

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 01 Sept 2013 John 1:1-18 God Revealed
- 2) 08 Sept John 1:19-51 Jesus Identified
- 3) 15 Sept John 2:1-25 Authority Acknowledged
- 4) 22 Sept John 3:1-36 Salvation Offered
- 5) 29 Sept John 4:1-38 The Power to Give Life
- 6) 06 Oct John 4:39-54 The Power to Save
- 7) 13 Oct John 5:1-47 The Power to Heal
- 8) 20 Oct John 6:1-71 The Power to Meet Needs
- 9) 27 Oct John 7:1-52 Asking Questions About Jesus
- 10) 03 Nov John 7:53-8:59 Wondering About Judgment
- 11) 10 Nov John 9:1-41 Doubting Jesus' Power
- 12) 17 Nov John 10:1-42 Feeling Insecure?
- 13) 24 Nov John 11:1-57 **Dealing with Death**

INTRODUCTION

- Jesus raises Lazarus from the grave, which is the 7th and last sign recorded by John
- Scripture records **10 resurrections**, presumably all redeemed individuals (half of them were children, one was a Canaanite boy)
 1. Elijah raised son of a Sidonian (non-Jew)..... 1Ki 17:17-24
 2. Elisha raised son of a Shunammite 2Ki 4:32-37
 3. Elisha raised man who touched his bones.....2Ki 13:20, 21
 4. Jesus raised Jairus' daughterLu 8:51-55
 5. Jesus raised the son of a widowLu 7:11-15
 6. Jesus raised Lazarus after 4 days John 11:41, 42
 7. Jesus resurrected Himself John 10:18
 8. God raised up numerous saints Matthew 27:52
 9. Peter resurrected Tabitha/Dorcas Acts 9:39-42
 10. Paul resurrected young Eutychus Acts 20:9,10

Passage	Comments
11:38-44	<p>The Savior's Power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did God cause Lazarus to succumb to death just to gain honor? • v39. "...Lord, by this time there will be a stench..." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The Jews believed that after a person's death, the spirit remained near the body for 3 days, trying to reenter. But after 4 days, as decay began to set in, the spirit left with no chance for resuscitation ♦ Lazarus' resurrection at this stage would be akin to raising someone after their embalming – a creative miracle possible by God and God alone ♦ Satan can copy many of God's wonders (with God's permission, of course), but all of Satan's healings & miracles are called "lying wonders" for the purpose of deception.....2Thes 2:9; Rev 16:14; 18:23; 19:20
11:45-57	<p>The Savior's Popularity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv45-46. Split crowd. Some chose to believe in Christ, while others chose to rat on him to the Pharisees • vv47-57. Conspiracy to Kill the Son of God. The Jews had a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge (Romans 10:2). The Message Bible says "...they are doing everything exactly backwards." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ What misplaced zeal can we be accused of having?

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John 11:1-20	<p>Setting the Stage for a Supernatural Miracle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v15. Jesus said <i>"and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there (when Lazarus died), so that you may believe"</i> – Jesus was setting the stage for a supernatural miracle that could not be construed as happenstance, subjective, or coincidental
11:21-27	<p>Would've, Could've, Should've...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v21. <i>"Lord, if you had been here..."</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Martha presents a "what-if" scenario. Are we locked into a one-size solution for everything? YES & NO. ♦ Our gender, our IQ, our parents, race, & nationality, our birthdate, and our genetic dispositions to catch various diseases were determined without our input ♦ Our choice of career, spouse, even our day of death are not fixed, but have a range of possibilities based on sinful or righteous circumstances, prayers, etc. ♦ Of special note is our eternal state is determined both by God's will and our will • v27. Mary gets it. <i>"Yes, Lord, I believe You are the Christ, the Son of God..."</i> – What convinced Mary?
11:28-37	<p>The Savior's Compassion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v35. "Jesus wept" – Jesus exhibited human traits 100% • Some Christians believe that since God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, the compassion Jesus exhibited to the sick of His day is still available for us today – Therefore, supernatural healings and miracles, such as raising the dead, should still be possible • This is a lesson in itself. Deuteronomy 4:9 depicts God suspending supernatural miracles without suspending His compassion for His people. God commanded the generation of the Exodus to remember the miracles of old & convey them to the next generation who would not experience them – BUT God is still the same GOD

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- There will be 5 more resurrections in the future. Which one will we be a part of?
 1. **Rapture:** Christ will make a partial appearance and "take up" the Christians into heaven (1Thes 4:16), sparing them from approximately 7 years of tribulation on the earth. (Rev 6-19)
 2. **Tribulation-era saints** and O.T. saints at the beginning of the millennium (Rev 20:4, Is 26:19, Dan 12:1)
 3. **Company of saints** after the millennium (1Cor. 15:22-23)
 4. **The Antichrist:** The only confirmed non-believer seemingly raised from the dead (Rev 13:3)
 5. Finally, resurrection of all the wicked (Rev. 20:11)

NEXT WEEK: John 12:1-50. Jesus gets His feet washed, He strolls into Jerusalem seated on a donkey to fulfill scripture, He responds to hearing about some Greeks looking to chat with Him, the crowd is spooked after hearing a voice from Heaven, He foretells His own death, and He performed more signs among the people – yet many still chose not to believe in Him.

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Laz, if you can hang on for a few more days, Jesus should be here by the end of the month.