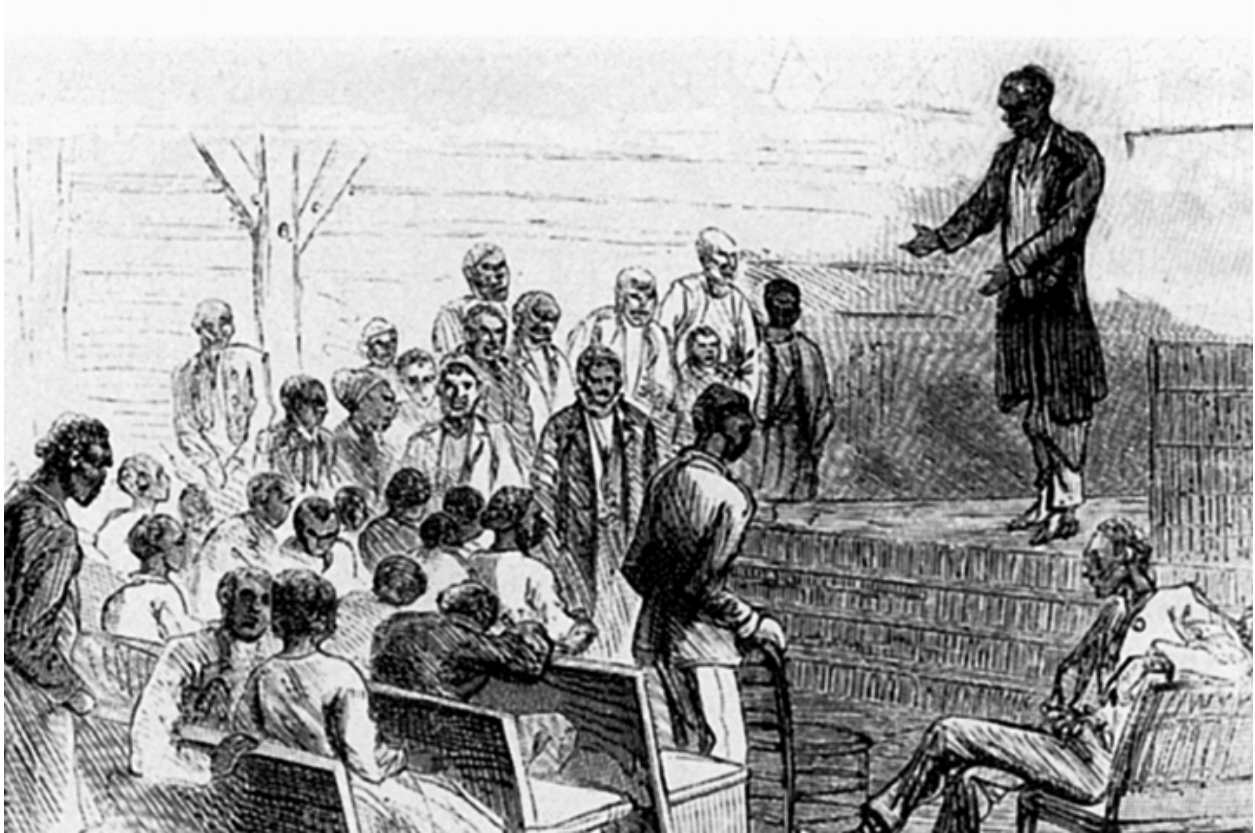


“Spiritual Resistance: The Submission and Defiance of Evangelical Slaves in the Antebellum South”



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This paper presents an overview of the intersection between slave evangelical beliefs and acts of resistance in the Antebellum American South. After briefly addressing the history of the Second Great Awakening and its effect on slave religious practices and beliefs, this project then explores how those new practices and beliefs tended to both embolden and dissuade slaves from resisting their bondage depending on interpretation, sociological factors, and a variety of other elements. This work ultimately endeavors to unpack this complicated, multi-faceted relationship between slave evangelicalism and resistance, explaining how a slave’s Christian beliefs could be the critical motivating influence in their decision to resist, or an equally critical factor in their choice to remain submissive.