-DAY SPIRITUAL FITNESS PROGRAM (815004) Author: Courie, Anna Fitch. Designed to help us set mind, body, and spirit goals that help us focus on God, this 40-day journal provides short devotional readings on the topics of creation, sin, judgment, repentance, and redemption which are appropriate for Lent or any time of year. Includes daily reflection questions and the following journal prompts: number of steps taken, miles journeyed, exercise chosen, spiritual thoughts, feelings. 221 Pages.

CLEARING SEASON: REFLECTIONS FOR LENT (806211) Author: Parsons, Sarah. Welcome the Lenten season as an opportunity to clarify your relationship with God. The author shows you how to clear a space in your life for God, identify obstacles that keep you from God, and choose a Lenten practice to help you remove those obstructions. Includes a chapter for each of the six weeks of Lent and a guide for small-group use. 111 Pages.

EASTER FROM THE BACK SIDE (809002) Author: Kalas, J. Ellsworth. The author looks beyond the traditional Gospel scriptures to connect the story of Christ's resurrection with other stories throughout the Bible. His creative approach both clarifies basic teachings and introduces new possibilities of meaning, even for those who are most familiar with the Easter story. Seven chapters. Includes a study guide for group use. 91 Pages.

ESSENTIAL LENT: HOLY MOMENTS AND SACRED EXPERIENCES FOR YOUR WHOLE CONGREGATION (814219)

Author: Jannsohn, Aimee, editor. This book offers interesting, easy-to-prepare activities and worship experiences that invite your church to delve a little deeper into this season and make it more meaningful. Includes activities for adults, young adults, youth, older children, younger children, and intergenerational groups. 111 Pages.

FINDING LIFE: FORTY DAYS OF DEEPER DEVOTION THROUGH LENT (815005)

Author: Rubietta, Jane. From Eden to Gethsemane -- The Garden Restored. Forty short devotional readings designed for use during Lent but appropriate for any time of year. Focusing on both Eden and Gethsemane, topics include creation, oneness, darkness, shame, sacrifice, thorns, failure, exile, suffering, and life. Includes daily reflection questions and a small group guide. 255 Pages.

FIRST EASTER: THE TRUE AND UNFAMILIAR STORY IN WORDS AND PICTURES (815031)

Author: Maier, Paul. Written by a professor of ancient history, this book explores the Easter story. Chapters: The friends -- up to Jerusalem; The enemies -- intrigue and conspiracy; The betrayal -- a Last Supper; The arrest -- in the garden; The hearings -- Annas and Caiaphas; The judge -- Pontius Pilate; The judgment -- a Roman trial; The execution -- at Skull Place; The unanticipated -- Easter dawn; The explanations -- doubts and criticism; The evidence -- an empty tomb. Illustrated with black-and-white and color photos. 128 Pages.

FOOD AT THE TIME OF THE BIBLE: FROM ADAM'S APPLE TO THE LAST SUPPER

(804209) Author: Vamosh, Miriam Feinberg. This full-color reference book describes the various foods and how they were grown and prepared. Includes recipes and index. 104 Pages.

FORGIVENESS: A LENTEN STUDY (815006)

Author: Thompson, Marjorie J.. This book provides a six-session study on forgiveness. Chapter titles: 1) Beginnings -- a kinship appeal; 2) Self-examination -- prelude to forgiveness; 3) Honesty -- engaging the inner struggle; 4) Repentance -- getting a new mind; 5) Forgiving -- embracing freedom; 6) Beginning again -- reconciliation and restoration. Includes a study guide for group use. Larger than average print. 97 Pages.

FROM PREPARATION TO PASSION (813015)

Author: Brown, Eleanor Cooper. Devotional and Reflective Meditations Celebrating the Lenten Season Based on the Lectionary and Celebrated African American Sacred Songs and Hymnody. *2013 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth 173 Pages.

GIVE UP SOMETHING BAD FOR LENT: A LENTEN STUDY FOR ADULTS (814109)

Author: Moore, James W.. In this seven-session study, James Moore challenges us to seek God's help to eliminate a bad habit or attitude while preparing to fully embrace the good news of Easter. Each session includes a Scripture reference, a personal reading, questions for discussion, and a closing prayer. Print study only; no DVD component. **Up to 37 copies available.** 96 Pages.

GOD IS ON THE CROSS: REFLECTIONS ON LENT AND EASTER (815103)

Author: Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. Brief daily readings for Lent on the topics of prayerful reflection, self-denial, temptation, the purpose of suffering, the cross, preparing for Holy Week, and Holy Week. Includes Scripture index. 114 Pages.

GREAT LENT: JOURNEY TO PASCHA (809006)

Author: Schmemmann, Alexander. An exploration of the spiritual journey through Lent as experienced in the Orthodox tradition. 140 Pages.

HE WAS CRUCIFIED: REFLECTIONS ON THE PASSION OF CHRIST (814110)

Author: Stanley, Gerard Joseph. This full-color book offers the reflections of a medical doctor on the physical and mental anguish Jesus underwent in the hours leading up to His death. Paired with this commentary are masterpieces old and new -- from Michelangelo and Rubens to Dali and Siqueiros -- as well as prayers, hymns, Scripture, and poetry to enrich your meditations on Jesus' Passion. 192 Pages.

HIDDEN WOMEN OF THE GOSPELS (804157)

Author: Coffey, Kathy. Chapter titles: Susanna, the shepherd woman; Magda, the wise one; Mari, Ben's mother; Wedding without wine: told in three voices; Sara, Peter's mother-

in-law; Leah, wife of Jairus; Feeding 5,000 and me, Raissa; Anna, the adulterous woman; Miriam's threshold; The parable of the missing mother; Rebecca, mother of the man born blind; Salome:blunder and blessing; Martha's splendid moment; Deborah:serving a meal, turning a corner; Esther accosts Peter; Claudia:wife of Pontius Pilate; Hannah at the foot of the cross; Joanna's 'idle tale;' Mrs. Cleopas:seven-mile trudge, seven-mile flight. 179 Pages.

JESUS, THE FINAL DAYS: WHAT REALLY HAPPENED (809013) Author: Evans, Craig and Wright, N. T.. What do history and archaeology have to say about Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection? Authors Craig Evans and N. T. Wright convey the drama and the significance of Jesus' final days on earth. Includes index of ancient sources and index of subjects, names, and places. 116 Pages.

JEW NAMED JESUS: DISCOVER THE MAN AND HIS MESSAGE (814233) Author: Simon-Peter, Rebekah. Chapter titles: What's a nice Jewish girl like me doing in a place like this?; Was Jesus a Christian?; Did the Jews reject Jesus?; Did the Jews kill Jesus?; Has God rejected the Jews?; A new heaven and a new earth. Includes questions for reflection and discussion. 126 Pages.

LAST DAYS OF JESUS (806184) Author: Bovon, Francois. Detailing the similarities and differences in the passion narratives of the four canonical Gospels and the Gospel of Peter, the author shows that these stories were not composed by objective witnesses but are reflections of the perspectives of those who wrote them. Includes indexes of ancient sources, modern authors, and subjects. 101 Pages.

LAST WEEK: WHAT THE GOSPELS REALLY TEACH ABOUT JESUS'S FINAL DAYS IN JERUSALEM (807107) Author: Borg, Marcus & Crossan, John Dominic. The authors discuss, against the background of Jewish high-priestly collaboration with Roman imperial control, the last week of Jesus's life on earth as given in the Gospel According to Mark, the earliest gospel and the first narrative account of Jesus's final week. Includes a reading and discussion guide. 238 Pages.

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER: A PASSOVER HAGGADAH FOR CHRISTIANS (805216) Author: Smith, Michael and Shapiro, Rami. This Christian haggadah, written explicitly for Christians in hopes of enriching their understanding of Passover, honors the teachings of both Judaism and Christianity. 39 Pages.

MEDITATIONS ON THE CROSS (832555) Author: Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. Focuses on the themes of the cross and resurrection, suffering, and overcoming death and their relevance for human life and actions. 94 Pages.

MEL GIBSON'S PASSION AND PHILOSOPHY: THE CROSS, THE QUESTIONS, THE CONTROVERSY (815028) Author: Gracia, Jorge, editor. Twenty philosophers with widely varying religious and philosophical backgrounds examine issues raised by the movie 'The Passion of the Christ' by Mel Gibson. Part 1: Did Christ Have to Suffer Violently? Part 2: Is 'The Passion' Anti-Semitic? Part 3: What Is the Truth? Part 4: Why Was Christ Killed? Part 5: Who Is Morally Responsible? Includes index. 271 Pages.

PARABLES AND PASSION: JESUS' STORIES FOR THE DAYS OF LENT (807043) Author: Indermark, John. This book allows reflection on one parable each day arranged around the following themes (one theme per week of Lent): Simple gifts; Studies in contrast; Attending to creation; Responsible relationship; Customs and choices; Upside down, inside out. The prologue offers a reading for Ash Wednesday, and the epilogue provides readings for the final days of Holy Week. Includes a leader's guide for a 6-week study. 175 Pages.

PLAYS OF THE PASSION (874333) Author: Creighton, Linn. Eight plays written for adults and older youth to perform. Each play is based on the personality of a New Testament character. Includes John the Baptist, the woman at the well, Zacchaeus, the rich young ruler, Simon the Pharisee, Nicodemus, Claudia Procula (Pilate's wife), and Mary of Magdala. 124 Pages.

POWER AND PASSION: SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF RESURRECTION (807042) Author: Wells, Samuel. This book explores the most important events in human history by examining six characters in the Easter drama -- Pontius Pilate, Barabbas, Joseph of Arimathea, Pilate's wife, Peter, and Mary Magdalene. Each one comes

alive as the author shows how they reflect and shape our reactions to contemporary issues such as marriage, friendship, discipleship, politics, and violence. Includes questions for discussion and reflection. 192 Pages.

PREACHING THE ATONEMENT (809087) Author: Stevenson, Peter and Wright, Stephen. The authors discuss 10 important Bible passages connected with the sacrifice of Christ. Each chapter includes a complete sermon on the passage followed by discussion. Chapter titles: 1) The cost of a father's commitment (Gen. 22:1-19); 2) Taking away their iniquities (Lev. 16:15-22); 3) The suffering of a servant (Isa. 52:13--53:12); 4) The crucified God (Mk. 15:25-39); 5) Forgiveness from the cross (Lk. 23:32-43); 6) The Word became flesh (Jn. 1:1-14); 7) The achievement of God's justice (Rom. 3:21-26); 8) The reconciliation of the world (2 Cor. 5:11--6:2); 9) The decisive victory (Col. 2:8-15); 10) The final sacrifice (Heb. 9:11-14). Includes name, subject, and biblical reference indexes. 207 Pages.

PRESUMED GUILTY (805138) Author: Tomson, Peter. The author explores how Jesus' trial and execution are portrayed in the New Testament and how that portrayal has affected biblical studies, Christian theology, and Jewish-Christian relations. Chapter titles: Jesus through the ages; The quest for the 'real' Jesus; The Jews in the Roman Empire; Jesus and His disciples; Jesus' trial; The apostles' testimony; The impact of the war with Rome; The writings of the New Testament; The readers of the New Testament. Includes name and subject index and index of ancient sources. 146 Pages.

SCRIPTURES COME ALIVE: READING SCRIPTURE ALOUD (857200) Author: Bradford, Grace. Includes readings for two or three persons, speeches for choirs, and short skits: People Be Joyful; Bread and Water from God (Ex. 16, 17:1-7); Call to Disciples (Old Testament); All Parts of One Body (1 Cor. 12:12-26); God's Faithfulness (Ps. 78); Righteous Living (Ps. 26, Mic. 1:2, 2:1-18, 2 Tim. 2:19), Depending on God for Help (Ps. 121), Message from the Mount (Mt. 5:1-12), I Remember Jesus, A Homecoming (Lk. 15:11-32), Palm Sunday (Mt. 21), Maundy Thursday (Jn. 13), Good Friday (Jn. 18:29-19:16), He Arose, The Walk to Emmaus, Looking for Jesus, Dedication of the Temple (2 Chr. 5-7). 48 Pages.

SEASON OF ASH AND FIRE: PRAYERS AND LITURGIES FOR LENT AND EASTER (814088) Author: Meeks, Blair Gilmer. This book is a treasury of scripture-based prayers, liturgies, and other worship aids to enrich worship from Ash Wednesday through the celebration of Pentecost. 159 Pages.

SEASONING LENT: VOLUME 1 / YEAR A (814200) Author: Smith, Stacy. 40 Days of Recipes and Reflections. This eight-week devotional activity designed for the season of Lent invites you to cook simple, delicious, healthy meals as a part of your spiritual practice for this season. This book includes a weekly scriptural reflection and 40 recipes, one for each day in Lent. 80 Pages.

SEASONING LENT: VOLUME 2 / YEAR B (814201) Author: Smith, Stacy. 40 Days of Recipes and Reflections. This eight-week devotional activity designed for the season of Lent invites you to cook simple, delicious, healthy meals as a part of your spiritual practice for this season. This book includes a weekly scriptural reflection and 40 recipes, one for each day in Lent. 80 Pages.

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SEVENFOLD PATH TO PEACE: SEVEN LENTEN SERMONS (809007) Author: Bond, Alan Bacon. Sermon titles: Is Peace Attainable?; Desire Peace; Peacemaking -- Active, Not Passive; Peace as Shalom; The Gift of Peace; Peace Through Sacrifice; Proclaim Peace. 55 Pages.

SON RISES: RESURRECTING THE RESURRECTION (808021) Author: Wise, Robert. In this exploration of Jesus Christ's resurrection, the author presents an engaging dialogue with a first-century eyewitness to the resurrection, offers stories of personal encounters with Jesus throughout history, and gives insight into the meaning and significance of the resurrection. Includes instructions for observing the Stations of the Cross and the Stations of the Resurrection. 234 Pages.

STAGES ON THE WAY (805008) Author: Iona Community. Worship Resources for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. 234 Pages.

STORIES BEHIND THE TRADITIONS AND SONGS OF EASTER (807040) Author: Collins, Ace. The author tells the stories of 21 songs and discusses the history of the Easter celebration, Lent, passion plays, sunrise services, Easter parades, dressing up for Easter, the Easter egg, and the Easter bunny. 183 Pages.

THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY: ENCOUNTERING THE SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS (807044) Author: Willimon, William H.. Eight chapters: 1) The first word -- Lk. 23:32-38; 2) The second word -- Lk. 23:39-43; 3) The third word -- Jn. 19:26-27; 4) The fourth word -- Mt. 27:45-49; 5) The fifth word -- Jn. 19:28-29; 6) The sixth word -- Jn. 19:30; 7) The seventh word -- Lk. 23:46-49; 8) Afterword. Includes name and Scripture indexes. **Up to 16 copies available.** 104 Pages.

24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD: 40 DAYS OF REFLECTION (811018) Author: Hamilton, Adam. In this companion volume that can also function on its own, Adam Hamilton offers 40 days of reflection and meditation enabling us to pause, dig deeper, and emerge changed forever. The reflections, ideal for use in Lent or any other time of the year, include Scripture, reflection on the events of Jesus' final day, stories from Hamilton's own ministry, and prayers. 176 Pages.

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WALK IN JERUSALEM: STATIONS OF THE CROSS (806046) Author: Peterson, John. Designed for use on Good Friday or for general devotions, this book provides the appropriate episode of the Passion story along with a meditation and a brief liturgy that apply that story to today's world. Includes a brief history of the Stations of the Cross ritual. 52 Pages.

WALKING THE WAY: FOLLOWING JESUS ON THE LENTEN JOURNEY OF GOSPEL NONVIOLENCE TO THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION (815132) Author: Dear, John. In twenty

chapters, each with questions for reflection, John Dear encourages us to follow in the footsteps of the nonviolent Jesus. 138 Pages.

WERE YOU THERE?: FINDING OURSELVES AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS (805002) Author: Kolbell, Erik. Chapter titles: She anointed His feet; The disciples fell asleep at Gethsemane and the slave is attacked with the sword; Caiaphas; The riddle of Peter; The tragedy that was Judas; Pilate, Herod, and the myth of leadership; The mob calls for Jesus' crucifixion; Simon of Cyrene; The good thief; Mary, the mother of Jesus; The centurion; The women of the cross; Joseph of Arimathea; What Cleopas didn't know; Doubting Thomas; Who He was, who we are. 163 Pages.

WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT PASSOVER (815002) Author: Moffic, Evan. What It Means and Why It Matters. Includes a Passover seder guide and a study guide for individuals and groups. Chapters: 1) From slavery to freedom -- the biblical exodus; 2) Rituals of freedom -- the celebration of Passover during the lifetime of Jesus; 3) Around the table -- why Passover is a holiday celebrated primarily at home; 4) Cleanse your spirit and cleanse your kitchen -- how to prepare for a Passover seder; 5) The seder plate -- how ritual objects connect us to one another and to God; 6) Blessing and questioning -- the seder begins; 7) As though you yourself journeyed from slavery to freedom -- telling the Passover story; 8) Praising and singing - the seder concludes; 9) From ancient Israel to contemporary America -- the universal story of freedom; 10) Celebrating the Passover seder yourself -- a Haggadah for home use by Christians and Jews. 190 Pages.

WHY THE CROSS? (815020) Author: Senior, Donald. Chapter titles: The cross and crucifixion in the first-century Greco-Roman and Jewish world; The cross and human suffering; The cross and salvation; Paul and the saving power of the cross; The saving death of Jesus in other New Testament traditions; The cross and discipleship. Includes bibliography, Scripture index, index of modern authors, and subject index. Part of the 'Reframing New Testament Theology' series. 168 Pages.

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