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Luke



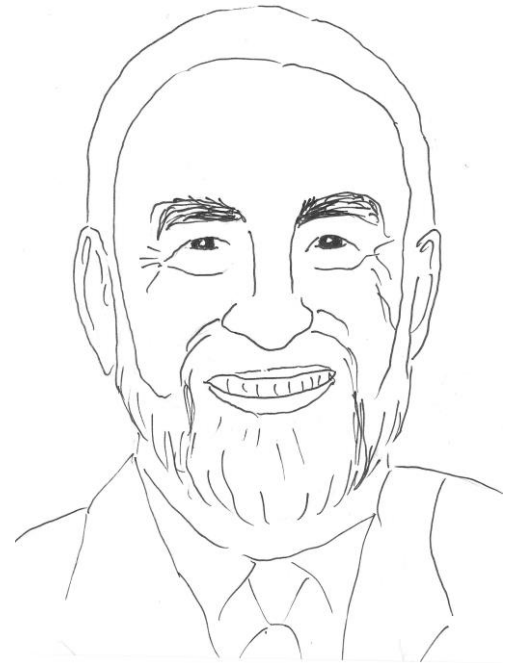
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Selected verses from
the Gospel of Luke

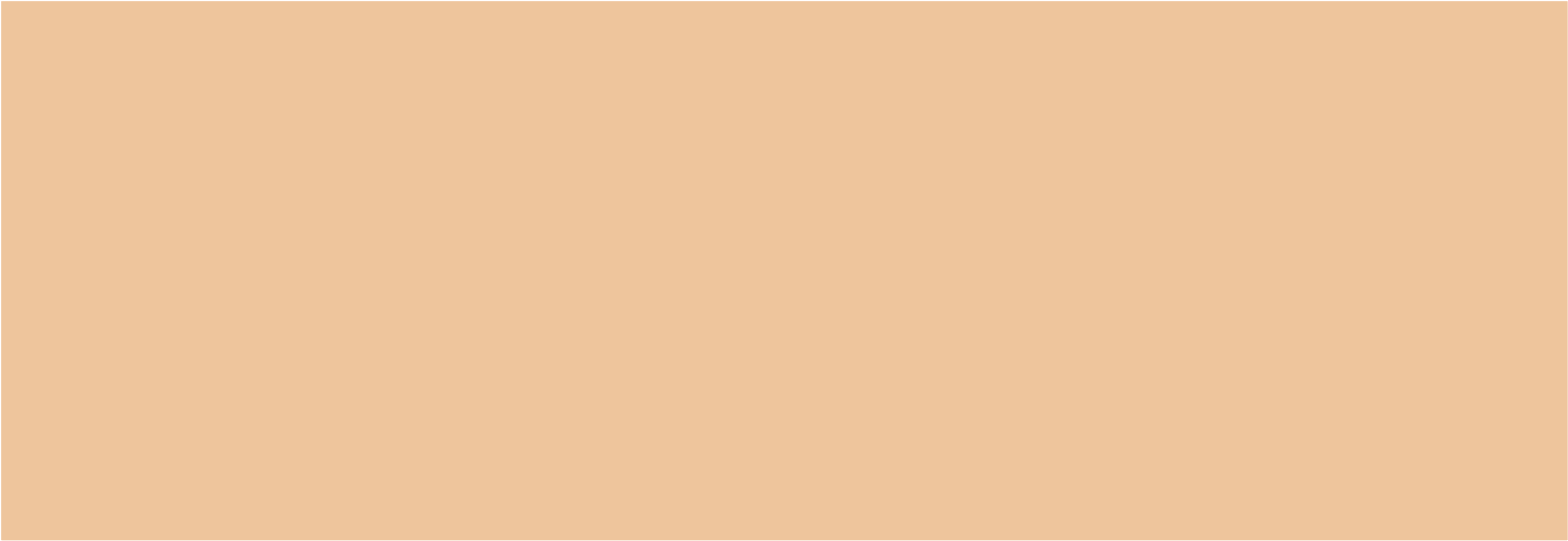
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Physicist – but no Albert Einstein
Engineer – but no Leonardo da Vinci
Graphic artist – but no Werner Berg
athlete – neither Toni Sailer nor Martin Lauer
Clown – but no Charley Rivel
Theologian – but not Martin Luther

Just one of his children



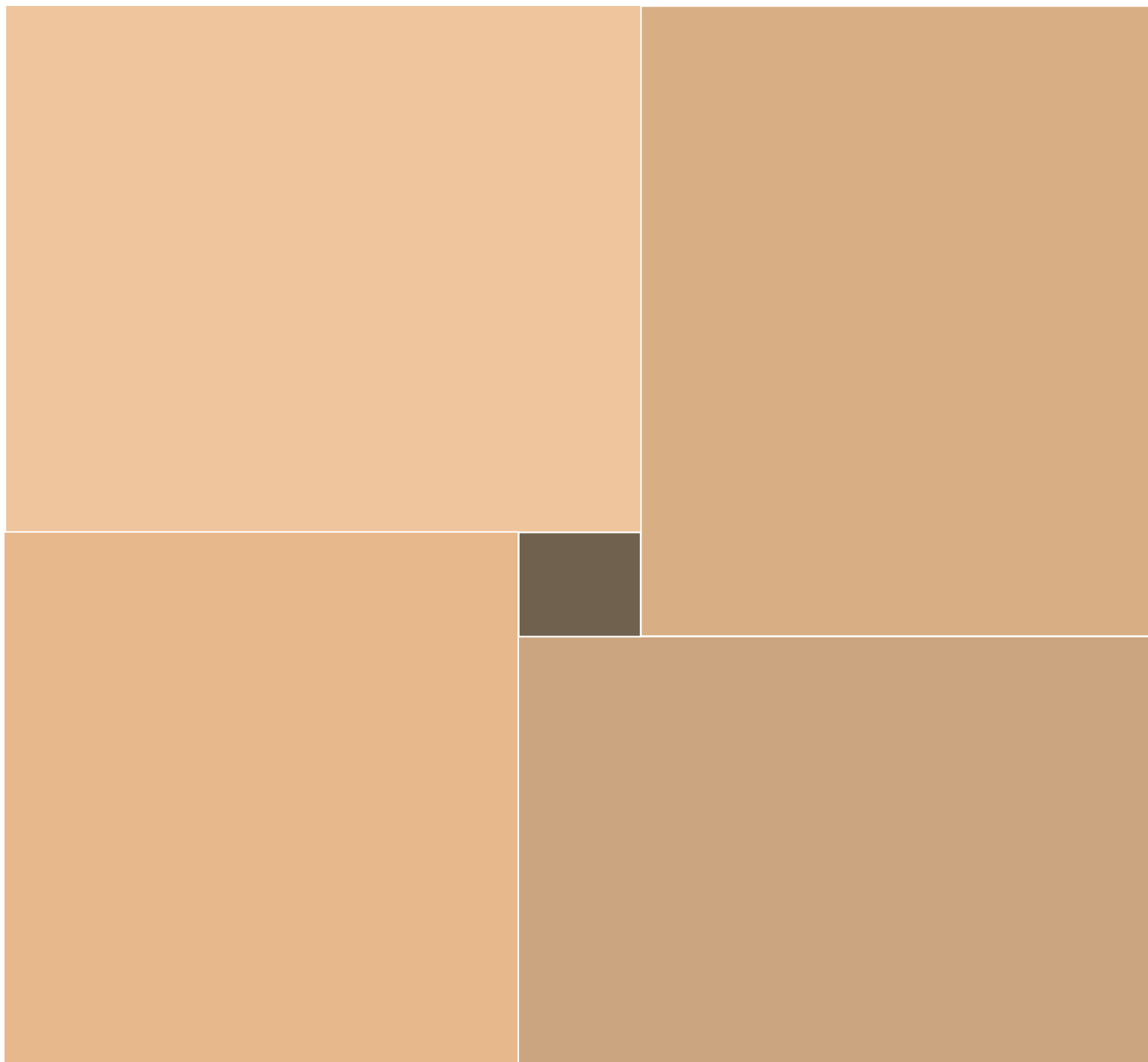
1948 first cry in vienna,
childhood in the trees of the vienna woods,
10 – 14 on two boards in tirol and salzburg
Maturing in vienna (Theresianum, 15-18),
defending austria against the cold armies
as a lieutenant of the reserves
collecting the necessary Titels for life in the austrian culture (university of technology in Vienna, MSc in
Physics,
phD in mechanical engineering)
postgraduate year in Moscow.
Summer jobs in Switzerland
First Austrian to flop backwards (high jump) in 1969
Hitting the Hurdles fastest in 1971 and 1972 (Austrian champion)
1988 Americanization by marrying Carolyn Jo
Proud father of Stephanie Allison
and Anna Beate.
2008 still searching for the formula
governing the universe

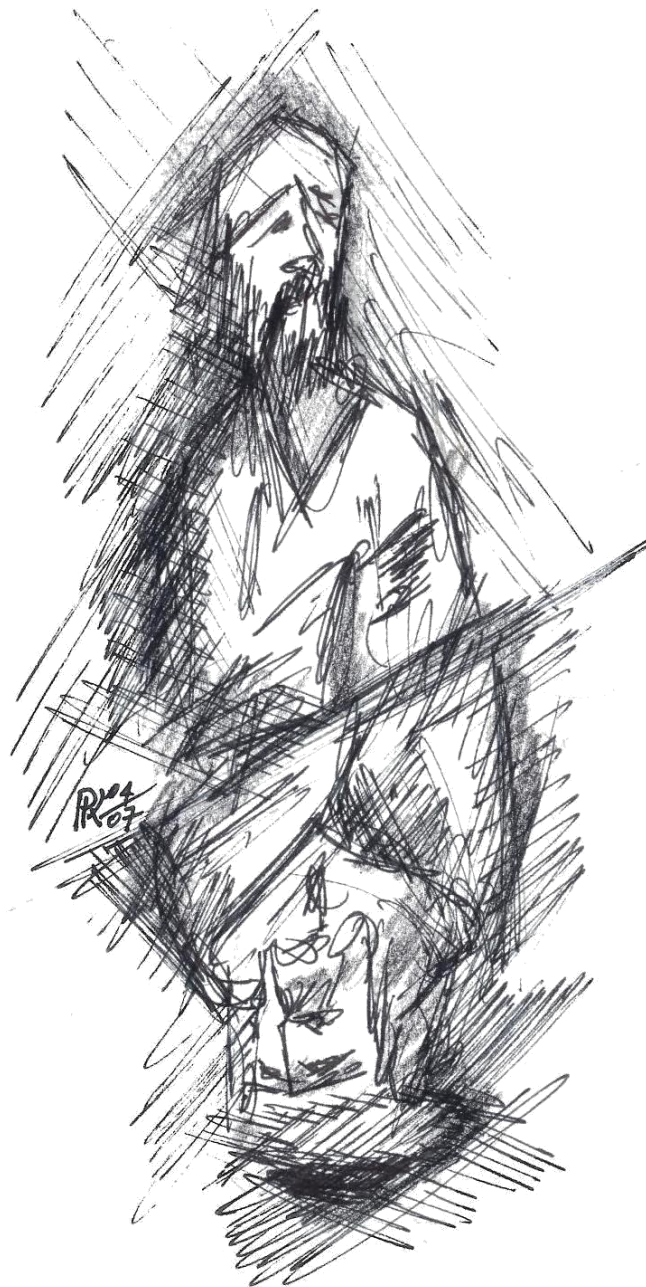


Isn't our world beautiful? What do we make out of it? We pretend it belongs to us, but we are only renters, who move in and out. We do not even pay rent. We forget that he exists. One day there will be pay day, then we can only pay with our faith

Life and death repeat themselves. The preacher Solomon tried once to understand the meaning of life. He discerned circles of life, futilities and vanities. In spite of that he found joy in life – "la vita e bella".

Ecclesiastes 12:13





"And His mercy is upon generation after generation Toward those who fear Him. "He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart. "He has brought down rulers from their thrones, And has exalted those who were humble. "He has filled the hungry with good things; And sent away the rich empty-handed.
(Lk. 1:50-53)



"Now Lord, You are releasing
Your bond-servant to depart in
peace, According to Your word;
For my eyes have seen Your sal-
vation, which You have prepared
in the presence of all peoples, A
Light of revelation to the Gen-
tiles, And the glory of Your peo-
ple Israel."
(Lk. 2:29-32)

And he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins; as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, Make His paths straight. 'Every ravine will be filled, And every mountain and hill will be brought low; The crooked will become straight, And the rough roads smooth; And all flesh will see the salvation of God.' ". (Lk. 3:3-6)





And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips; and they were saying, "Is this not Joseph's son?". (Lk. 4:20-22)

But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men." When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him. (Lk. 5:8-11)

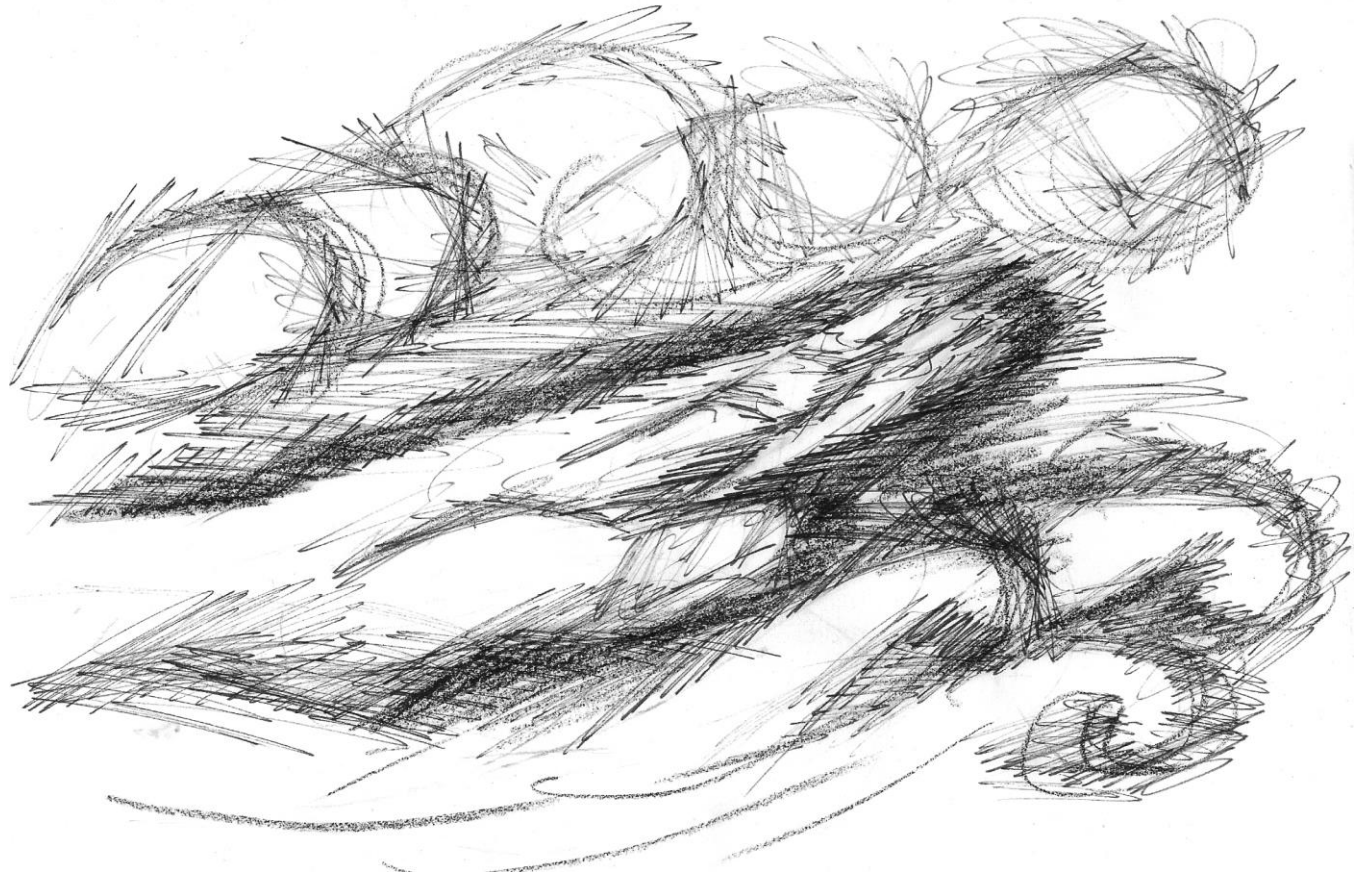


But He knew what they were thinking, and He said to the man with the withered hand, "Get up and come forward!" And he got up and came forward. And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to destroy it?" After looking around at them all, He said to him, "Stretch out your hand!" And he did so; and his hand was restored. But they themselves were filled with rage, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus. (Lk. 6:8-11)



When the men came to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, to ask, 'Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?' " At that very time He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He gave sight to many who were blind. And He answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have the gospel preached to them. "Blessed is he who does not take offense at Me." (Lk.7:20-23)





They came to Jesus and woke Him up, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And He got up and rebuked the wind and the surging waves, and they stopped, and it became calm. And He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were fearful and amazed, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him?" (Lk.8:24-25)

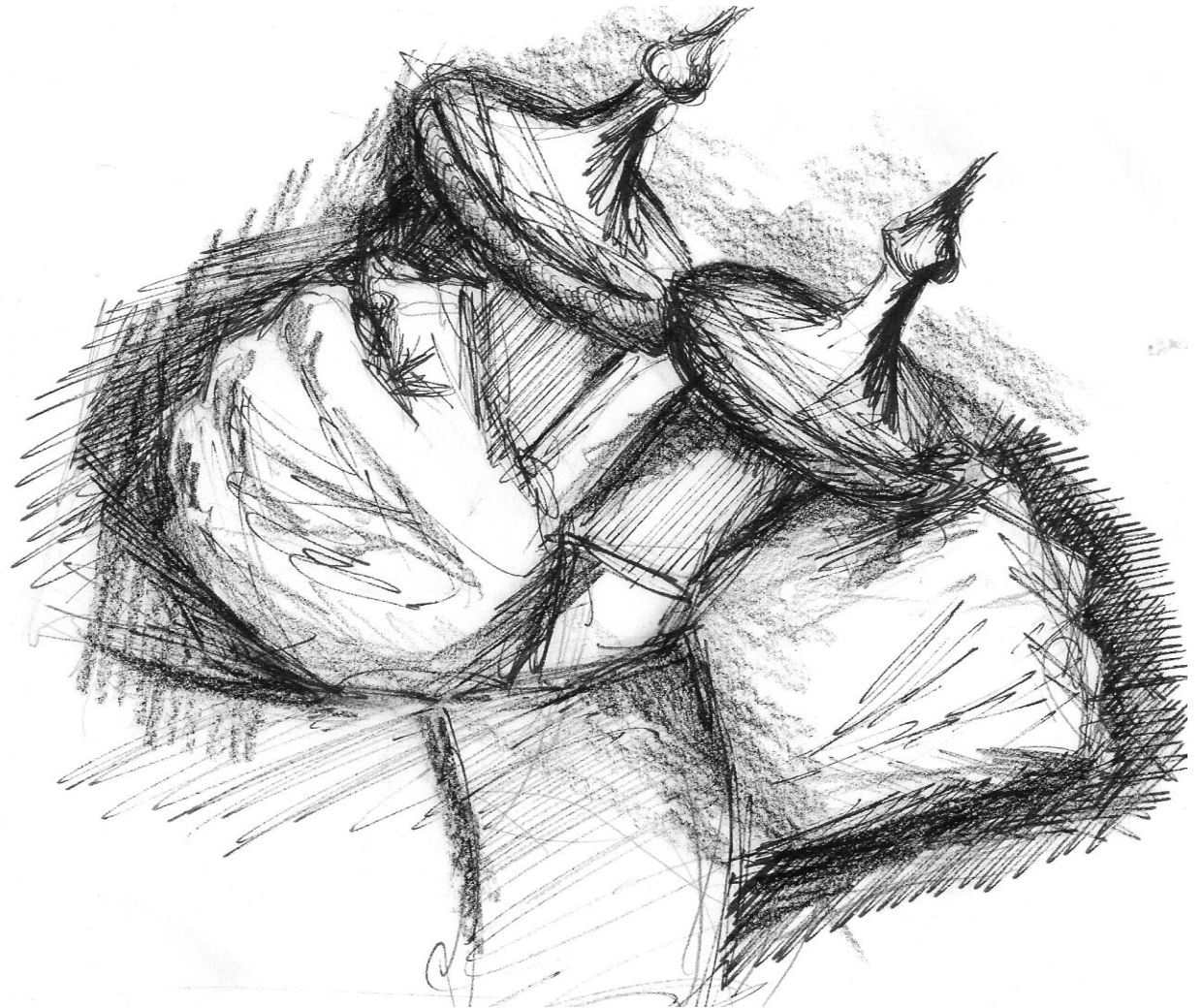
And it happened that while He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, saying, "Who do the people say that I am?" They answered and said, "John the Baptist, and others say Elijah; but others, that one of the prophets of old has risen again." And He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God."
(Lk. 9:18-20)





...And He was saying to them,
"The harvest is plentiful, but
the laborers are few; therefore
beseech the Lord of the har-
vest to send out laborers into
His harvest. "Go; behold, I send
you out as lambs in the midst of
wolves. "Carry no money belt, no
bag, no shoes; and greet no one
on the way. "Whatever house
you enter, first say, 'Peace be to
this house.'
(Lk. 10:2-5)

While Jesus was saying these things, one of the women in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts at which You nursed." But He said, "On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." (Lk.11:27-28)



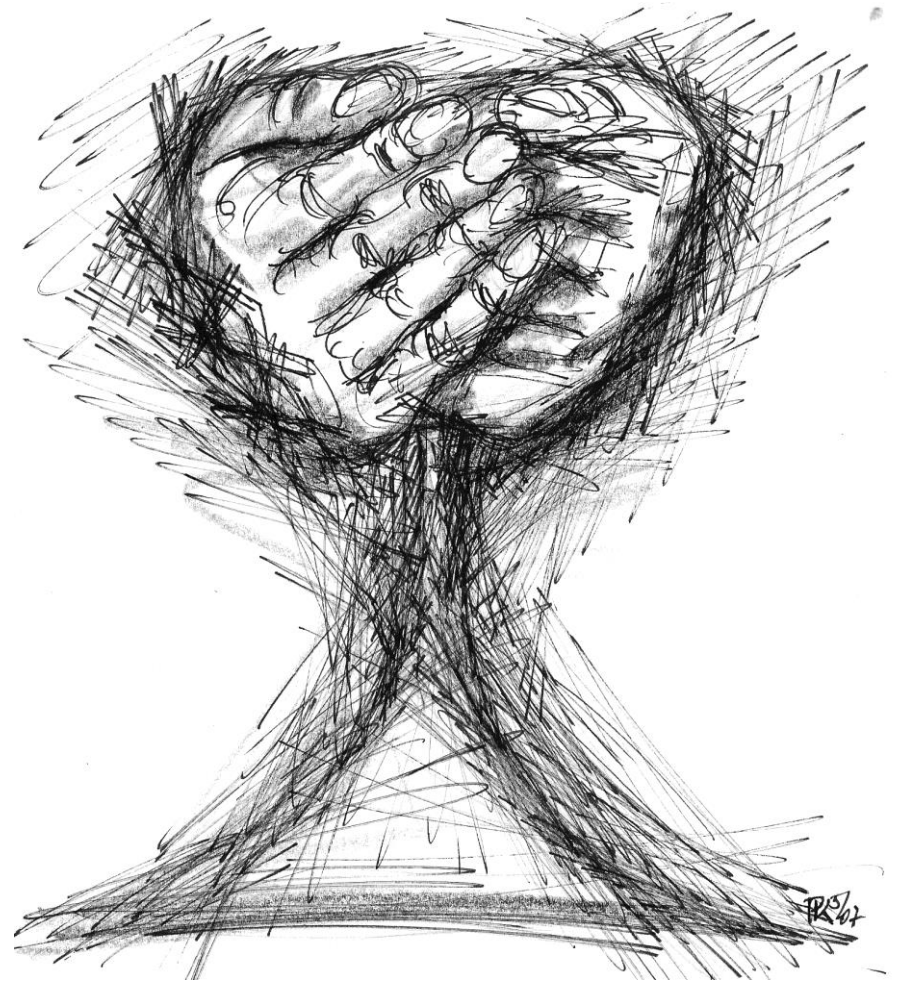


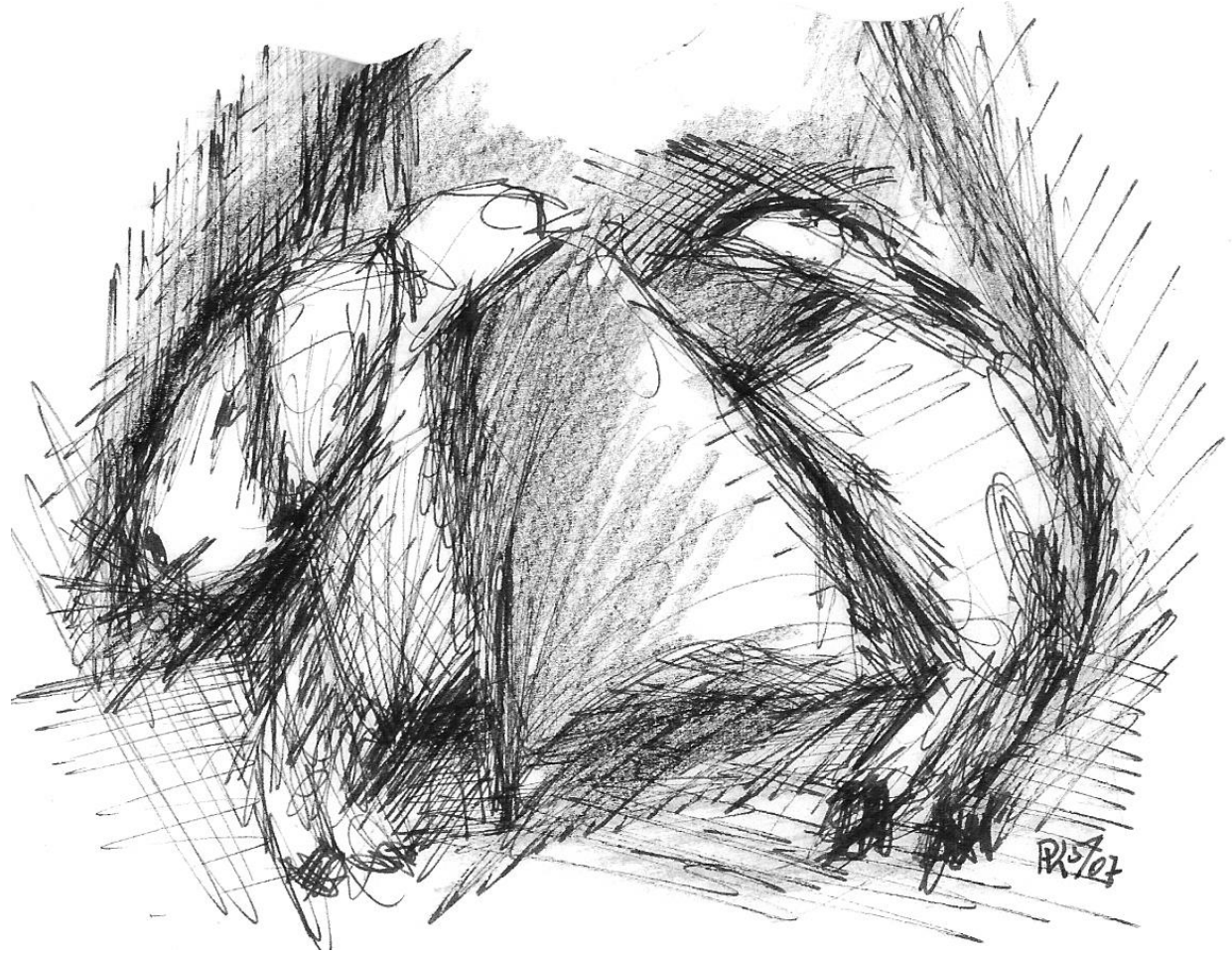
"And do not seek what you will eat and what you will drink, and do not keep worrying.
"For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows
that you need these things. "But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to
you. (Lk.12:29-31)



"Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. "Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up to us!' then He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know where you are from.' (Lk. 13:24-25)

"So then, none of you can be
My disciple who does not give
up all his own possessions.
"Therefore, salt is good; but if
even salt has become taste-
less, with what will it be sea-
soned? "It is useless either
for the soil or for the manure
pile; it is thrown out. He who
has ears to hear, let him
hear." (Lk. 14:33-35)





"And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' "I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. (Lk. 15:6-7)



"He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you? "And if you have not been faithful in the use of that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." (Lk.16:10-13)

...but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. "It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. "On that day, the one who is on the house-top and whose goods are in the house must not go down to take them out; and likewise the one who is in the field must not turn back. "Remember Lot's wife. "Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. (Lk. 17:29-33)





But Jesus called for them, saying, "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. "Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all." (Lk. 18:16-17)

As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord has need of it." They brought it to Jesus, and they threw their coats on the colt and put Jesus on it. (Lk. 19:33-35)



"Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?" They reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why did you not believe him?' "But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet." So they answered that they did not know where it came from. (Lk.20:4-7)





for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute. "But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, and you will be hated by all because of My name. "Yet not a hair of your head will perish. "By your endurance you will gain your lives. (Lk. 21:15-19)



And they all said, "Are You the Son of God, then?" And He said to them, "Yes, I am." Then they said, "What further need do we have of testimony? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth." (Lk. 22:70-71)

"And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise." (Lk. 23:41-43)



Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. "You are witnesses of these things. "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." (Lk.24:45-49)

