

## Thought for the Day 22nd May - John Reed

Read Psalm 139:1-12

Last Saturday, police in Louisa, Virginia in the USA took to social media in the hopes of finding two men accused of robbing a convenience store wearing watermelon rinds on their heads.<sup>1</sup> Surveillance cameras caught the bandits in the act, but their “brilliant” disguise helped them to elude authorities.

One wonders why people didn’t notice two men with watermelons on their heads running away afterwards – or taking watermelons off their heads as they tried to slip away into the crowd!

However, it turns out the ruse wasn’t as successful as the culprits had hoped, because by Sunday a 20-year-old man had been charged on three accounts: misdemeanour larceny of alcohol, misdemeanour possession of alcohol by an underage person and felony prohibition of wearing a mask/face covering in public. His accomplice, however, remains at large.

The lengths people will go to, to avoid detection!

The Psalmist reminds us that while we can hide from security cameras, there is nowhere to go to hide from God.

Which would be a terrifying thing, were it not for the fact that God is gracious and compassionate (Psalm 51:1; 86:15; 116:5; 145:8-9; James 5:11), and that in Jesus he invites us to come to him and find rest for our weary souls (Matthew 11:28-30).

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.huffingtonpost.com.au/entry/watermelon-rind-disguises-robb\\_n\\_5ec2fea4c5b682028c1c7459?ri18n=true](https://www.huffingtonpost.com.au/entry/watermelon-rind-disguises-robb_n_5ec2fea4c5b682028c1c7459?ri18n=true)