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
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

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’ daughter ............. Lu 8:51-55
  5. Jesus raised the son of a widow ............ Lu 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
  10. Paul resurrected young Eutychus .... Acts 20:9,10

Passage | Comments
--- | ---
John 11:1-20 | Setting the Stage for a Supernatural Miracle
- v15. Jesus said “and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there (when Lazarus died), so that you may believe” – Jesus was setting the stage for a supernatural miracle that could not be construed as happenstance, subjective, or coincidental
11:21-27 | Would’ve, Could’ve, Should’ve...
- v21. “Lord, if you had been here...”
  - Martha presents a “what-if” scenario. Are we locked into a one-size fitting every scenario? 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. “Yes, Lord, I believe You are the Christ, the Son of God...” – What convinced Mary?
11:28-37 | The Savior’s Compassion
- 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.

ChurCh of tHe COVered DISh by Thom Tapp
Laz, if you can hang on for a few more days, Jesus should be here by the end of the month.