



Sermon series: The Final Countdown [Wolfproof your Church & Life]  
Text: Jude 1:17-23  
Description: Wolves are a sideshow; Jesus is the Main Event!  
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## Wolves inside the Wire

### 1. On Guard against Wolves. Jude 1:17-19

- a. Wolves \_\_\_\_\_ the church. (vv.18-19)
  - i. They teach lies, live lies (18)
  - ii. They divide church (19)
    - 1. *We believe that unity is one of a church's greatest blessings just as division is one of the devil's meanest curses. Consequently, while we encourage lively debate and disagreement, we insist that it be done in a spirit of grace, kindness, and love. If the elders determine someone is dividing the church, he/she will be addressed quickly and the matter handled biblically.* (Keystone Secondary Positions, #12)
- b. Wolves are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i. Apostles predicted them:
    - 1. Paul: Acts 20:29-30; Galatians 1:6-9, 3:1; 2 Timothy 3:1-9
    - 2. Peter: 2 Peter 2
    - 3. John: 1 John 2:26, 4:1-6
- c. Dispatching wolves is not \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i. Exalting in & proclaiming Christ is the Mission

### 2. On Mission for Christ. Jude 1:20-23

- a. Personal \_\_\_\_\_ (20)
- b. Personal \_\_\_\_\_ (20)
- c. Live for the \_\_\_\_\_ (21)
- d. Love \_\_\_\_\_ (22)
  - i. Cf. John 20:7
- e. Love \_\_\_\_\_ (23)
- f. Love \_\_\_\_\_ (23)
  - i. Cf. Galatians 6:1

## Takeaways

1. The greatest threats are always \_\_\_\_\_ the church, not \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The greatest hope is not \_\_\_\_\_. It is to \_\_\_\_\_ and proclaim \_\_\_\_\_ in all of its power, glory and majesty.

○ *Wolves are a sideshow; Jesus is the main event.*

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Think about this...

- In Titus 3:10-11, what is this person doing, what is he like, and how is he to be handled by the church?
  - Have you ever witnessed division in a church? Today it's rare that church squabbles are over false teaching on some core belief. It's far more likely it's over how something was done, disputes about style, changes in programing, etc. What would you say made what you observed, divisive? What was said, how it was said, or how it was handled?
- By what means are you regularly "building yourself" in the faith (Jude 1:20)?
- When you pray, do you first invite the Holy Spirit to guide your praying (Jude 1:20)? Why or why not?
- When was the last time you thought (with some anticipation) about the return of Christ (Jude 1:21)? If it's been a while, why do you think that is? Are you living to exalt in and proclaim Jesus Christ, or are you on another mission?