

Jesus in Revelation 2-3

	Because Jesus . . .	Jesus can . . .
Ephesus	walks among the lampstands (2:1)	take away their lampstand of the unrepentant (2:5)
Smyrna	was dead but came back to life (2:8)	raise those who are faithful all the way to the second death (2:10-11)
Pergamum	has a sharp, two-edged sword (2:12)	fight against the unrepentant with the sword of his mouth (2:16)
Thyatira	has insightful eyes like fire and strong feet like brass (2:18)	know their true character and give the faithful authority to rule the nations (2:19, 23, 26)
Sardis	holds their spirit in his hands (3:1)	he can control the destiny of the faithful (3:5)
Philadelphia	opens and closes doors without opposition (3:7)	protect and bring honor to the faithful, even though they are presently weak (3:8-11)
Laodicea	is the faithful, true witness (3:14)	confront and punish the wrongdoing of the unrepentant (3:19)