



Introduction

The final three letters to the churches.



Questions

1. What is John told to write to the church at Sardis, if they won't watch?
2. What will Jesus do for those who overcome in Philadelphia?
3. What is the problem with the Laodiceans?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 6** The church in Sardis is in danger of losing its faith. It is warned to watch and improve. However a few members are commended for remaining faithful
- **v 7 to 13** The church at Philadelphia is remaining faithful and enduring, despite opposition from so-called Jews. They are encouraged to hold on to their faith
- **v 14 to 22** The church in Laodicea is described as lukewarm and is suffering from being too affluent (see theme). The members are encouraged to be zealous and change their ways

Timeline 60 AD (see below)



Theme / Information

The danger of riches

A selection of verses showing that riches can be a problem.

Riches can't buy life after this one ends:

Psalm 49 verses 6 to 10

Proverbs 22 verse 1

Being rich encourages pride:

Proverbs 28 verse 11

Being too rich can be a problem:

Proverbs 30 verses 8 and 9

Jesus spells out the danger of riches very clearly:

Mark 10 verses 23 and 24

The apostle Paul warns Timothy of the problems riches bring:

1 Timothy 6 verses 6 to 10



The seven churches in Revelation

Map showing the location of the seven churches mentioned in Revelation 1, 2 and 3:



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 3, Q 2: v 12, Q 3: v 15 and 16



Bible timeline

