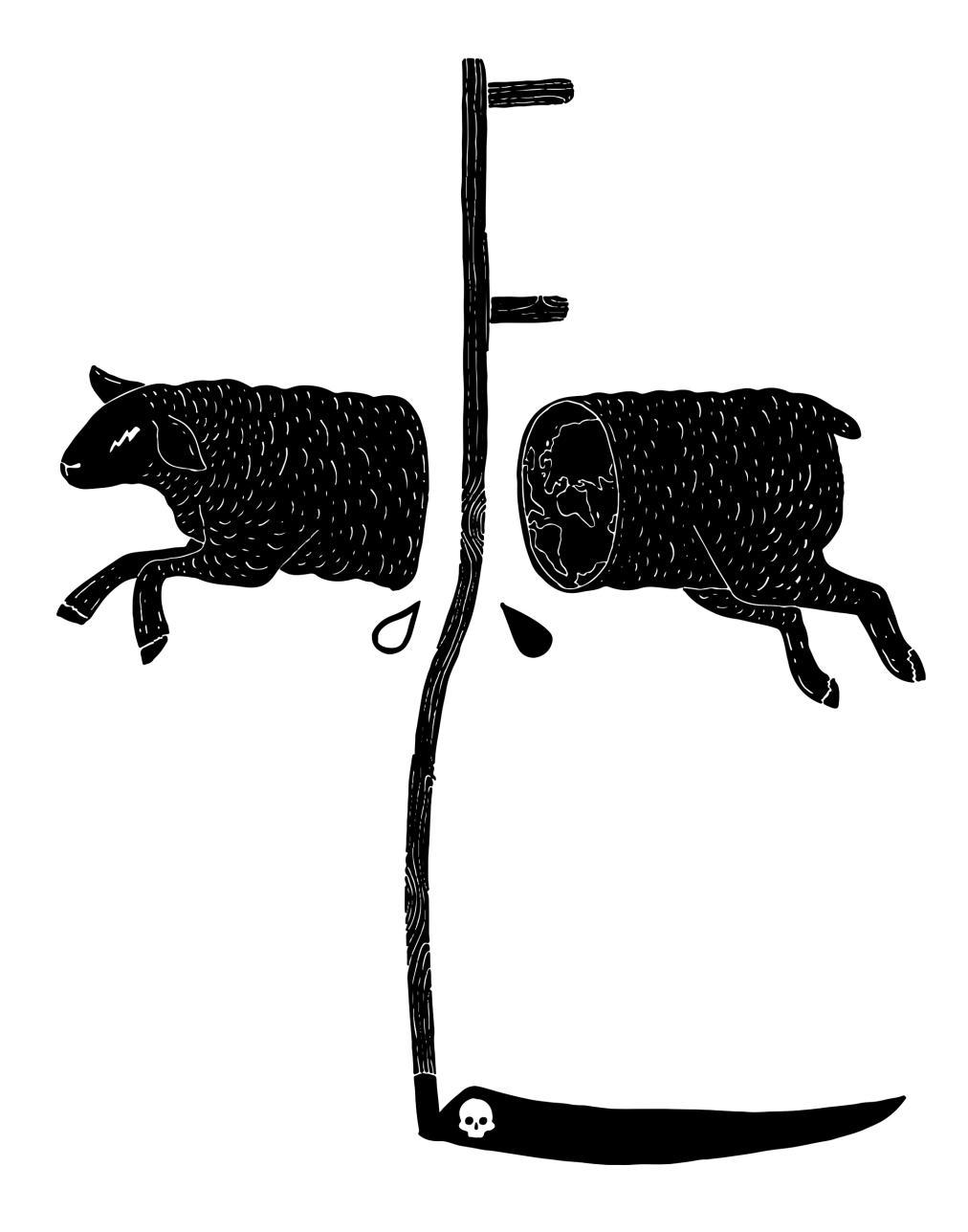




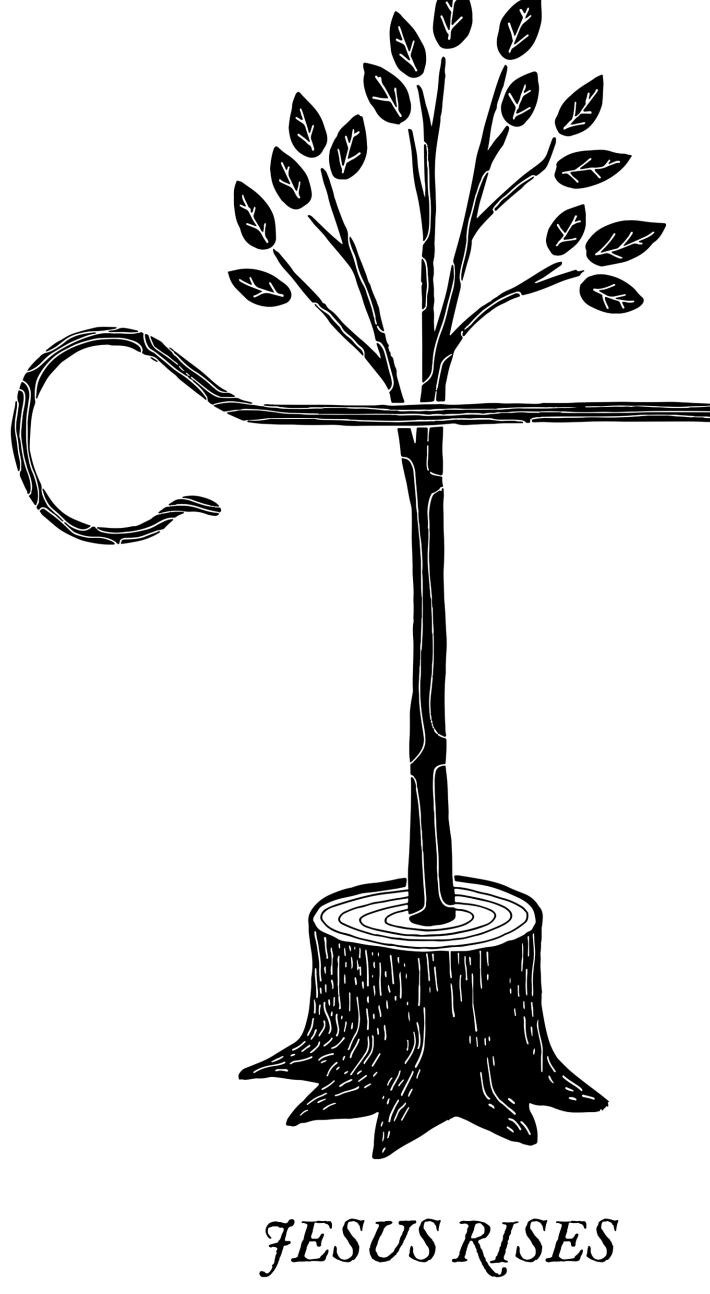
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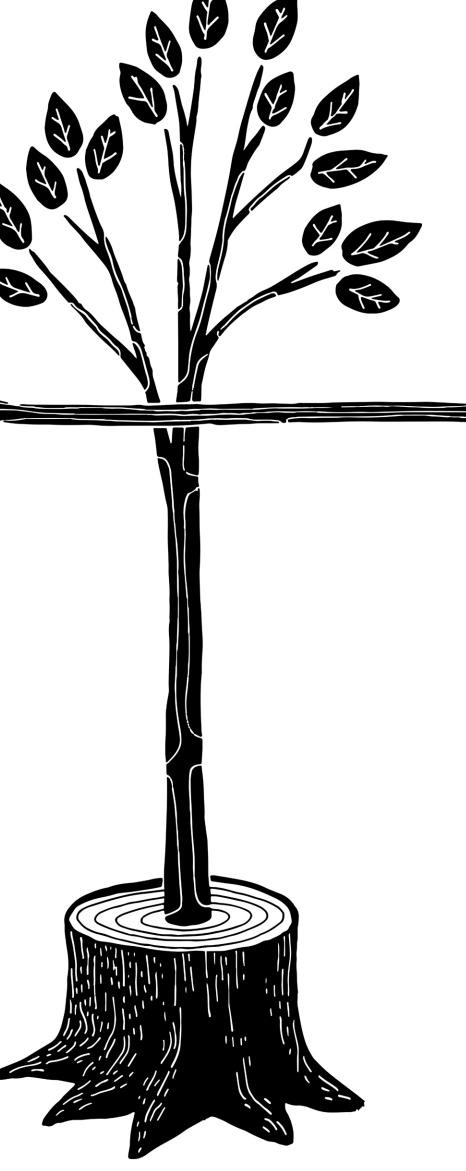




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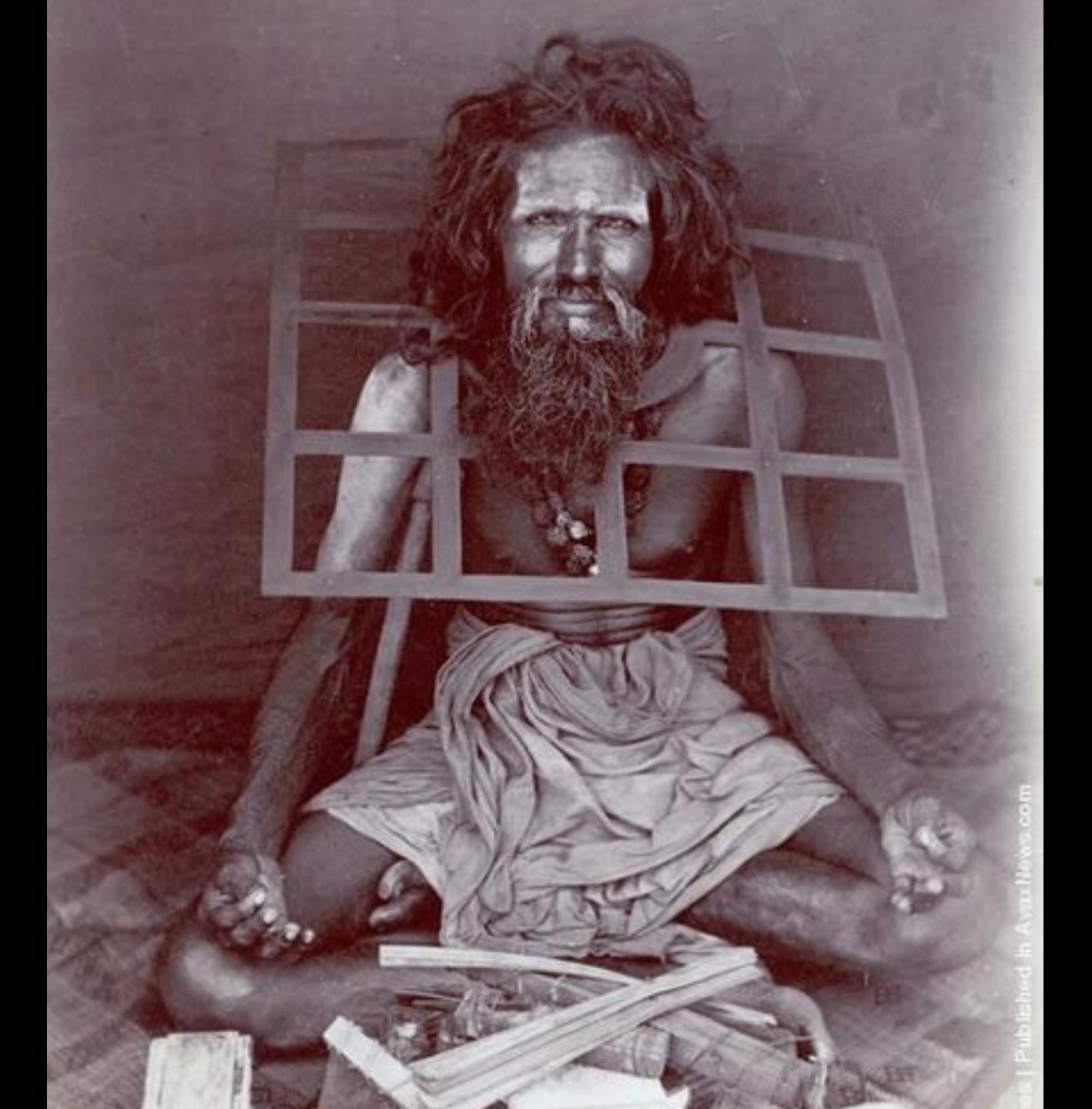




# WHY WE FAST AN INVITATION TO FASTING & FEASTING

## Good Friday > Resurrection Sunday







WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE SAY ABOUT FASTING? "Jesus replied, "Do wedding guests mourn while celebrating with the groom? Of course not. But someday the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast."

~ Matthew 9:15



## HOW SHOULD WE APPROACH FASTING?

"First, let it be done unto the Lord with our eye singly fixed on Him... Let our intention herein be this, and this alone, to glorify our Father in heaven."

~John Wesley in When You Fast



# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE FAST?

"More than any other discipline, fasting reveals the things that control us... If pride controls us it will be revealed almost immediately... Anger, bitterness, jealousy, strife, fear – if they are within us they will surface during fasting." ~Richard Foster in Celebration of Discipline (55)



# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE FAST?

"Food does not sustain us; God sustains us... in experiences of fasting we are not so much abstaining from food as we are feasting on the word of God. Fasting is feasting!" ~Richard Foster in Celebration of Discipline (55)



# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE FAST?

"When we are part of communities that value fasting, it helps us to build the expectation that seasons of emptiness and hunger are a natural part of the rhythm of life..." ~ Walter Thiessen in Glimpses of a Good Life (51)







## HOW DO WE FAST?

 Start small • Be aware End slowly

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