

Day 18: Virtual Journey – Thyatira & Sardis

Today we will be visiting two places – [Thyatira](#) and [Sardis](#).

Thyatira was a centre for trade particularly of indigo cloth. Acts 16:14 says: ‘... Lydia, was a *business woman* originally from Thyatira. She made a living *buying and selling* fine purple fabric.’ The city was not large or considered very important although the early church had quite a presence there. The early Christians found it hard to keep a purity of witness. Christ’s way is an open secret, not a deep mystic secret and the small city is promised a great sense of worth and authority in the letter sent to the church.

The remains of the ancient site are a few ruins – unguarded and unloved - at a small site standing at a busy crossroads.

So, on to Sardis. The ancient city spread over a large area and the ruins for us to visit are spread over 2 sites with the modern city built up in between. The sites were each looked after by one guard and the Americans had restored one of the buildings but at the time of my visit neither site appeared to be a major tourist destination. We were able to walk along the ancient Silk Route and hold a prayer meeting in the Roman synagogue. It had never occurred to me that a synagogue built in Roman times would be full of mosaics!

Quote

Our freedom can be measured by the number of things we can walk away from. Vernon Howard

Bible Verse

18 Thyatira Revelation 2:18-26

To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations. Revelation 2:26

18 Sardis Revelation 3:1-6

They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy.
Revelation 3:4

Inspiration

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TX4wMD9OZ20>

Journaling

What things have you had to work hard for? In which areas of your life so you feel you have been victorious?

Technique Challenge

Use repeat patterns on your page. You could draw them, use a stencil or a stamp.