1. Make it E.P.I.C.

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1. Be Relevant

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1. Best Teacher in the House

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1. Be Inspired

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1. Study

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1. Be Clear

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1. Add New Classes

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1. Be Exegetical

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1. Beware of the Eutychus Effect

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1. Be All That

**The Death of Bible Study**

**(Requiem for a Lost Art)**

A moment of silence, a bow of respect for a very dear friend that died of neglect.

Bible study was born when God sent his word to give understanding to all that was heard.

He grew up in church and used to be used to bring milk and meat to our spiritual food.

He was there for the teacher & prophet & pastor to make sure their sermons were not a disaster.

His father was strict, he was called, “exegesis”, he worked tearing heresy dogma to pieces.

His mother was lovingly called “hermeneutics”, she loved to bring peace when things were disputed.

They raised Bible study to honor the Lord and that’s what he did, ‘till times got hard.

He tried to help people, but people said, “no”, the “spirit” will teach us the things we should know.

Then study got pushed to the side by religion and de-nominational wars and division.

He was falsely accused of “touch and agree”, “name it and claim it” and the sowing of seeds.

He had a great job, but study got fired, tried to find work, but couldn’t get hired.

Then praise came around; made study look old and accused him of being too strict and too cold.

Then study was told he was tearing apart good families and friends with his biblical art.

And that’s about all, ole study could take; also, when he made his biggest mistake.

He put down his Bible and with tears in his eyes, he drank eisegesis and compromise.

This made study sick, he was never the same, he needed your help - but you never came.

Heartbroken, dejected, and not in demand, he died on a Wednesday, no Bible in hand.

He was misunderstood, he died all alone, but when Sunday came, the service went on!

The scripture was read, but misunderstood, but that didn’t matter, ‘cause the praises were good!

They sang and shouted for over an hour, and nobody noticed the sermon was sour.

How can we know what God really said if study was living, but now he is dead?

Ole study was murdered, poisoned with pride and kinfolks religion and compromise.

Some say that they loved him, but if that is true, I wonder who killed him, perhaps it was **YOU**?

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