

## ***Sardis: The Church of the Living Dead***

Revelation 3:1-6

1) Destination (3:1a)

2) Commendation

3) Refutation (3:1b)

4) Exhortation (3:2-3)

5) Motivation (3:4-6)

6) Weekday Application Questions

- a) What do you know about the church in Sardis? its history? its culture? its people?
- b) How does Jesus' message to Sardis compare and contrast with His messages to the other churches that we've seen so far in Revelation?
- c) Have you ever struggled with a disconnect between your "reputation" and your spiritual "reality?" In other words, have there been times in your life when you felt "dead" spiritually but no one (other than Jesus) knew? What instruction do we see in this passage to address that disconnect?
- d) How does Jesus' personal description of Himself in 3:1 address the spiritual condition of those in Sardis ("you are dead")?
- e) Here is your "One Thing" for this week: Do you live in a "watchful" state? ... looking for the coming of the Lord Jesus? What does that look like in your life?