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S. PELLEGRINI, *L'ultimo segno. Il messaggio della vita nel racconto della risurrezione di Lazaro*, Fondazione Bruno Kessler—Scienze Religiose, Nuova serie 20 (Bologna: Dehoniane, 2009, paper €18.60) 273 pp. Bibliography. ISBN: 978-88-10-41509-2.

After a two-page introduction, Pellegrini, author of *Elija. Wegbereiter des Gottessohnes. Eine textsemiotische Untersuchung im Markusevangelium* (2000), discusses the *status quaestionis* regarding the account of Jesus' restoration of Lazarus to life in Jn 11:1-44. Next she provides a detailed semiotic reading of the text, and offers a holistic reading of it under the following heading: "I am the resurrection and the life"—the message of life in the sign of resurrection. Then she considers hopes regarding resurrection in the time of Jesus (in the Greco-Roman world, OT and Judaism, and NT; and in Jn 11:1-44), and reflects on the historical problems underlying the passage. Pellegrini concludes that Jn 11:1-44 is a condensation of typically Johannine themes, and that its true subject is not Lazarus or the resurrection of the dead but rather the Son and his relationship with the Father as the gate of life for believers.