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Think different.

CONTEXT

WHAT COULD THIS BE?

The gospel is a story that explains and a message that transforms.

NT Wright

Peter's words are about Israel, in Israel, and for Israel...This is Israel speaking to Israel, calling to their own with the good news of the intensification of their election and of the personification of the free grace that shaped their existence from its beginning.

Willie Jennings

**Peter centers Jesus as the
fulfillment of God's promises
and Jewish desire**

**Peter centers the listeners as
co-conspirators in the
murder of Jesus**



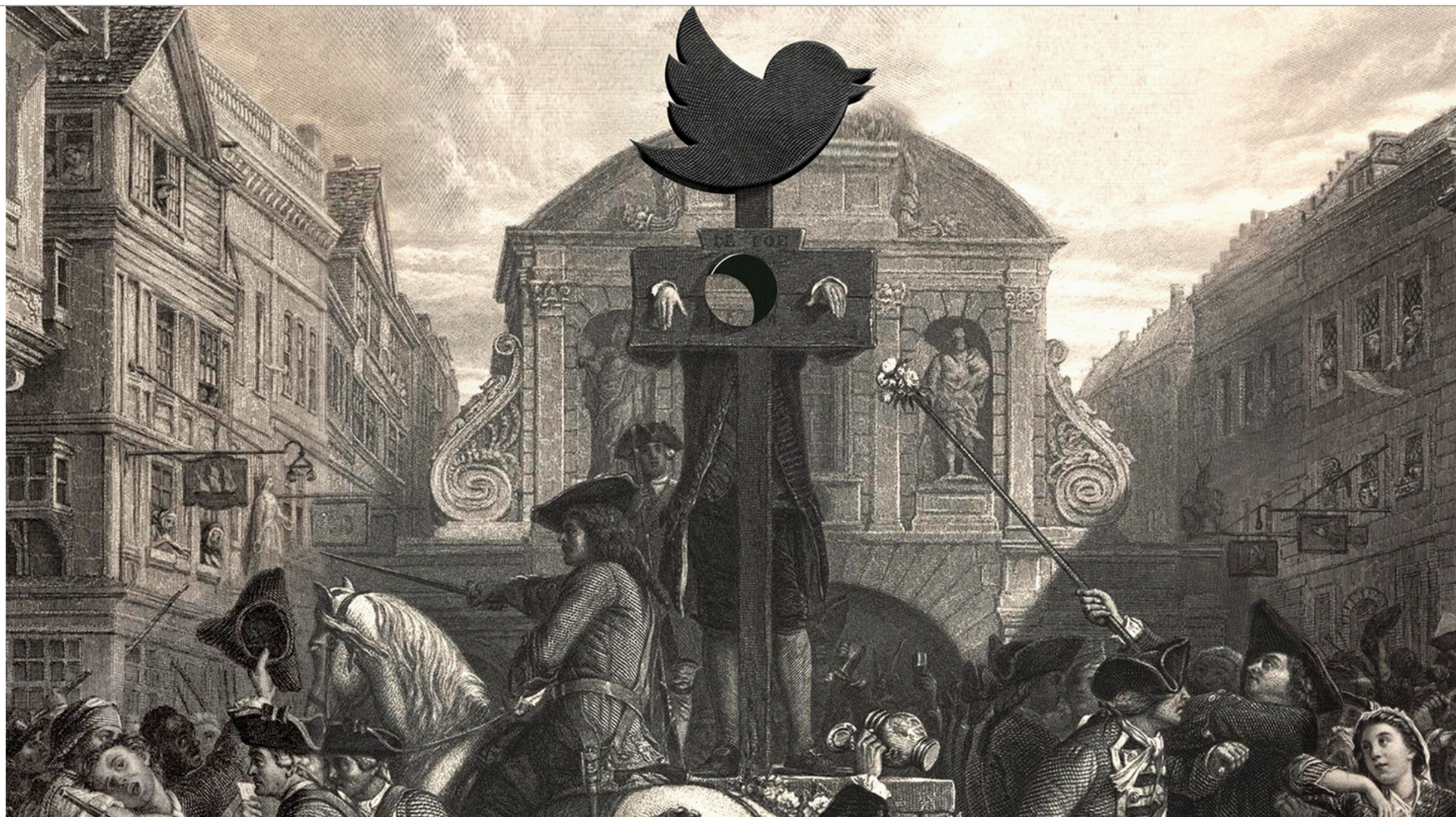
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IDEAS

THE NEW PURITANS

WHAT MUST WE DO?

The message looks crazy and shameful when you try to fit it into any other way of looking at the world. But if you let it get inside you - or perhaps we should say, if you stand inside it and look out at the world - then suddenly you see everything else in a new way. A way that makes sense of everything - startling, shocking sense, a sudden and scary clarity. This is what Paul means by the “power” of this “good news.” It does things to people. It transforms them.

NT Wright

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

CS Lewis

The gospel is not a self-help manual or inspiring message. It is the good news of entering into the very life of God through Christ. We are joined to God in Christ by the presence of the Holy Spirit. This life of God recalibrated all of our life and offers us an invitation to reinterpret our story in light of God's presence in and with us.

Rich Plass & Jim
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