

Sunday, June 3, 2018  
Apocalypse Now: The Lion Roars  
“Sardis: In Name Only”  
Revelation 3:1-6  
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Revelation 3:1-6 (focal, v1b: *‘I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead’*)

The church of Sardis had acquired a name. Its reputation as a progressive church had evidently spread far and wide. It was well regarded in the city and in the neighborhood. No false doctrine was taking root in its fellowship. Its congregation was probably quite large and growing, while its programs included many excellent projects. It had no shortage of money, talent or human resources. There was every indication of life and vigor. But outward appearances are notoriously deceptive; and this socially distinguished congregation was a spiritual graveyard. It seemed alive, but it was actually dead.



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