

I taught a Sunday school class in Central Baptist Church in St. Paul, MN on hermeneutics (the study of how to interpret the Bible) in 1992. In class I used *Playing by the Rules* by Robert Stein. Here are a bunch of other books that I would recommend, at that time, when you're *really* wanted to study the Bible. Now, I would add more books published since 1992 if given enough time to do this...

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Daniel-Rops, Henri, *Daily Life in the Time of Jesus*. 1962, Servant.

Historicity, Inspiration, Canonization, and Transmission

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Elwell, Walter A., *The Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible*. ed. Baker.

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