

What Is That Verse Saying?

Selected Scripture
(series #9)

Intro: the potential we have to inadvertently misrepresent God

I. **John 16:13**

- A. Taken as a promise to understand the Bible
- B. The actual meaning of the text: it is a promise to the disciples of divine inspiration

II. **1st Corinthians 2:9**

- A. Taken as a reference to heaven
- B. The actual meaning of the text: God's truth can not be discovered empirically; it had to be revealed by the Holy Spirit

III. **James 2:24**

- A. Taken as a contradiction of justification by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone
- B. The actual meaning of the text: Mental assent to facts is not saving faith.

IV. **Revelation 3:20**

- A. Used to teach asking Jesus in your heart
- B. The actual meaning of the text: Jesus has been shut out of His church

Conclusion: we must take verses in their context!