

Introduction

- In 1995, US Parks & Wildlife, responding to environmentalist pressure, introduced Canadian grey wolves to Yellowstone Park, Idaho, and Colorado.
 - Grey wolves 'sport hunt,' taking more than they need, unlike coyotes, bears, and mountain lions! Their presence stresses cattle herds, causing malnourishment.
 - Religious leaders around Jesus are cornered; becoming wolves, they decide to kill off a fellow Jew because they're threatened by God defeating death and giving life!
- I) Curiosity about Jesus gathers a crowd! (9)
- Huge crowds gather curious about Jesus — people flow in from across the planet when someone sees what might be an image of Mary!
 - Passover was likely the largest gatherings in the Ancient Near East; Jerusalem swelled to 6X its size: 25K regular population swelled in passover to 150K.
 - Jesus is doing the ultimate God stuff, beating death, then grabbing dinner.
 - A true leader would seek Jesus to lead them with his proven abilities and humble dependence on God. These men are politicians and pundits of power.
- II) Crisis against Jesus scares a core! (11,10)
- From last week: What do we choose over Jesus? What do we fear losing if we choose Jesus? We must hold onto our curiosity about Jesus's next moves.
 - Judas shows how easy it is to lose everything: just choose anything over Jesus.
 - Many fear death; everyone fears certain kinds of death — so Lazarus walking around happy and healthy is fundamentally enticing for everyone.
 - Lazarus never offered a speech nor organized any action, so why kill him?
- Lazarus's presence amongst the people threatened what Jesus might do for us.
- ## Conclusion
- Andy Dufresne (Shawshank Redemption Movie) "Get busy living, or get busy dying."
- "Remember, hope is a good thing and no good thing ever dies."
- Friends, Satan is terrified of your hope, of your worship, of your bedrock freedom that no circumstance determines who you are because only God determines that.
 - Our world's great need is Christians intent on celebrating, explaining, and resting in Jesus every day — no fanfare needed; you were dead in sin but now live!