

## Sermon Notes

### *Jesus Walks Among the Lampstands*

“Jesus Assessment of Sardis: Part B” – Revelation 3:1-6

#### I. Introduction

##### A. Review

##### B. The Christ Title – Revelation 3:1

##### C. The Commendation.

1. There is none!

##### D. Key Problem

1. Complacency.

##### E. Today’s Text – Revelation 3:1-6

#### II. Exposition

##### A. The Complaint – Revelation 3:1c

1. Reputation for life, yet dead.
2. Note what is not mentioned.

- a. No F\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_
- b. No B\_\_\_\_\_ or N\_\_\_\_\_
- c. John Stott

##### 3. What are the causes of spiritual death?

- a. Answer implied elsewhere in the sermon.
  1. “Wake up,” verse 2.
  2. “Deeds incomplete,” verse 2.
  3. “Soiled clothes,” verse 4.

##### B. The Correction – Revelation 3:2-3a.

1. Includes five commands:

- a. W\_\_\_\_\_ U\_\_\_\_\_
- b. S\_\_\_\_\_ what R\_\_\_\_\_

c. R\_\_\_\_\_

d. O\_\_\_\_\_

e. R\_\_\_\_\_

1. Key Point: Must assault deadly complacency!

2. Osborne.

#### 2. Examining one of the commands.

a. “Wake Up” – Be W\_\_\_\_\_.

b. Most see a linkage with the call for vigilance with the history of Sardis’ unconquerable acropolis having been conquered.

1. The thief comes when least expected.
2. Note the history of Sardis’ fall.

#### C. The Consequence – Revelation 3:3b-5a

##### 1. Negative consequence

- a. Metaphor of a “thief.”
- b. Used in scripture.

1. Jesus – Matthew 24:42-44  
Paul – I Thessalonians 5:2  
Peter – II Peter 3:11  
John – Revelation 16:15

2. However, the “coming” is N\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_  
E\_\_\_\_\_ T\_\_\_\_\_ return but his P\_\_\_\_\_ coming  
in judgment over this church.

#### III. Point for Reflection.

##### A. To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

1. Note Isaiah 29:13
2. Note Matthew 23:25-28
3. Note Amos 5:18-24