



Books to help you understand the Bible, how it was inspired, written, and compiled.

For a general overview of the discussion and various perspectives you can read:

- *Five Views on Biblical Inerrancy* by Merrick, Garrett, Gundry, and Mohler.
- *God's Word Alone* by Barrett.

For more academic and in depth study consider reading:

- *Cannon Revisited: Establishing the Origins and Authority of the New Testament Books* by Kruger.
- *The Enduring Authority of the Christian Scriptures* by Carson.
- *Defending Inerrancy: Affirming the Accuracy of Scripture for a New Generation* by Geisler.

For a pastoral approach consider reading:

- *Reading the Bible Supernaturally: Seeing and Savoring the Glory of God in Scripture* by Piper.

More references for great books, articles, or chapters on the Bible:

From Mark Mittelberg...

Here are a few resources I can recommend:

1. I have a chapter dealing with alleged myths and mistakes in the Bible in my book (along with a lot of other related questions), *The Questions Christians Hope No One Will Ask (with Answers)*
2. Two of Lee Strobel's books hit on many of the issues/challenges related to the Bible: *The Case for Christ* and *The Case for the Real Jesus* (now retitled, *In Defense of Jesus*)
3. I haven't read this one thoroughly, but he's a very trusted source who writes at an accessible level (sometimes co-writing with Sean McDowell): *Questioning the Bible: 11 Major Challenges to the Bible's Authority*, Jonathan Morrow
4. The updated books by Josh McDowell (now with Sean): *Evidence that Demands a Verdict* and *More than a Carpenter*

5. Norman Geisler's books, *From God to Us* and *The Big Book of Bible Difficulties*

From Lee Strobel...

I second those suggestions by Mark! I've read *Questioning the Bible*, by the way, and it's really helpful. So is the updated *Evidence that Demands a Verdict*. Another good book is *Can We Trust the Gospels* by Mark D. Roberts. Robert H. Stein has a chapter called "Criteria for the Gospels' Authenticity" in the book *Contending With Christianity's Critics*, edited by Paul Copan and WL Craig.

At Shoreline we believe and teach that the Bible is God's Word from beginning to end. It is inspired by the Holy Spirit and is true from the first word of Genesis to the last word of Revelation. The Bible is our authority for every part of life and is powerful to teach, guide, inspire, comfort, convict, heal, and instruct the people of God.

We challenge you to read God's Word every day and invite the Holy Spirit to speak the truth to your heart. Then ask for the Spirit's power and wisdom as you live out what you have learned and let the messages of the Scriptures transform your life.

With you in following Jesus and living according to His Word,

Pastor Kevin