History’s Worst Job

I. Reality TV Shows
   a. Not very much like reality
      i. Not actors – Real people
      ii. In totally unreal circumstances
   b. We are going to have our own reality show
      i. Dirty Jobs – Discovery Channel Tuesday evenings
         1. Catching leeches
         2. Cleaning up after penguins
         3. Making shingles
         4. Collecting alligator eggs
      ii. History’s Worst Jobs
   iii. Which jobs in history would you have least wanted?
      1. Most difficult
      2. Most useless
      3. Most dangerous

II. Arresting God’s People
   a. Arresting Elijah – 2 Kings 1:9-15 => Consumed by Fire
   b. Arresting Elisha – 2 Kings 6:14-23 => Struck with Blindness and given into the hand of their enemy
   c. Arresting the man of God – 1 Kings 13:1-6 => Withered Hand
   d. Arresting Jesus – John 18:1-9 => Unable to stand

III. Destroying God’s People
   a. Besieging Samaria – 2 Kings 7:3-9 => Scared off, belongings plundered by God’s people
   b. Destroying Jerusalem – 2 Kings 19:32-37 => 180,000 killed by an angel of the Lord
   c. Attacking Judah – 2 Chr. 20:1,15-17,22-25 => Ambushed, killed and plundered
   d. Throwing Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego into the furnace – Dan. 3:20-27 => Killed by the heat, Victims unharmed

IV. Guarding God’s People
   a. Guarding Jesus’ tomb – Matt. 28:1-4;11-15 => Dead body escapes, frightened by angel, became as dead men, accepted bribes
   c. Guarding Paul and Silas – Acts 16:22-27 => Earthquake, prisoner’s loosed, suicide makes sense

V. Conclusion: History’s Best Job
   a. Being God’s People – If attempting to do harm to God’s people is history’s worst job, then being God’s people is history’s best job
      i. 1 pet. 2:9-10
      ii. Not all escaped harm – Heb 11:32-40
      iii. If it is worth doing, it is worth doing well
      iv. We have the best job in the world, being the people of God
   b. Invitation