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**Easter**

**English translation:**

N: Nafkote                      M: Woman on the left

M: *Fasika*<sup>1</sup> has a very special meaning to me, of all the holidays.

N: Because you wake up in the middle of the night to eat?

M: Not only that but also the period of fasting before it. Many Christians fast at that time, including me. You fast for two months, then Good Friday is the day for *sigdet*<sup>2</sup> – the day is spent fasting and then bowing at Church. Then Saturday, at my house, is usually spent with family.

N: To prepare for the holiday on Sunday.

M: Yes for the holiday on Sunday. So, Saturday is spent like that, and at night, my mother usually spends the night cooking for nine hours. Even if we do not help directly, we support her by talking to her and being around her. Then we go to church at night.

N: Overnight.

M: Overnight. Then at 3 a.m. we get woken up and we eat chicken.

N: And then the day begins. Oh, in many ways, *Fasika* – in Christianity, or even in the Bible – it's a very major holiday. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is an important day.

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<sup>1</sup> Easter

<sup>2</sup> bowing