

"Peter Sanlon shows the importance of Augustine's sermons for his theology and argues persuasively for the role of interiority and temporality as hermeneutical keys to the sermons. This is a creative and original study which sheds light on the interpretation of Augustine's sermons and is a valuable contribution to our understanding of Augustine. I am very happy to recommend it."

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"Augustine wrote many influential books, but the living Augustine was at his best in his preaching, at home in Hippo or on the road in great Carthage. With learning and insight, Peter Sanlon brings us that living Augustine and guides us in meditating on the power and the mastery of his achievement. His book is the next best thing to being there."

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Georgetown University

"Augustine of Hippo invested ample time and energy in his preaching ministry. His friend and biographer, Possidius, observed that the community of Hippo profited more from Augustine's sermons than from his doctrinal treatises. Nevertheless, the *corpus* of Augustine's homilies was for a long time dismissed as merely 'pastoral talks.' Peter Sanlon blows the dust away from this rich treasure of sources, and shows that they do not only sketch a vivid image of the pastor Augustine, but that without studying them the integrity of Augustine's theology cannot be grasped. Sanlon unravels the theological hermeneutics of interiority and temporality which direct Augustine's sermons. *Augustine's Theology of Preaching* concludes that the preacher of Hippo shows that preaching today should have a fully integrated place in the life of the church and that it should be essentially biblically inspired and oriented."

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KU Leuven

"Augustine is one of the great Christian preachers, and his sermons show him at home with his people and perceptively engaged with human life from many angles. Dr. Sanlon has not only brought Augustine's preaching to life and given a rich, nuanced account of its core teaching on a range of topics; he has also thought deeply about its relevance today and shows how we too can benefit from engaging with him."

—**David F. Ford**
University of Cambridge

"Augustine is known today as a great theologian and church leader but in his own day he would have placed his calling to preach at the very heart of his ministry. Yet so often scholars have neglected this area of his life, with the result that our understanding of him is somewhat truncated. In this important study, Peter Sanlon redresses this imbalance by placing Augustine the preacher at the center. This is a book which not only enriches our scholarly understanding of Augustine but which will also be a delight for those called to preach the Word today."

—**Carl R. Trueman**
Westminster Theological Seminary