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### Additional Points About Lazarus

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In today's sermon, we will examine the raising up of Lazarus. I want to make two side points that I probably won't get to in the sermon.

First, I have developed a hesitation about calling this scene a "Resurrection." My concern is not in regards to Lazarus actually being dead. There is no doubt. He is dead. Jesus goes out of his way to make clear to his disciples that Lazarus is dead (John 11:12-14), and by the time they reach the tomb in Bethany, Lazarus has been dead for four days (v. 39). Let there be no doubt that Lazarus is dead and that Jesus raises him up. I only hesitate to call this a Resurrection because it simply does not fall into the same category as what happens to Jesus. When Jesus is raised up, it is understood as both a universal sign of victory over death itself (Acts 2:24) and a sign of Jesus' identity as Son of God (Romans 1:4). Likewise, our own promised Resurrection is viewed as a conquest of death (1 Corinthians 15:26). For Lazarus, however, he rises to fall again. Death will someday catch back up to him. In addition, no one suggests that Lazarus is "declared to be the Son of God with power." Lazarus then experiences a victory over death that is short-lived, a battle but not the war. What should we call this? I really don't have many alternatives, but I hope you do notice the difference. This is a glimpse of the Resurrection, but not the reality. Maybe "resurrection" with a lower-case "r"!

Second, it is odd on the surface that such a dramatic miracle only occurs in one Gospel out of four. Many have taken opportunity to question the authenticity of John's record because it is unverified by any of the others. However, what is often over looked is that each Gospel does have scenes of raising the dead worked by Jesus. Luke for example records the rising of the widow of Nain's son (Luke 7:11-17). Both Mark and Luke tell us the story of the rising of Jairus' daughter (Mark 5:21-23, 35-43; Luke 8:40-42, 49-56). In Matthew and Luke, Jesus tells the disciples of John to tell their imprisoned teacher of the miracles they have seen, including the fact that "the dead are raised up" (Matthew 11:4-5; Luke 7:22). In Matthew's account of the limited commission, even the twelve are given power to "raise the dead" (Matthew 10:8). Most noticeable of all, Matthew's description of the crucifixion includes this incredible statement about the moment of Jesus' death:

*The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. (Matthew 27:52-54)*

Thus, instead of seeing John's story of Lazarus as a story without precedent, we see it as one of many stories that show the life-giving nature of Jesus. As Robert Capon wrote, "Jesus never meets a corpse that doesn't sit up right on the spot. ... He has that effect on the dead."

by Benjamin J. Williams

**SUNDAY**

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am  
 Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am  
 Evening Worship & Classes 5:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm



## CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

Did you know we have a Bible Correspondence Course on our website? It is 6 lessons long, titled 'Know Your Bible'. Go to our website, [www.glenpoolchurchofchrist.com](http://www.glenpoolchurchofchrist.com) and check it out. Also, tell all your friends about it!

## GREET EACH DAY WITH GLADNESS

Greet every day with gladness  
When first you see the light.  
There is no need for saness;  
You made it through the night.

The day may not be perfect;  
The sky may not be blue,  
But god wil lwalk beside you  
And help you see it through.

Don't fret about tomorrow,  
Just do your best today  
For sunshine follows sorrow  
As blue skies follow gray.

Greet every day with gladness  
As if it were a friend...  
There may be a blessing waiting  
Somewhere around the bend.

Too many Christians are no longer fishers of men but keepers of the aquarium.

**upcoming**  
work dinners  
**events** fellowship  
retreats picnics games parties meetings

### **Sunday, February 9th**

Elder's and Deacon's meeting at 3:30

### **Sunday, February 23rd**

Fellowship meal after evening services, group Byers

### **Friday, Feb 28th & Saturday, March 1**

Affirming the Faith Seminar in Edmond

### **Sunday, March 2nd**

Bible Bowl, over Acts chapters 1-8

### **Sunday, March 9th**

Ladies meeting at 3:30

### **Sunday, June 8th thru Saturday, June 14th**

Frog Road Camp session

## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Bobby Hill has had biopsies preformed on some spots on his head, arm and shoulder and will have another one done on his head and his other shoulder. The first spot on his head was malignant and he will have surgery on Tuesday, Jan 28th to remove it. The one on his arm looks bad and will most likely require surgery. Let us pray that the remaining spots are benign and he will be done with all of this by the end of February.
- Mickey Hecht will have a heart procedure (electrophysiology) on Jan 28th at Hillcrest. (Of course she is very nervous and has asked for prayers on her behalf).
- Barbara Pinkston has been diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer. Let's keep Jim and Barbara and their family in our prayers as they struggle with this sad news and with possible treatment options.
- Sherri Carr is doing better, she still tires easily, but some of her speech is coming back. Tammy said that she may be able to have phone calls in a couple of weeks. We will look forward to that.
- Update on Jack and Carol Madding's daughter: the doctors think they have conquered the severe leg infection, she is very weak and will have rehab to help gain her strength back. We hope and pray she has no more set backs.
- Dolores Scherman is at 'The Gardens' in Sapulpa, room 401. Visitors are welcome.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear; Josh Triay (Becky's nephew)

- **Our friends and family:** Dan Jones; Shelia Byers (cancer); James Byers (chemo); Suzanne Stamps; Sue Gilbert (Leasa's mother); Linda Patterson (stroke); Dolores Scherman; Temper & Megan Parker (CMT neuropathy); Karn Madding (cerebral palsy & infection); Jeannene Thomas (cancer); John Griffith; Barbara Vaughan; many others.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Jean Brown is the proud great grandmother of Levi William Pence. He was born Jan 22nd weighing 8 lbs 15 oz, 20 1/2 inches long. Parents are Joel and Kathleen Pence. All are doing well.



## HOPE HARBOR

We received a letter from Hope Harbor asking if we know of a Christian couple who would like to be house parents. The letter is posted on the bulletin board if you are interested.

## MEN

- Just a gentle reminder to check the Worship Assignment sheet to see if you are scheduled to do a job today. Thank you!
- Also, the Worship Assignment sheet for February is in the foyer.

## CLOTHING ROOM

The Broken Arrow congregation has sent us a post card showing the dates their clothing room will be open to the public for clothes at no charge. The post card is posted on the bulletin board.

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Doris Miller, Jan 28	Mike & Kimber Perry, Jan 31	Lainey Eichler, Feb 12
Bayla Burrus, Jan 28	Robert Hill, Jan 31	Kennedy Patterson, Feb 14
Nancy Riggs, Jan 29	Sonny Pulliam, Feb 2	Riley McCafferty, Feb 19
Rylee Davidson, Jan 30	Anna Sue Rafferty, Feb 4	Chente Marquez, Feb 20
Sonny & Marilyn, Jan 31	Eleanor Phillippe, Feb 11	Bill & Lenora Hamrick, Feb 22

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## Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes  
Sunday AM Worship  
Sunday PM Worship  
Wednesday Bible Classes

112  
169  
74  
82

## Contribution

Sunday Contribution \$5,179.12  
Budget \$4,185.00  
**Under Budget** <\$1,248.11>  
Building Fund \$213,732.56

## Men To Serve

### Sunday Morning

Song Leader Bill Path  
Opening Prayer Keith Riggs  
Closing Prayer Mike O'Neal  
Scripture Reading Matt Hamilton  
Lord's Table Dalton Path  
Steve Rucquoy  
Johnny Riggs  
Dennis Robinson

### Ushers

Ryan McCafferty  
Wes Wadkins

### Greeter

Steve Rucquoy

### Lock Building

Jack Myrick, Bruce Rothell

### Sunday Evening

Song Leader Jerry Buller  
Opening Prayer Randy Crawford  
Closing Prayer Chris Patterson  
Lord's Table Dalton Path  
Steve Rucquoy

### Wednesday Evening

Song Leader Randy Brown  
Opening Prayer Bruce Rothell  
Closing Prayer Harry Reeve

## Communion Preparation

1/5 Rosalie O'Neal  
1/12 Rothell Ladies  
1/19 Susan Yeager  
1/26 Kay Robinson  
2/2 Edwards Ladies  
2/9 Autumn Caldwell  
2/16 Tonya Davidson  
2/23 Causby Ladies

## Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

Sunday, March 9th  
3:30 pm

If you are looking for a  
Bible reading plan for  
2014, let us know!



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Sundays at 7:30 a.m. KWHB  
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### Search Programs:

Jan 26 - Glorifying God  
Feb 2 - Accountable to God  
Feb 9 - Freedom in Christ  
Feb 16 - What Have You Done?  
Feb 23 - Be Wise

## Sunday Morning Sermon

Encounters with Jesus:  
"The Grieving Sisters"

John 11:17-22

## Sunday Evening Class

Pauline Perspectives: Galatians  
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