

Solving Mark 11

Why would Jesus curse a fig tree
when it wasn't even the season
for figs?



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**Jesus walks over
to find fruit.**

**Result: Only leaves.
No figs.**

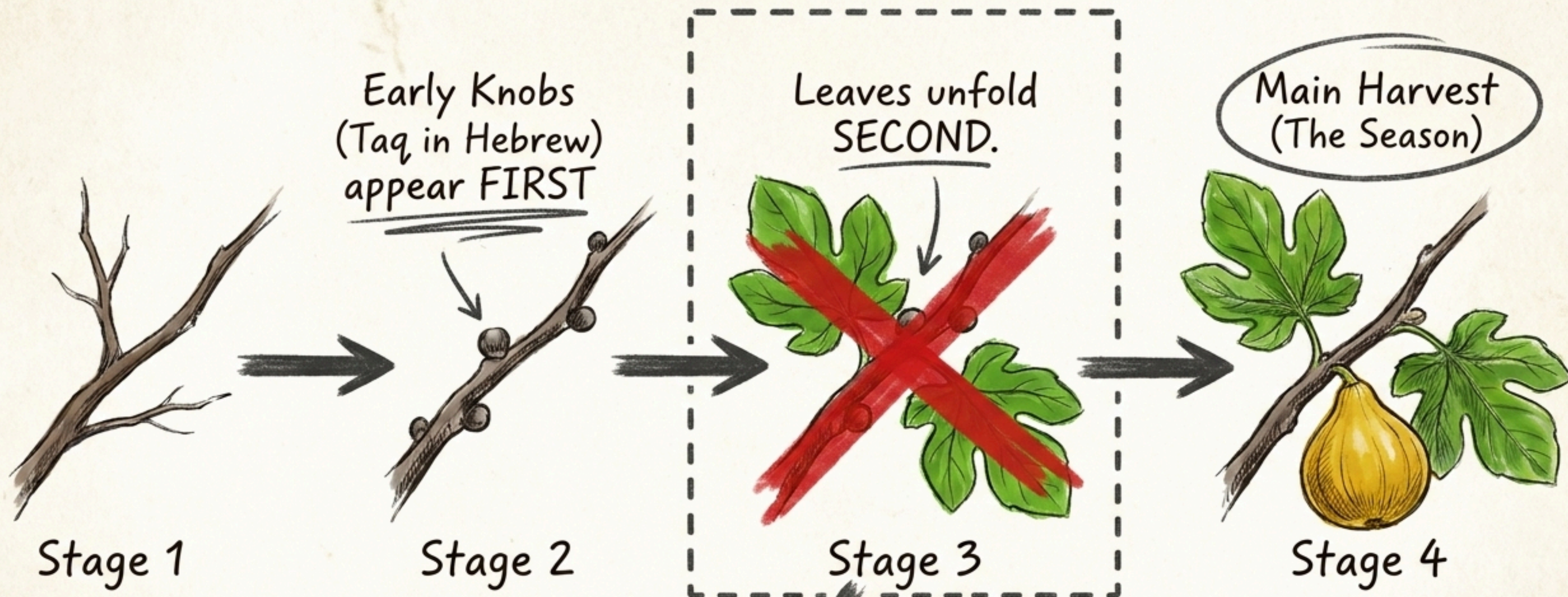
**Action: Jesus curses
the tree, and it
wITHERS AND DIES.**

He found
nothing but
leaves, for it was
not the season
for figs.

— Mark 11:13

The Biological Paradox

If it wasn't the
season for figs, why
is the tree punished
for acting like
a normal tree?



If a tree has full leaves, it must have early fruit.
 The tree Jesus saw was biologically lying.

THE ILLUSION.



A total deception.

It looked mature and fruitful from a distance, but up close, it was entirely empty.



The Leaves: Promising maturity and fruit.



The Branches: Completely barren and empty.

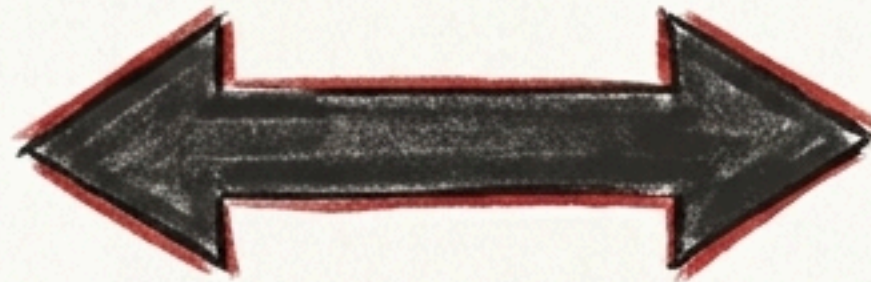
THE SYMBOL



The Fig Tree.

Represents the nation of Israel.
Outwardly blooming, inwardly barren.

The religious leaders
looked holy on the
outside, but were
but were corrupt
on the inside.



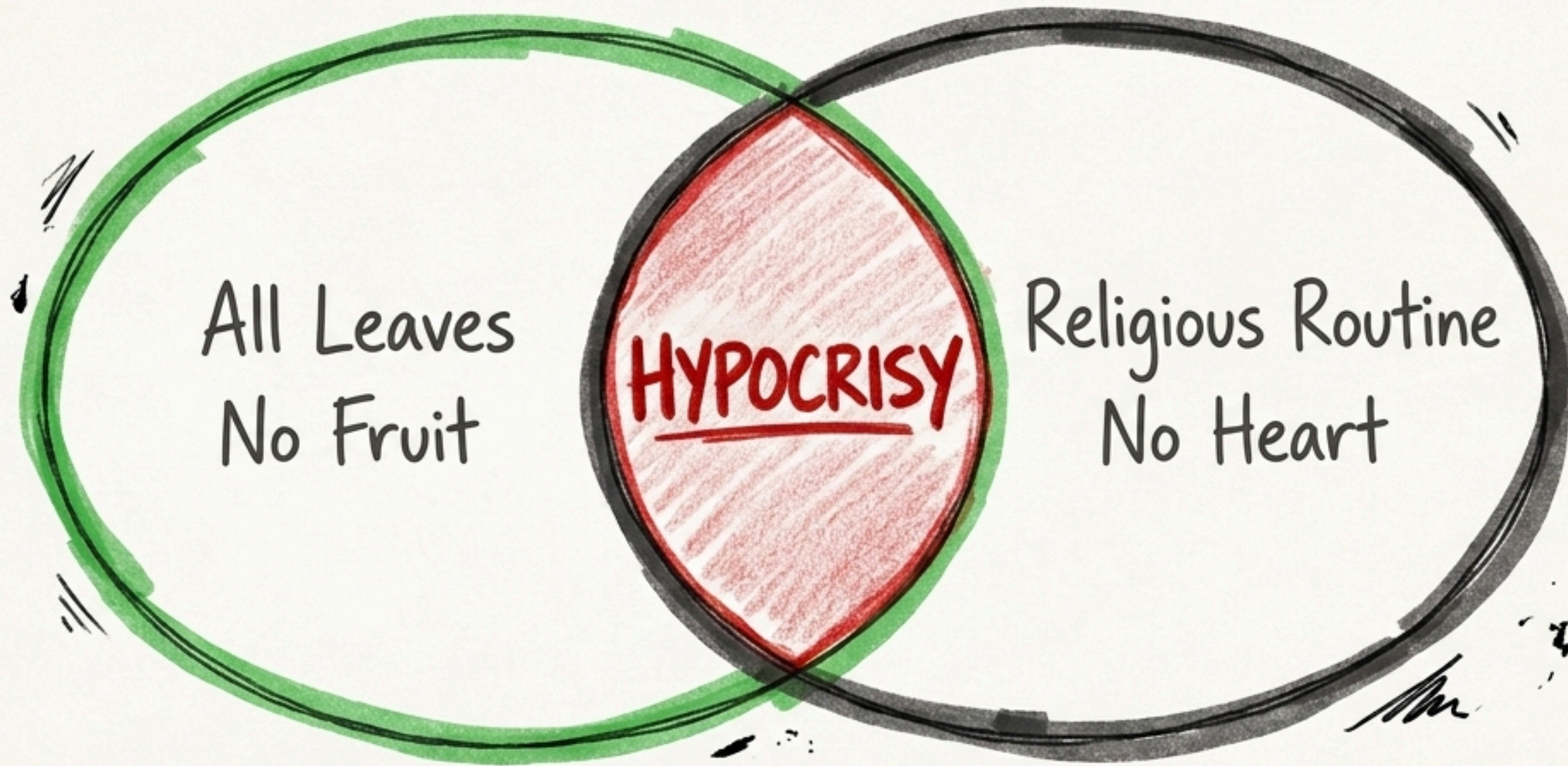
THE REALITY



The Temple.

Jesus immediately enters the Temple.
Money changers are exploiting the people,
turning a house of prayer into a marketplace.

The Living Parable



Jesus wasn't mad at a plant. The cursing of the tree was an enacted, physical judgment against spiritual deception. God expects true fruit, not just empty religion.



Leaves (The Illusion)

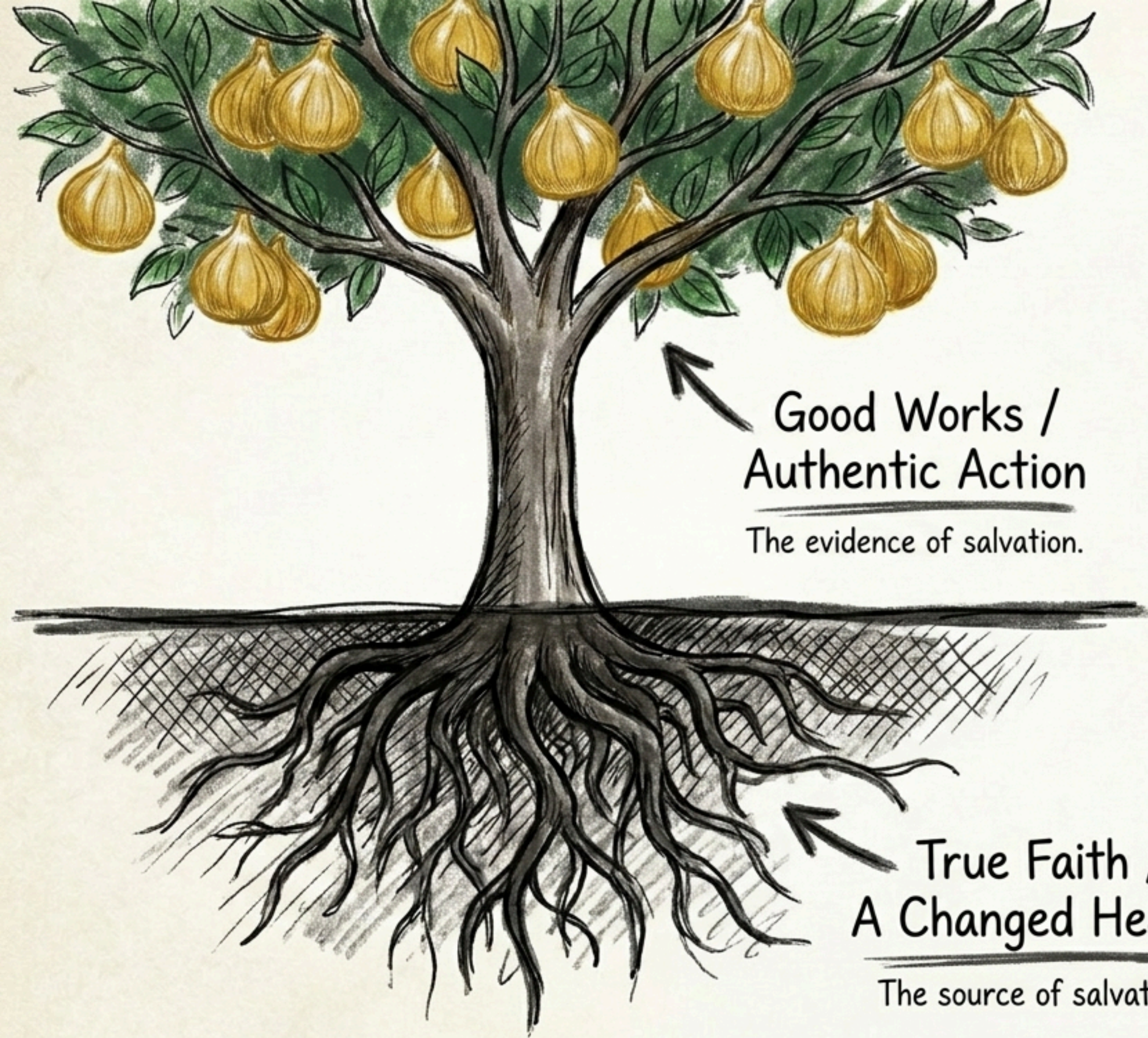
- ✓ Going to church out of habit
- ✓ Posting Bible verses on social media
- ✓ Looking holy on the outside

Fruit (The Evidence)



- ✓ Loving and helping the poor
- ✓ Refusing to gossip; showing kindness
- ✓ Maintaining faithfulness and a good attitude

Are we living out what we post? God is not fooled by appearances.



Good Works /
Authentic Action

The evidence of salvation.

True Faith /
A Changed Heart

The source of salvation.

Fruit doesn't earn salvation.

True faith isn't about looking good to earn God's favor. It's about being transformed from the root up. The fruit is just the proof of a healthy root.

“You will know them
by their **fruits.**”

— Matthew 7:15

Jesus isn't against trees.
He's against deception.
Let's be people of real
faith, inside and out.

