

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
 - b. Guarding Peter – Acts 12:1-11;18-19 => Prisoner escapes, death
 - 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