

**Sermon Series: *Revelation - Jesus Revealed* Sermon Title: *Sardis: The Walking Dead* Scripture: Revelation 3:1-6** Director of Youth Ministires, Matt Vohwinkel Sunday, August 20, 2023

**I. Reputation of The City**

Its military stronghold and natural resources gave Ancient Sardis a that was .

**II. Present Condition of the City**

By the time of this letter, Sardis was still , but only a of its .

**III. Reputation of the Church** (V. 1a)

The church in Sardis had a good reputation, more likely rooted in history than present day activity.

**IV. Present Spiritual Condition** (Vs. 1b, 4)

While some saw evidences of life in the Church of Sardis, Christ declares her as Spiritually dead.

**V. Corporate & Individual Solution** (Vs. 2-3)

Jesus calls the entire church to the continuous action associated with genuine devotion to Him.

**VI. Eternal Motivation** (V. 5-6)

To those who conquer through Christ, He promises perfect and .

**Questions for Reflection**

As you consider the false sense of security felt by both the city and the church of Sardis…

* What are some lessons to be learned both as a church and individually?
* Are there areas in your own life that are currently vulnerable to the advancement of sin and the influence of the world?
  + If yes, what actions do you feel the Spirit leading you to take to shore up your defenses?
  + If no, what evidences do you see that assure you that your defenses are where they should be?
* How do the promises of Vss 4-6 encourage your heart all the more to pursue Jesus with all that you have?