

*IVANGELI ELALOTSHWA***NGUMARKO**

**Ukufika kukaJesu Kristu kuyamenyezelwa
nguJohane uMbhabhathizi**

1 Ukuqala kwevangeli likaJesu Kristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu;² njengokulotshiweyo kubaprofethi *ukuthi*: Khangela, mina ngiyathuma isithunywa sami phambi kobuso bakho, esizalungisa indlela yakho phambi kwakho.³ Ilizwi lomemezayo enkangala, *lithi*: Lungisani indlela yeNkosi; qondisani indledlana zayo.⁴ Kwathi uJohane ebhabhathiza enkangala, etshumayela ukubhabhathiza kokuphenduka kukho ukuthethelelwa kwezono,⁵ kwaphumela kuye ilizwe lonke leJudiya, labo abeJerusalema, basebebhabhathizwa bonke nguye emfuleni iJordani, bevuma izono zabo.⁶ Futhi uJohane wayembethe isembatho soboya bekamela, elo zwezwe olwenziwe ngesikhumba ekhalweni lwakhe, wayesidla intethe loluju lweganga.

⁷ Watshumayela, esithi: Olamandla kulami uyeza emva kwami, kangifanele ukukhothama ngithukulule

umchilo wamanyathela akhe.⁸ Mina ngilibhabhathize ngamanzi; kodwa yena uzalibhabhathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele.

Ukubhabhathizwa kukaJesu

⁹ Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku, kwafika uJesu evela eNazaretha yeGalili, wabhabhathizwa nguJohane ejordani. ¹⁰ Wenela ukukhuphuka emanzini, wabona amazulu eqhekezeaka, loMoya kungathi lijuba esehlela phezu kwakhe; ¹¹ kwasekusiza ilizwi livela emazulwini, *lathi*: Wena uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo, engithokoza ngayo.

Ukulingwa kukaJesu

¹² Njalo uMoya wahle wamqhubela enkangala. ¹³ Wayekhona-ke lapho enkangala insuku ezingamatshumi amane elingwa nguSathane, wayelezilo, ingilosi zasezimnceda.

UJesu uqala ukutshumayela

¹⁴ Kwathi emva kokunikelwa kukaJohane, uJesu wafika eGalili, etshumayela ivangeli lombuso kaNkulunkulu, ¹⁵ wasesithi: Isikhathi sesiphelele, njalo

umbuso kaNkulunkulu ususondele; phendukani, likholwe ivangeli.

Ukubizwa kwabafundi bakuqala

¹⁶ Kwathi ehambahamba elwandle lweGalili wabona uSimoni loAndreya umfowabo, bephosela imbule olwandle; ngoba babengabagoli benhlanzi. ¹⁷ UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngilandelani, ngizalenza libe ngabagoli babantu. ¹⁸ Njalo bahle batshiya amambule abo, bamlandela. ¹⁹ Eseqhubeke ibangana esuka lapho, wabona uJakobe okaZebediya, loJohane umfowabo, labo besemkhunjini belungisa amambule *abo*. ²⁰ Njalo wahle wababiza; basebetshiya uyise uZebediya emkhunjini leziqhatshwa, basuka bamlandela.

Ukusiliswa kwezigulane eKapenawume

²¹ Basebengena eKapenawume; kwathi ngesabatha wahle wangena esinagogeni, wafundisa. ²² Basebebabaza ngemfundiso yakhe; ngoba wabafundisa njengolamandla, kodwa kungenjengababhali.

²³ Futhi kwakukhona esinagogeni labo umuntu owayelomoya ongcolileyo, wasememeza, ²⁴ wathi: Yekela, silani lawe, Jesu weNazaretha? Uze ukusibhubhisa yini? Ngiyakwazi wena ukuthi ungubani: ONgcwele kaNkulunkulu. ²⁵ UJesu

wasemkhuza, wathi: Thula, uphume kuye.²⁶ Futhi umoya ongcolileyo emhlukuluza ekhala ngelizwi elikhulu, waphuma kuye.²⁷ Basebemangala bonke, baze babuzana, bathi: Kuyini lokhu? Yikufundisa bani okutsha lokhu, ukuthi ngamandla uyalaya labomoya abangcolileyo, futhi bamlalele.²⁸ Njalo yahle yanda indumela yakhe esigabeni sonke seGalili esizingelezeleyo.

Uninazala kaPetro labanye abagulayo basiliswa

²⁹ Njalo bahle baphuma esinagogeni, bangena endlini kaSimoni loAndreya, kanye loJakobe loJohane.

³⁰ Futhi uninazala kaSimoni wayelele elomkhuhlane, njalo bahle bamtshela ngaye;³¹ wasesiya kuye, wabamba isandla sakhe wamvusa; futhi umkhuhlane wahle wamyekela, wasebasebenzela.

³² Kwathi sekuhlwile, ilanga selitshona, baletha kuye bonke abagulayo lababengenwe ngamadimoni;³³ njalo umuzi wonke wawubuthene emnyango.³⁴ Wasesilisa abanengi ababegula izifo ezitshiyeneyo, wakhupha amadimoni amanengi, kavumelanga amadimoni ukuthi akhulume, ngoba ayemazi.

UJesu uyakhuleka; uyasuka eKapenawume

³⁵ Njalo ekuseni kusesemnyama kakhulu wavuka waphuma, waya endaweni eyinkangala, wakhuleka khona. ³⁶ USimoni lababelaye basebemdingisia; ³⁷ sebemtholile bathi kuye: Bonke bayakudinga. ³⁸ Wasesithi kubo: Asiye emizini eseduze, ukuze ngitshumayele lakhona; ngoba ngiphumele lokhu. ³⁹ Wasetshumayela emasinagogeni abo kulo lonke eleGalili, ekhupha amadimoni.

UJesu usilisa umuntu olobulephero

⁴⁰ Kwasekufika kuye olobulephero, emncenga eguqa ngamadolo phambi kwakhe, esithi kuye: Aluba uthanda, ungangihlambulula. ⁴¹ UJesu wasesiba lesihelo, welula isandla, wamthinta, wathi kuye: Ngiyathanda, hlambuluka; ⁴² esekhulumile bahle basuka ubulephero kuye, wahlanjululwa. ⁴³ Wasemlayisia, wahle wamyekela wahamba, ⁴⁴ esithi kuye: Khangela ungatsheli muntu ulutho; kodwa hamba, uhiveze kumpristi, unikele ngokuhlanjululwa kwakho lokho uMozisi akulayayo, kube yibufakazi kubo. ⁴⁵ Kodwa yena esephumile waqala ukutshumayela kakhulu walwandisa udaba, kwaze kwathi wayengaselakho ukungena emzini obala,

kodwa wayengaphandle endaweni eziyinkangala; beza kuye bevela inhlangothi zonke.

UJesu usilisa umuntu oyisigoga

2 Esebuye wangena eKapenawume emva kwezinsuku; kwasekuzwakala ukuthi usendlini.² Njalo kwahle kwabuthana abanengi, akwazabe kusaba lendawo yabo, lemnyango; wasekhuluma ilizwi kubo.³ Basebesiza kuye, beletha oyisigoga, ethwelwe ngabane.⁴ Babengelakusondela kuye ngenxa yexuku, bavula uphahla lapho ayekhona, bathi sebelubhobozile behlisa ithala alele kulo oyisigoga.⁵ Njalo uJesu ebona ukholo lwabo wathi koyisigoga: Ndodana, izono zakho uzithethelelwe.⁶ Kodwa abanye bababhali ababehlezi lapho, banakana enhliziyweni zabo, *bathi*:⁷ Ukhulumelani inhlamba enje lo? Ngubani ongathethelela izono ngaphandle koyedwa, uNkulunkulu?⁸ Njalo wahle wakwazi uJesu emoyeni wakhe ukuthi babenakana njalo phakathi kwabo, wathi kubo: Linakanelani izinto lezi enhliziyweni zenu?⁹ Yikuphi okulula, ukuthi koyisigoga: Izono zakho uzithethelelwe, kumbe ukuthi: Sukuma, uthathe icansi lakho, uhambe?¹⁰ Kodwa ukuze lazi ukuthi iNdodana yomuntu ilamandla okuthethelela izono emhlabeni wathi koyisigoga:¹¹ Ngithi kuwe: Sukuma uthathe icansi lakho, uye endlini yakho.¹² Njalo wahle

wasukuma, wathatha icansi, waphuma phambi kwabo bonke; baze bamangala bonke, bamdumisa uNkulunkulu, besithi: Kasizange sikubone okunje.

Ukubizwa kukaLevi

¹³ Wasebuya esiya elwandle, ixuku lonke laselisiza kuye, wasebafundisa. ¹⁴ Wathi edlula wabona uLevi okaAlfewu ehlezi endlini yokuthelisela, wasesithi kuye: Ngilandela. Wasesukuma wamlandela.

¹⁵ Kwasekusithi ehlezi endlini yakhe, labathelisi abanengi lezoni bahlala ekudleni loJesu labafundi bakhe; ngoba babebanengi, bemlandela. ¹⁶ Kwathi ababhalilabafarisi, bembona esidla labathelisi lezoni, bathi kubafundi bakhe: Kungani esidla enatha labathelisi lezoni? ¹⁷ Kwathi uJesu esezwile wathi kubo: Abaphilileyo kabadingi melaphi, kodwa abagulayo. Kangizanga ukubiza abalungileyo, kodwa izoni zize ekuphendukeni.

Ukuzila ukudla

¹⁸ Abafundi bakaJohane-ke lababafarisi babezila ukudla; *abantu* basebesiza bathi kuye: Kungani abafundi bakaJohane lababafarisi bezila ukudla, kodwa abafundi bakho bengazili ukudla? ¹⁹ UJesu wasesithi kubo: Abantwana abasendlini yomthimba

bangazila yini ukudla, umyeni eselabo? Bangezile, ingqe ngesikhathi umyeni eselabo;²⁰ kodwa zizafika insuku lapho umyeni ezasuswa kubo, njalo khona bezazila ukudla ngalezonsuku.²¹ Futhi kakho othungela isichibi selembu elingakafinyeli esembathweni esidala; uba-ke kungenjalo okubekelweyo kudabuke kiso, okutsha kwesidala, kuqhele ukudabuka.²² Futhi kakho othela iwayini elitsha emigodleni emidala; uba-ke kungenjalo iwayini elitsha lidabula imigodla, lichitheke iwayini lemigodla yonakale; kodwa iwayini elitsha limele lifakwe emigodleni emitsha.

UJesu uchasisa umlayo wesabatha

²³ Kwasekusithi edabula emasimini amabele ngesabatha, abafundi bakhe basebeqala ukukha izikhwebu behamba.²⁴ AbaFarisi basebesithi kuye: Khangela, kungani besenza okungavunyelwayo ngesabatha?²⁵ Yena wasesithi kubo: Kalizange libale yini uDavida akwenzayo, mhla eswele, elambile, yena lababelaye?²⁶ Ukuthi wayangena njani endlini kaNkulunkulu esikhathini uAbhiyatha engumpristi omkhulu, wadla izinkwa zokubukiswa ezingavunyelwa ukudliwa ngaphandle kwabapristi, wabanika lababelaye?²⁷ Wasesithi kubo: Isabatha lenziwa ngenxa yomuntu, njalo umuntu kenziwanga ngenxa

yesabatha;²⁸ ngakho iNdodana yomuntu iyiNkosi leyesabatha.

UJesu usilisa ngesabatha

3 Wasebuya engena esinagogeni, njalo kwakukhona lapho umuntu olesandla esitshwabheneyo.² Basebemqaphela ukuthi uzamsilisa ngesabatha, ukuze bambeke icala.³ Wasesithi kumuntu olesandla esitshwabheneyo: Sukuma uye phakathi.⁴ Wathi kubo: Kuvunyelwe yini ngamasabatha ukwenza okulungileyo, kumbe ukwenza okubi? Ukusindisa impilo, kumbe ukubulala? Kodwa bathula.⁵ Wasebathalaza ngokuthukuthela, edabukile ngobulukhuni benhliziyo zabo, wathi kumuntu: Yelula isandla sakho. Waselula, isandla sakhe sasesisiliswa saphila njengesinye.⁶ Basebephuma abaFarisi bahle bacebisana labakaHerodi bemelane laye, ukuthi bangambulala njani.

UJesu usilisa abanye abantu

⁷ Kodwa uJesu wasuka wahamba labafundi bakhe elwandle; ixuku elikhulu laselimlandela livela eGalili, leJudiya,⁸ leJerusalema, leIdumiya, langaphetsheya kweJordani, labemimangweni yeTire leSidoni, ixuku elikhulu, selizwile izinto ezinkulu abezenza, leza kuye.

⁹ Wasetshela abafundi bakhe ukuthi umkolo umlindele ngenxa yexuku, ukuze lingamcindezeli. ¹⁰ Ngoba wayesilisa abanengi, baze bawela phezu kwakhe bonke abalezifo, ukuze bamthinte. ¹¹ Futhi omoya abangcolileyo, bembona, babesawa phansi phambi kwakhe, bakhala bathi: Wena uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. ¹² Wasebalayisia kakhlulu ukuthi bangamvezi.

Ukukhethwa kwabaphostoli

¹³ Wasesenyukela entaben, wabizela kuye labo ayebafuna yena; basebesiza kuye. ¹⁴ Wasemisa abalitshumi lambili, ukuze babe laye, lokuze abathume ukuyatshumayela, ¹⁵ futhi babe lamandla okwelapha imikhuhlane, lawokukhupha amadimoni: ¹⁶ LoSimoni wamutha ibizo lokuthi nguPetro; ¹⁷ loJakobe okaZebediya, loJohane umfowabo kaJakobe; wabatha amabizo wathi ngoBowenegesi, okuyikuthi, aMadodana omdumo; ¹⁸ loAndreya, loFiliphu, loBartolomewu, loMathewu, loTomasi, loJakobe okaAlfewu, loTadewu, loSimoni umKhanani, ¹⁹ loJudasi uIskariyothi, laye owamnikelayo. Basebengena endlini.

Isono sokuhlambaza

²⁰ Ixuku laselibuthana futhi, kwaze kwathi bona abasazange benelise lokudla isinkwa. ²¹ Kwathi abakibo sebezwile *lokhu* baphuma ukuyambamba; ngoba bathi: Uyahlanya.

²² Lababhali abavela eJerusalema bathi: UloBelezebule, lokuthi: Ukhupha amadimoni ngenkosi yamadimoni.

²³ Wasebabizela kuye, wathi kubo ngemifanekiso: USathane angakhupha njani uSathane? ²⁴ Futhi uba umbuso wehlukene phakathi, lowombuso ungeme. ²⁵ Lendlu uba yehlukene phakathi, leyondlu ingeme. ²⁶ LoSathane uba ezivukela yena, ahlukane, angeme, kodwa uyaphela. ²⁷ Kakho ngitsho ongangena endlini yesiqhwaga, aphange impahla yaso, uba engasibophi isiqhwaga kuqala, abesephanga indlu yaso.

²⁸ Ngiqinисile ngithi kini: Zonke izono zizathethelelwа kubantwana babantu, lenhlamba loba yini abahlambaza ngayo; ²⁹ kodwa loba ngubani ohlambaza uMoya oyiNgcwele, kalakuthethelelwа lanini, kodwa ulecalu lokulahlwa okulaphakade; ³⁰ ngoba bathi: Ulomoya ongcolileyo.

Izihlobo zikaJesu eziyizo

³¹ Kwasekufika abafowabo lonina, bema ngaphandle bathumela kuye, bembiza. ³² Njalo ixuku lalihlezi limphahlile; basebesithi kuye: Khangela, unyoko labafowenu baphandle bayakudinga. ³³ Wasebaphendula wathi: Ngubani umama kumbe abafowethu? ³⁴ Wasethalaza labo ababehlezi bemphahlile, wathi: Khangelani umama labafowethu. ³⁵ Ngoba loba ngubani owenza intando kaNkulunkulu, nguye ongumfowethu lodadewethu lomama.

Umfanekiso womhlanyeli

4 Wasebuya waqala ukufundisa elwandle; kwasekubuthana kuye ixuku elikhulu, waze wangena emkhunjini wahlala olwandle; njalo ixuku lonke lalisemhlabathini elwandle.

² Wasebafundisa izinto ezinengi ngemifanekiso, lekufundiseni kwakhe wathi kubo: ³ Lalelani; khangelani, kwaphuma umhlanyeli ukuyahlanyela. ⁴ Kwasekusithi ekuhlanyeleni, enye yawela eceleni kwendlela, kwasekufika inyoni zezulu zayidla zayiqeda. ⁵ Kodwa enye yawela edwaleni, lapho eyayingelamhlabathi omnengi khona; futhi yahle yamilia, ngoba yayingelakutshona komhlabathi; ⁶ kwathi ekuphumeni kwelanga yahangulwa yabuna

ngoba yayingelampande.⁷ Enye yasiwela emeveni, ameva asekhula, ayiminyanisa, futhi ayithelanga isithelo.⁸ Njalo enye yawela emhlabathini omuhle; yathela isithelo esakhulayo sanda, yazala enye amatshumi amathathu, lenye amatshumi ayisithupha, lenye ikhulu.⁹ Wasesithi kubo: Olendlebe zokuzwa, akezwe.

Umsebenzi wemifanekiso

¹⁰ Kwathi eseyedwa, labo ababemphahlile kanye labalitshumi lambili bambuza ngemifanekiso.¹¹ Wasesithi kubo: Kuphiwe kini ukwazi imfihlo yombuso kaNkulunkulu; kodwa kulabo abangaphandle, benzelwa izinto zonke ngemifanekiso;¹² ukuze bebona babone, bangabonisisi; njalo besizwa bezwe, bangaqedisisi; hlezi loba nini baphenduke, bathethelelwe izono *zabo*.

Ukuchasisa umfanekiso womhlanyeli

¹³ Wasesithi kubo: Kaliwazi lumfanekiso yini? Pholizayazi njani imifanekiso yonke?¹⁴ Umhlanyeli uhlanyela ilizwi.¹⁵ Njalo abaseceleni kwendlela, yilabo lapho okuhlanyelwa khona ilizwi, futhi nxabelizwa, uSathane ahle afike alisuse ilizwi elihlanyelwe enhliziywensi *zabo*.¹⁶ Lalabo ngokunjalo abahlanyelwe

edwaleni, abathi, lapho besizwa ilizwi, bahle balamukele ngentokozo,¹⁷ njalo kabalampande phakathi kwabo, kodwa bahlala okwesikhatsana; kuthi sekufika inkathazo kumbe ukuzingelwa ngenxa yelizwi, bahle bakhubeke.¹⁸ Lalaba yilabo abahlanyelwe emeiveni, abalizwayo ilizwi,¹⁹ kodwa impisekelo yalumhlaba, lenkohliso yenothono, lenkanuko yezinye izinto kungene kuminyanise ilizwi, futhi ibe ingasatheli.²⁰ Lalaba yilaba abahlanyelwe emhlabathini omuhle, yilabo abathi belizwile ilizwi, balemukele, bathele, enye amatshumi amathathu, lenye amatshumi ayisithupha, lenye ikhulu.

Umfanekiso wesibane lowenhlanyelo

²¹ Wasesithi kubo: Kanti isibane silethwa ukuze sibekwe ngaphansi kwesitsha kumbe ngaphansi kombheda? Angithi ukuze sibekwe esiqobaneni sesibane?²² Ngoba kakukho okufihliweyo, okungayikubonakaliswa; akukho okwenzeka kube yimfihlo, kodwa ukuze kube sobala.²³ Nxa umuntu elendlebe zokuzwa akezwe.²⁴ Wasesithi kubo: Qaphelisani elikuzwayo. Ngesilinganiso elilinganisa ngaso lizalinganiselwa ngaso, njalo lina elizwayo lizaphiwa ngokwengezelelweyo.²⁵ Ngoba loba ngubani olakho, uzaphiwa; kodwa loba ngubani ongelakho, uzakwemukwa lalokho alakho.

²⁶ Wasesithi: Unjalo umbuso kaNkulunkulu, njenganxa umuntu ephosa inhlanyelo emhlabathini, ²⁷ njalo alale abesevuka ebusuku lemini, lenhlanyelo imile njalo ikhule, yena kakwazi ukuthi njani. ²⁸ Ngoba umhlabathi uyathela ngokwawo, kuqala usungulo, kulandele isikhwebu, kulandele amabele apheleleyo esikhwetshini. ²⁹ Kodwa nxa sesivuthiwe isithelo, uhle athumeze isikela, ngoba ukuvuna sekufikile.

³⁰ Wathi futhi: Sizawufananisa lani umbuso kaNkulunkulu? Kumbe sizawufananisa lani umfanekiso? ³¹ Unjengohlamvu lwemasitedi, nxa seluhlanyelwe emhlabathini, oluncinyane kulazo zonke inhlamu ezisemhlabeni; ³² njalo nxa seluhlanyelwe, lukhule, lube lukhulu lwedlule izilimo zonke, lwenze ingatsha ezinkulu, kuze kuthi inyoni zezulu zingakhela ngaphansi komthunzi wazo.

³³ Waselikhuluma kubo ilizwi ngemifanekiso eminengi enjalo, njengamandla abo okuzwa; ³⁴ kodwa ngaphandle komfanekiso kakhulumanga kubo; kodwa sebebodwa wabachasisela abafundi bakhe izinto zonke.

Ukuthuliswa kwesiphepho

³⁵ Ngalolosuku sekuhlwile, wasesithi kubo: Asichapheleni ngaphetsheya. ³⁶ Sebeyekele ixuku lahamba, bamthatha bahamba laye njengoba enjalo,

emkhunjini. Futhi leminye imikolo yayilaye.³⁷ Kwasekuvuka isiphepho esikhulu somoya; lamagagasi aphoseka emkhunjini, waze wagcwala khathesi.³⁸ Njalo yena wayengemuva emkhunjini elele emqamelweni; basebemusa, bathi kuye: Mfundisi, kawukhathali yini ukuthi siyabhubha?³⁹ Wasevuka wakhuza umoya, wathi kulo ulwandle: Thula, uthi zwi! Umoya wasuqamuka, kwasekusiba khona ukuthula okukhulu.⁴⁰ Wasesithi kubo: Kungani lisesaba kangaka? Kalilakholo ngani?⁴¹ Basebesesaba ngokwesaba okukhulu, bathi omunye komunye: Kanti ungubani lo, ukuthi lomoya lolwandle kumlalele?

Ukukhutshwa kwabomoya ababi

5 Basebefika ngaphetsheya kolwandle, elizweni lamaGadarene.² Esephumile emkhunjini, wahle wamhlangabeza umuntu ovela emangcwabeni elomoya ongcolileyo,³ owayehlala emangcwabeni; njalo kwakungelamuntu owayengambopha ngitsho langamaketane,⁴ ngoba wayebotshiwe kanengi ngezibopho langamaketane, kodwa amaketane ayeqanyulwa nguye, lezibopho zaqanyuqanyulwa; njalo kwakungekho owayengamthambisa;⁵ langezikhathi zonke, ebusuku lemini, wayesezintabeni lemangcwabeni eklabalala ezsika ngamatshe.⁶ Kwathi ebona uJesu ekhatshana, wagijima wamkhonza,⁷

wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Ngilani lawe, Jesu, Ndodana kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke? Ngikufungisa uNkulunkulu, ungangihluphi.⁸ Ngoba wathi kuye: Phuma emuntwini, moya ongcolileyo.⁹ Wasembuza *wathi*: Ibizo lakho ungubani? Wasephendula, wathi: Ibizo lami nginguLegiyoni, ngoba sibanengi.¹⁰ Wasemncenga kakhulu, ukuthi angabakhuphi ngaphandle kwelizwe.¹¹ Kwakukhona lapho ewatheni lentaba umhlambi omkhulu wengulube usidla;¹² lamadimoni wonke amncenga, athi: Sithume engulubeni, singene kuzo.¹³ Njalo uJesu wahle wawavumela. Omoya abangcolileyo basebephuma bangena ezingulubeni; umhlambi wasuphaphatheka eliweni usiya olwandle; njalo zazingaba zinkulungwane ezimbili; zaminzwa olwandle.

¹⁴ Abazelusayo ingulube basebebaleka, bayabika emzini lemaphandleni. Basebephuma ukubona ukuthi kuyini okwenzakeleyo;¹⁵ bafika kuJesu, bambona obengenwe ngamadimoni ehlezi eggokile eqondile, yena owayelelegiyoni; basebesesaba.¹⁶ Labo ababekubonile babatshela ukuthi kwenzeke njani kowayengenwe ngamadimoni, langengulube.¹⁷ Basebeqala ukumncenga ukuthi asuke elizweni lakibo.

¹⁸ Wathi engena emkhunjini, owayengenwe ngamadimoni wamncenga, ukuze abe laye.¹⁹ Kodwa uJesu kamvumelanga, kodwa wathi kuye: Hamba uye ekhaya kwabakini, ubatshele ukuthi iNkosi ikwenzele

okungakanani, ikuhawukele.²⁰ Wasesuka ehamba waqala ukutshumayela eDikapolisi ukuthi uJesu umenzele okungakanani; basebemangala bonke.

Indodakazi kaJayirosi ivuswa ekufeni. Owesifazana owayelomopho uyasiliswa

²¹ UJesu esebuye wachaphela ngaphetsheya ngomkhumbi, kwabuthana kuye ixuku elikhulu, futhi wayeselwandle.²² Njalo khangela, kwafika omunye wabaphathi besinagoge, uJayirosi ngebizo, embona, wawa phansi enyaweni zakhe,²³ wamncenga kakhulu, esithi: Indodakazi yami encane isiphela; *ngiyakuncenga* ukuthi ubuye ubeke izandla phezu kwayo, ukuze isindiswe njalo izaphila.²⁴ Wasehamba laye; ixuku elikhulu laselimlandela, lamminyezela.

²⁵ Owesifazana-ke othile owayelomopho wegazi okweminyaka elitshumi lambili,²⁶ ehluphekile kakhulu kubelaphi abanengi, echithile konke ayelakho, engasizakalanga, kodwa kwalokho kumqinela,²⁷ esezwile ngoJesu, weza exukwini ngemva kwakhe, wathinta isembatho sakhe;²⁸ ngoba wathi: Aluba ngithinta izembatho zakhe nje, ngizasindiswa.²⁹ Futhi wahle woma umthombo wegazi lakhe, wasesizwa emzimbeni ukuthi usilile esifweni.³⁰ Njalo uJesu wahle wazi phakathi kwakhe ukuthi amandla aphumile kuye, watshibilikela exukwini, wathi:

Ngubani othinte izembatho zami? ³¹ Abafundi bakhe basebesithi kuye: Uyabona ixuku likuminyezela, kodwa uthi: Ngubani ongithintileyo? ³² Wasethalaza ukuthi ambone owenze lokhu. ³³ Kodwa owesifazana esesaba ethuthumela, ekwazi okwenzekileyo kuye, weza wawa phambi kwakhe, wamtshela iqiniso lonke. ³⁴ Wasesithi kuye: Ndodakazi, ukholo lwakho lukusindisile; hamba ngokuthula, siliswa esifweni sakho.

³⁵ Esakhulum, kwafika abanye bomphathi wesinagogue, bathi: Indodakazi yakho isifle; usamkhathazelani uMfundisi? ³⁶ Kwahle kwathi uJesu esizwa ilizwi elikhulunywayo wathi kumphathi wesinagogue: Un gesabi, kholwa kuphela. ³⁷ Futhi kavumelanga muntu ukuthi amlandele, ngaphandle kukaPetro loJakobe loJohane umfowabo kaJakobe. ³⁸ Bafika-ke endlini yomphathi wesinagogue, wabona isiphithiphithi, labakhalayo labalilayo kakhulu, ³⁹ esengenile wathi kubo: Liphithizelelani, likhala? Umntwana omncane kafanga, kodwa ulele. ⁴⁰ Basebemhleka usulu. Kodwa yena, ese bakhuphile bonke, wathatha uyise womntwana omncane lonina lalabo ababelaye, wangena lapho okwakulele khona umntwana omncane. ⁴¹ Wabamba isandla somntwana omncane, wathi kuye: "Thalitha, kumi"; okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa: Wena ntombazana encane, ngithi kuwe, vuka. ⁴² Njalo yahle yavuka intombazana encane, yahamba, ngoba yayileminyaka elitshumi

lambili; basebesanganiseka ngokusanganiseka okukhulu.⁴³ Wasebalayisia kakhulu ukuthi lokhu kungaziwa muntu; njalo wathi kayinikwe ukudla.

UJesu udelelwa ngabeNazaretha

6 Wasesuka lapho, waya emzini wakibo; abafundi bakhe basebemlandela.² Sekufikile isabatha, waqala ukufundisa esinagogeni; labanengi abamuzwayo bamangala, bathi: Zivela ngaphi lezizinto kuye? Njalo yinhlakanipho bani ayinikiweyo, ukuthi lalimisebenzi yamandla enje yenziwe ngezandla zakhe?³ Lo kayisuye umbazi yini, indodana kaMariya, lomfowabo kaJakobe loJose loJudasi loSimoni? Labodadewabo kabakho yini lapha kithi? Basebekhubeka ngaye.⁴ Kodwa uJesu wathi kubo: Umprofethi kasweli ukudunyiswa, ngaphandle kwelizweni lakibo, lezihlotsheni zakhe lendlini yakwabo.⁵ Futhi kabanga lakwenza lowodwa umsebenzi wamandla lapho, ngaphandle kokubeka izandla phezu kwabagulayo abalutshwana, wabasilisa.⁶ Wasemangala ngokungakholwa kwabo. Wabhodabhoda imizana efundisa.

Ukuthunywa kwabaphostoli

⁷ Wasebizela kuye abalitshumi lambili, waqala ukubathuma ngababili ngababili, wabanika amandla phezu kwabomoya abangcolileyo. ⁸ Wabalaya ukuthi bangaphathi lutho lwendlela, ngaphandle kodondolo lodwa; lasikhwama, lamphako, lamali ezwezweni; ⁹ kodwa bafake amanyathela; futhi bangembathi izembatho ezimbili. ¹⁰ Wasesithi kubo: Lapho elingena khona endlini, hlalani kiyo lize liphume khona. ¹¹ Njalo loba ngobani abangayikulemukela, kumbe balizwe, nxa liphuma lapho, thintithani uthuli olungaphansi kwenyawo zenu kube yibufakazi kubo. Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kuzakuba lula kuSodoma kumbe kuGomora ngosuku lwesigwebo, kulakulowomuzi. ¹² Sebephumile batshumayela ukuthi baphenduke; ¹³ bakhupha amadimoni amanengi, bagcoba abanengi abagulayo ngamagcobo babasilisa.

Ukubulawa kukaJohane uMbhabhathizi

¹⁴ Inkosi uHerodi wasesizwa *ngakho*, ngoba ibizo lakhe laba sobala, wasesithi: UJohane owabhabhathizayo uvukile kwabafileyo, futhi kungakho lamandla eseenza kuye. ¹⁵ Abanye bathi: UnguElija; labanye bathi: Ungumprofethi, kumbe *unjengomunye* wabaprofethi. ¹⁶ Kodwa uHerodi

esizwa wathi: NguJohane, mina engamquma ikhanda, nguye; yena uvukile kwabafileyo.

¹⁷ Ngoba yena uHerodi wayethumele wambamba uJohane, wambopha entolongweni, ngenxa kaHerodiyasi umkaFiliphu umfowabo, ngoba wayemthethe. ¹⁸ Ngoba uJohane wayethe kuHerodi: Kawuvunyelwa ukuba lomkamfowenu. ¹⁹ UHerodiyasi wasembambela inhliziyo, wafuna ukumbulala; kodwa kenelisanga; ²⁰ ngoba uHerodi wayemesaba uJohane, emazi ukuthi uyindoda elungleyo lengcwele, wamlondoloza; nxa emuzwa, wenza izinto ezinengi, wamuzwa ngokuthokoza.

²¹ Kwathi sekufikile usuku oluhle, uHerodi ngelanga lakhe lokuzalwa wenzela idili izikhulu zakhe lenduna zenkulungwane labalisa beGalili, ²² kwathi indodakazi kaHerodiyasi lo isingenile yasigida, yamkholis uHerodi lalabo ababehlezi ekudleni laye, inkosi yathi entombini: Cela kimi loba kuyini okuthandayo, njalo ngizakupha; ²³ wafunga kuyo ukuthi: Loba kuyini ongakucela kimi, ngizakunika, kuze kube yingxenye yombuso wami. ²⁴ Yasiphuma isithi kunina: Ngizacelani? Yena wasesithi: Ikhanda likaJohane uMbhabhathizi. ²⁵ Njalo yahle yangena enkosini ngokuphangisa, yacela, yathi: Ngifuna ukuthi unginike khathesinje emganwini ikhanda likaJohane uMbhabhathizi. ²⁶ Inkosi yasidabuka kakhulu, kodwa ngenxa yezifungo langalabo ababehlezi layo ekudleni kayithandanga ukuyilandulela. ²⁷ Njalo inkosi yahle

yathuma umlindi yalaya ukuthi kulethwe ikhanda lakhe. Wasehamba wamquma ikhanda entolongweni,²⁸ waletha ikhanda lakhe ngomganu, walnika intombi; intombi yasilinika unina.²⁹ Kwathi abafundi bakhe sebezwile beza, bathatha isidumbu sakhe, basibeka engcwabeni.

UJesu usuthisa amadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlanu

³⁰ Abaphostoli basebebuthana kuJesu, bambikela konke, lababekwenzile kanye lababekufundisile.³¹ Wasesithi kubo: Wozani lina lodwa endaweni eyinkangala, liphumule kancinyane. Ngoba babebanengi abafikayo labahambayo, futhi bengelalasikhathi sokudla.

³² Bakhuphuka ngomkhumbi baya endaweni eyinkangala bebobwa.³³ Amaxuku asebabona besuka, labanengi bamazi, bagijimela ndawonye khona ngenyawo bevela emizini yonke, basebebadlula, bahlangana kuye.

³⁴ Kwathi uJesu esephuma wabona ixuku elikhulu, waba lesihelo ngalo, ngoba lalinjengezimvu ezingelamalusi; waseqala ukulifundisa izinto ezinengi.

³⁵ Kwathi isikhathi sesihambile, abafundi bakhe beza kuye bathi: Lindawo iyinkangala, lesikhathi sesihambile;³⁶ bayekele, ukuze baye ezigabeni

ezizingelezeleyo lemizaneni bazithengele izinkwa. Ngoba bengelalutho abangaludla.³⁷ Wasephendula wathi kubo: Banikeni lina ukuthi badle. Basebesithi kuye: Sihambe yini siyethenga izinkwa ngabodenariyo* abangamakhulu amabili, sibaphe badle?³⁸ Wasesithi kubo: Lilezinkwa ezingaki? Hambani liyebona. Sebesazi bathi: Zinhlanu, lenhlanzi ezimbili.³⁹ Wasebalaya ukuthi babahlalise bonke phansi ngezigaba ngezigaba etshanini obuluhlaza.⁴⁰ Basebehlala phansi ngamaviyo ngamaviyo, ngamakhulu langamatshumi amahlanu.⁴¹ Wasethatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili, ekhangela phezulu ezulwini, wabonga, wazihlephula izinkwa, wazinika abafundi bakhe ukuthi bazibeke phambi kwabo; lenhlanzi ezimbili wababela bonke.⁴² Basebesidla bonke, basutha;⁴³ basebedobha izitsha ezilitshumi lambili ezagcwala izinkwana ezazisele, lokuseleyo kwenhlanzi.⁴⁴ Lalabo abadlayo izinkwa, babengaba ngamadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlanu.

UJesu uhamba phezu kolwandle

⁴⁵ Njalo wahle wacindezela abafundi bakhe ukuthi bangene emkhunjini, njalo bamqalele ukuya ngaphetsheya eBetsayida, yena esayekela ixuku lihamba.⁴⁶ Esebavalelisile, wasuka waya entaben ikuuyakhuleka.⁴⁷ Sekuhlwile, umkhumbi

wawuphakathi kolwandle, futhi yena wayeyedwa emhlabathini.⁴⁸ Wababona behlupheka kakhulu ekugwedleni, ngoba umoya wawuphambene labo, wasesiza kubo sokungaba yisikhathi somlindo wesine wobusuku, ehamba phezu kolwandle; wasefuna ukubadlula.⁴⁹ Sebembonile ehamba phezu kolwandle, basebecabanga ukuthi lithonga, bakhala kakhulu;⁵⁰ ngoba bambona bonke, bethuka. Kodwa wahle wakhulumu labo, wathi kubo: Manini isibindi; yimi, lingesabi.⁵¹ Wasengena kubo emkhunjini, umoya wasuthula; basebesanganiseka kakhulu okwedlula amalawulo ngaphakathi, bamangala.⁵² Ngoba babengaqedisisanga ngezinkwa; ngoba inhliziyo yabo yayilukhuni.

UJesu usilisa elizweni leGenesaretha

⁵³ Kwathi sebechaphile bafika elizweni leGenesaretha, bawubophela umkhumbi ekhunjini.⁵⁴ Bathi sebephumile emkhunjini, bahle bamazi,⁵⁵ sebegijimele kuso sonke lesosigaba esizingelezeleyo, baqala ukuthwalela abagulayo ngamathala, lapho abebesizwa ukuthi ukhona.⁵⁶ Njalo loba ngaphi angena khona emizaneni loba emizini, loba emaphandleni, babeka abagulayo emidangeni, bamncenga ukuthi bathinte umphetho wesembatho sakhe nje; njalo bonke abamthintayo basindiswa.

AbaFarisi lababhali basolwa ngenxa yezimiso zabo

7 Kwasekubuthana kuye abaFarisi, labanye bababhali, ababevela eJerusalema;² sebebonile ukuthi abanye babafundi bakhe badla izinkwa ngezandla ezingcolileyo, okuyikuthi ezingagezwanga, basola.³ Ngoba abaFarisi lamaJuda bonke kabadli, ngaphandle kokuthi bagezisise izandla *zabo*, belondoloza isiko labadala;⁴ nxa bevela emdangeni, kabadli, ngaphandle kokuthi bageze; futhi zikhona ezinye izinto ezinengi abazemukelayo ukuzilondoloza, ukugezisa inkezo lembiza lezitsha zethusi lemibheda.⁵ Emva kwalokhu abaFarisi lababhali bambuza bathi: Kungani abafundi bakho bengahambi ngesiko labadala, kodwa badla isinkwa ngezandla ezingahlanjwanga?

⁶ Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: UIsaya waprofetha kuhle ngani lina bazenzisi, njengokulotshiweyo *ukuthi*: Lesisizwe singidumisa ngendebe, kodwa inhliziyo yabo ikhatshana lami.⁷ Kodwa zingikhonza ngeze, zifundisa izimfundiso *eziyimilayo* yabantu.⁸ Ngoba liyekela umlayo kaNkulunkulu, ligcine isiko labantu, ukugezisa imbiza lenkezo; lezinye izinto ezinengi ezinjalo liyazenza.⁹ Wasesithi kubo: Liyayekela kuhle umlayo kaNkulunkulu, ukuze lilondoloze isiko lenu.¹⁰ Ngoba uMozisi wathi: Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko; lokuthi: Othuka uyise kumbe unina kumele afe ukufa;¹¹

kodwa lina lithi: Aluba umuntu esithi kuyise kumbe kunina: Lokho obungasizwa yimi ngakho, "liKhobane", okuyikuthi umnikelo *kuNkulunkulu*; ¹² kalisamvumeli ukwenzela uyise kumbe unina ulutho, ¹³ lilenza ize ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ngesiko lenu eliliqhubayo; lokunengi okunjalo liyakwenza.

¹⁴ Esebizile kuye ixuku lonke, wathi kilo: Ngilalelani lonke, liqedisise. ¹⁵ Kalukho ulutho olungaphandle komuntu olungamngcolisa ngokungena kuye; kodwa izinto eziphuma kuye, yizo lezo ezingcolisa umuntu.

¹⁶ Uba ekhona olendlebe zokuzwa akezwe.

¹⁷ Esengenile endlini evela exukwini, abafundi bakhe bambuza ngomfanekiso. ¹⁸ Wasesithi kubo: Ngokunjalo lani lingabangelakuqedisisa yini? Kaliqedisisi yini ukuthi konke okungaphandle okungena emuntwini kungemngcolise? ¹⁹ Ngoba kakungeni enhliziyweni yakhe, kodwa esiswini; kuphumele ngaphandle, kuhlambulula ukudla konke.

²⁰ Wasesithi: Okuphumayo emuntwini, yikho okungcolisa umuntu; ²¹ ngoba kuphuma ngaphakathi enhliziyweni yabantu imicabango emibi, ukuphinga, ukufeba, ukubulala, ²² ukweba, ubuhwaba, ukuxhwala, inkohliso, amanyala, ilihlo elibi, inhlamba, ukuzigqaja, ubuthutha; ²³ zonke lezizinto ezimbi zivela ngaphakathi, zimngcolise umuntu.

Owesifazana weSirofenike

²⁴ Wasesukuma lapho waya emikhawulweni yeTire leSidoni. Wangena endlini, engathandi ukuthi umuntu akwazi, kodwa wayengefahlakale. ²⁵ Ngoba owesifazana, olentombazana yakhe elomoya ongcolileyo, esezwile ngaye, weza wawa phansi enyaweni zakhe; ²⁶ owesifazana-ke wayengumGriki, engumSirofenike ngokuzalwa; wasemncenga ukuthi akhuphe idimoni endodakazini yakhe. ²⁷ Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Ake kusuthe abantwana kuqala; ngoba kakukuhle ukuthatha isinkwa sabantwana sisiphosele izinjana. ²⁸ Kodwa waphendula wathi kuye: Yebo, Nkosi; kodwa lezinjana ezingaphansi kwetafula ziyadla imvuthuluka yabantwana. ²⁹ Wasesithi kuye: Ngenxa yalokhukutsho hamba-ke; idimoni liphumile endodakazini yakho. ³⁰ Wasesuka waya endlini yakhe, wafica idimoni seliphumile, lendodakazi ilele embhedeni.

Isacuthe esigagasayo siyasiliswa

³¹ Wasebuya wasuka emikhawulweni yeTire leSidoni, weza elwandle lweGalili, phakathi kwemikhawulo yeDikapolisi. ³² Basebeletha kuye isacuthe esigagasayo, bamncenga ukuthi abeke isandla sakhe phezu kwaso. ³³ Wasesikhupha exukwini

sabasodwa, wafaka iminwe yakhe endlebeni zaso, wakhafula wathinta ulimi lwaso,³⁴ ekhangela phezulu ezulwini, wabubula, wathi kuso: "Efatha"; okuyikuthi: Vulwa!³⁵ Njalo zahle zavulwa indlebe zaso; yasithukululwa intambo yolimi lwaso, sasesikhuluma saqonda.³⁶ Wasebalaya ukuthi bangatsheli muntu; kodwa lanxa wayebalayile kakhulu, khona bekumemezelwa ngamandla.³⁷ Basebemangala kakhulukazi sibili, bathi: Uzenzile kuhle izinto zonke; wenza kokubili izacuthe ukuthi zizwe, lezimungulu ukuthi zikhulume.

UJesu usuthisa amadoda azinkulungwane ezine

8 Ngalezonsuku kwakukhona ixuku elikhulu kakhulu, njalo lalingelakho okokudla, uJesu wabizela kuye abafundi bakhe wathi kubo:² Ngilesihelo ngexuku; ngoba sebehlezi lami insuku ezintathu, bengelalutho lokudla;³ njalo uba ngibayekela baye emakhaya abo bengadlanga, bazayatha endleleni; ngoba abanye babo bavela khatshana.⁴ Abafundi bakhe basebemphendula bathi: Zingavela ngaphi izinkwa umuntu angasuthisa ngazo laba lapha enkangala?⁵ Wasebabuza wathi: Lilezinkwa ezingaki? Basebesithi: Eziyisikhombisa.⁶ Waselaya ixuku ukuthi lihlale phansi emhlabathini; wasethatha izinkwa eziyisikhombisa, esebongile

wazihlephula wazinika abafundi bakhe, ukuthi babeke phambi *kwabo*; basebebeka phambi kwexuku.⁷ Njalo babelenhlanzana ezinlutshwana; esebusisile wathi bazibeke lazo phambi *kwabo*.⁸ Basebesidla, basutha; basebedobha izinkwana ezazisele izitsha eziyisikhombisa.⁹ Labasebedlile babengaba zinkulungwane ezine; wasebayekela bahamba.

¹⁰ Njalo wahle wangena emkhunjini labafundi bakhe, weza kungxenyenye zeDalmanutha.

Abafuna isibonakaliso

¹¹ AbaFarisi basebephuma, baqala ukuphikisana laye, befunisia kuye isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini, bemlinga. ¹² Wasebubula kakhulu emoyeni wakhe wathi: Lesisizukulwana sidingelani isibonakaliso? Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Iqiniso akulasibonakaliso esizanikwa kulesisisizukulwana. ¹³ Wasebatshiya, wangena emkhunjini futhi, wasuka waya ngaphetsheya.

UJesu ukhuza abafundi ngokungaqedisisi kwabo

¹⁴ Kwathi abafundi babekhohliwe ukuthatha izinkwa, njalo babengelalutho emkhunjini ngaphandle kwesinkwa esisodwa. ¹⁵ Wasebalaya, wathi: Nanzelelani, liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi lemvubelo

kaHerodi.¹⁶ Basebekhulumisana, besithi: Ngoba kasilazinkwa.¹⁷ UJesu esekwazi wathi kubo: Kungani likhulumisana ngokuthi kalilazinkwa? Kalikaboni, njalo kaliqedisisi yini? Lokhe lilenhliziyo ezilukhuni yini?¹⁸ Lilamehlo kaliboni yini? Futhi lilendlebe kalizwa yini? Njalo kalikhumbuli yini?¹⁹ Mhla ngahlephulela abazinkulungwane ezinhlanu izinkwa ezinhlanu, ladobha izitsha ezingaki ezigcwele izinkwana ezazisele? Bathi kuye: Ezilitshumi lambili.²⁰ Njalo mhla ziyisikhombisa kwaba zinkulungwane ezine, ladobha izitsha ezingaki ezigcwele izinkwana ezazisele? Basebesithi: Eziyisikhombisa.²¹ Wasesithi kubo: Yinindaba lingaqedisisi?

Isiphofu seBetsayida

²² Wasefika eBetsayida. Basebeletha kuye isiphofu, bamncenga ukuthi asithinte.²³ Wasesibamba isandla isiphofu, wasikhuphela ngaphandle komuzi; esekhafullele emehlwani aso, wabeka izandla *zakhe* phezu kwaso, wasibuza ukuthi sibona ulutho.²⁴ Sasesikhangela phezulu sathi: Ngibona abantu behambahamba kungathi yizihlahla.²⁵ Emva kwalokhu wabuya wabeka izandla *zakhe* phezu kwamehlo aso, wasenza sakhangela phezulu sasesisiliswa, sabona bonke ngokucacileyo.²⁶

Wasesithuma endlini yaso, wathi: Ungangeni emzaneni, njalo ungatsheli muntu loyedwa emzaneni.

Isivumo sokholo sikaPetro

²⁷ UJesu wasephuma labafundi bakhe baya emizaneni yeKesariya yeFiliphi; besendleleni wababuza abafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Abantu bathi ngingubani? ²⁸ Basebephendula *bathi*: UJohane uMbhabhathizi; labanye *bathi*: UElija; labanye *bathi*: Omunye wabaprofethi. ²⁹ Yena wasesithi kubo: Lina-ke lithi ngingubani? UPetro wasephendula wathi kuye: Wena unguKristu. ³⁰ Wasebalayisia, ukuthi bangatsheli muntu ngaye.

UJesu ukhulumma ngokufa lokuvuka kwakhe

³¹ Waseqala ukubafundisa, ukuthi iNdodana yomuntu imele ukuhlupheka izinto ezinengi, ilahlwe ngabadala labapristi abakhulu lababhali, ibulawe, ibuye ivuke emva kwensuku ezintathu; ³² waselikhulumma lelilizwi obala. UPetro wasemthatha waqala ukumkhuza. ³³ Kodwa etshibilika, wabona abafundi bakhe, wamkhuza uPetro, wathi: Suka ngemva kwami, Sathane; ngoba kawucabangi ngezinto zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa ngezabantu.

Ukuhlutshwa kukaJesu lokwabamlandelayo

³⁴ Kwathi esebizele kuye ixuku kanye labafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Uba umuntu ethanda ukuza ngemva kwami, kazidele, athathe isiphambano sakhe, angilandele. ³⁵ Ngoba loba ngubani othanda ukusindisa impilo yakhe, izamlahlekela; kodwa loba ngubani olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami levangeli, yena uzayisindisa. ³⁶ Ngoba kuzamsizani umuntu, nxa ezuza umhlaba wonke, kodwa alahlekelwe ngumphefumulo wakhe? ³⁷ Kumbe umuntu uzanikani kube lihlawulo lomphefumulo wakhe? ³⁸ Ngoba loba ngubani olenhloni ngami langamazwi ami kulesisizukulwana esifebayo lesigcwele isono, iNdodana yomuntu layo izakuba lenhloni ngaye, nxa isiza enkazimulweni kaYise kanye lengilosи ezingcwele.

9 Wasesithi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Bakhona abanye kwabemiyo lapha, abangasoze bezwe ukufa, baze babone umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile ngamandla.

Ukukhazimuliswa kukaJesu entabeni

² Emva kwensuku eziyisithupha uJesu wasethatha uPetro loJakobe loJohane, wasebakuphulela entabeni ende ebehlukanisa bodwa; waseguqulwa isimo phambi

kwabo;³ lezembatho zakhe zacwazimula, zaba mhlophe nke njengeliqhwa*, kakulamcoli welembu emhlabeni ongazenza zibe mhlophe kanje.⁴ Kwasekubonakala kubo uElija eloMozisi, njalo bekhulumu loJesu.⁵ UPetro wasephendula wathi kuJesu: Rabi*, kuhle ukuthi sibe lapha; futhi asakhe amadumba amathathu, elinye ngelakho, lelinye ngelikaMozisi, lelinye ngelikaElija.⁶ Ngoba wayengakwazi angakutsho; ngoba babesesaba kakhulu.⁷ Kwasekufika iyezi labasibekela; kwaba lelizwi elivela eyezini, lisithi: Lo uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo; zwanini yona.⁸ Njalo bahle bathalaza, kababe besabona muntu, kodwa uJesu yedwa elabo.

⁹ Kwathi besehla entaben, wabalaya ukuthi bangatsheli muntu izinto abazibonileyo, ize ivuke kwabafileyo iNdodana yomuntu.¹⁰ Njalo bazigcinela lelilizwi, bebuza ukuthi kutshoni ukuvuka kwabafileyo.

¹¹ Basebembuza, besithi: Batsholoni ababhali ukuthi uElija ufanele ukufika kuqala?¹² Wasephendula, wathi kubo: UElija ufika kuqala isibili, abuyisele zonke izinto; njalo kubhalwe njani ngeNdodana yomuntu, ukuthi imele ihlupheke izinto ezinengi njalo idelelw. ¹³ Kodwa ngitsho kini ukuthi uElija laye sewafika, basebesenza kuye konke abakuthandayo, njengokulotshiweyo ngaye.

Ukusiliswa komfana owayelesithuthwane

¹⁴ Kwathi efika kubafundi, wabona ixuku elikhulu libahanqile, lababhali bephikisana labo. ¹⁵ Lahle lathi ukumbona ixuku lonke laselimangala, lagijimela kuye lambingelela. ¹⁶ Wasebabuza ababhali *wathi:* Liphikisana ngani labo? ¹⁷ Omunye wexuku wasephendula *wathi:* Mfundisi, ngilethe kuwe indodana yami, elomoya oyisimungulu; ¹⁸ kuthi loba ngaphi oyibamba khona, uyidabule; ikhihlize amagwebu, ignedle amazinyo ayo, yome qha; njalo ngitshele abafundi bakho ukuthi bawukhuphe, kodwa behluleka. ¹⁹ Wasemphendula *wathi:* O sizukulwana esingelakholo, koze kube nini ngilani? Koze kube nini ngilibekezelela? Iletheni kimi. ²⁰ Basebeyiletha kuye; kwathi umoya umbona, wahle wayihlukuza; yawela emhlabathini, yazigiqagiqa ikhihliza amagwebu. ²¹ Wasebuza uyise *wathi:* Ilesikhathi esingakanani, lokhu kwenzeka kiyo? Wasesithi: Kusukela ebuntwaneni. ²² Uyiphosele kanengi futhi emlilweni lemanzini, ukuze uyibhubhise; kodwa nxo kukhona ongakwenza, sihawukele, usisize. ²³ UJesu wasesithi kuye: Nxa ulakho ukukholwa, zonke izinto ziyanzenka kokholwayo. ²⁴ Njalo wahle wamemeza uyise womntwana, ngezinyembezi *wathi:* Ngiyakholwa, Nkosi, siza ukungakholwa kwami. ²⁵ Kwathi uJesu esebona ukuthi ixuku ligijima kanyekanye ndawonye, wakuza umoya ongcolileyo, esithi kuwo: Wena moya

oyisimungulu longezwayo, mina ngiyakulaya: Phuma kuye, ungabe usangena kuye.²⁶ Usumememezile, wayihlukuza kakhulu, waphuma; yasisiba njengofileyo, kwaze kwathi abanengi bathi isifile.²⁷ Kodwa uJesu wayibamba ngesandla, wayiphakamisa; yasisukuma.

²⁸ Wathi esengenile endlini, abafundi bakhe bambuza bebodwa bathi: Kungani thina sehlulekile ukuwukhupha? ²⁹ Wasesithi kubo: Loluhlobo kalungeke lumphume ngalutho, ngaphandle komkhuleko lokuzila ukudla.

UJesu ukhuluma futhi ngokuhlupheka kwakhe

³⁰ Basebesuka lapho badabula eGalili; wayengathandi ukuthi kwaziwe muntu, ³¹ ngoba wayefundisa abafundi bakhe, esithi kubo: INdodana yomuntu iyanikelwa ezandleni zabantu, njalo bazayibulala; njalo isibulewe, ngosuku lwesithathu izavuka. ³² Kodwa kabawuqedisisanga umutsho, basebesesaba ukumbuza.

UJesu ufundisa ngokuthobeka

³³ Wasefika eKapenawume; kwathi esefikile endlini wababuza *wathi*: Belikhulumisana ngani endleleni?
³⁴ Kodwa bathula; ngoba endleleni babephikisene,

ngokuthi ngubani omkhulu.³⁵ Wasehlala phansi wabiza abalitshumi lambili, wathi kubo: Uba umuntu ethanda ukuba ngowokuqala, uzakuba ngowokucina kubo bonke, lesisebenzi sabo bonke.³⁶ Wasethatha umntwana omncane, wammisa phakathi kwabo; wamgona, wathi kubo:³⁷ Loba ngubani owemukela omunye wabantwana abancane abanje ebizweni lami, wemukela mina; njalo loba ngubani owemukela mina, kamukeli mina, kodwa yena ongithumileyo.

³⁸ UJohane wasemphendula, wathi: Mfundisi, sabona omunye ekhupha amadimoni ngebizo lakho, ongasilandeliyo; sasesimnqabela, ngoba engasilandeli.³⁹ Kodwa uJesu wathi: Lingamnqabeli; ngoba kakho owenza umsebenzi wamandla ebizweni lami, njalo olamandla okukhuluma kubi ngami masinyane;⁴⁰ ngoba ongamelani lathi, ngowakithi.

⁴¹ Ngoba loba ngubani ozalinathisa inkezo yamanzi ngebizo lami, ngoba lingabakaKristu, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kasoze alahlekelwa ngumvuzo wakhe.

IzikhubeKiso

⁴² Futhi loba ngubani okhubekisa omunye walaba abancinyane abakhola kimi, kungcono kuye ukuthi ilitshe lokuchola ligaxwe entanyeni yakhe, abesephoselwa olwandle.⁴³ Njalo uba isandla sakho sikukhubekisa, siqume; kungcono kuwe ukungena

ekuphileni uyingini, kulokuthi ulezandla ezimbili usuke uye esihogweni, emlilweni ongacitshiyo,⁴⁴ lapho impethu yabo engafi khona, lomlilo ongacitshi khona.⁴⁵ Njalo uba unyawo lwakho lukukhubekisa, luqume; kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni uyisiqhuala, kulokuthi ulenyawo ezimbili uphoselwe esihogweni, emlilweni ongacitshiyo,⁴⁶ lapho impethu yabo engafi khona, lomlilo ongacitshi khona.⁴⁷ Njalo uba ilihlo lakho likukhubekisa, likhuphe; kungcono kuwe ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu ulelihlo elilodwa, kulokuthi ulamehlo amabili uphoselwe esihogweni somlilo,⁴⁸ lapho impethu yabo engafi khona, lomlilo ongacitshi khona.

Ngetswayi

⁴⁹ Ngoba wonke uzatswaywa ngomlilo; njalo wonke umnikelo uzatswaywa ngetswayi.⁵⁰ Itswayi lihle; kodwa uba itswayi lingelabutswayi, lizavuselelwa ngani? Banini letswayi phakathi kwenu, njalo lihlalisane ngokuthula.

Ukuhlalisana kwabathatheneyo

10 Wasesukuma lapho weza emingceleni yeJudiya edabula ngaphetsheya kweJordani;

amaxuku asebuya abuthana kuye; wasephinda ukubafundisa, njengokwejwayela kwakhe.

² Kwasekusiza kuye abaFarisi bambuza *ukuthi*: Kuvunyelwe yini ukuthi indoda yale umkayo? Bemlinga. ³ Wasephendula wathi kubo: UMozisi walilayani? ⁴ Basebesithi: UMozisi wavuma ukubhala incwadi yesehlukaniso, lokumala. ⁵ UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Ngenxa yobulukhuni benhliziyo yenu walibhalela lumlayo; ⁶ kodwa kusukela ekuqaleni kokudaliweyo, uNkulunkulu wabenza owesilisa lowesifazana. ⁷ Ngenxa yalokhu indoda izatshiya uyise lonina; njalo inamathele kumkayo, ⁸ njalo labo ababili bazakuba nyamanye. Ngakho kabasebabili, kodwa *banyamanye*. ⁹ Ngakho lokho uNkulunkulu akuhlanganisileyo, kakungabi lamuntu okwehlukanisayo.

¹⁰ Endlini abafundi bakhe basebebuya bembuza ngalokhu. ¹¹ Wasesithi kubo: Loba ngubani owala umkakhe athathe omunye, uyafeba kuye; ¹² lomfazi uba esala indoda yakhe endele kwenye, uyafeba.

Ukubusiswa kwabantwana abancane

¹³ Basebeletha abantwana abancane kuye ukuze ababambe; kodwa abafundi bakhe babakuza ababalethayo. ¹⁴ Kodwa uJesu ekubona wathukuthela, wathi kubo: Vumelani abantwana abancane beze kimi,

lingabanqabeli. Ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu ungowabanje.¹⁵ Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngubani ongamukeli umbuso kaNkulunkulu njengomntwana omncane, kasoze angene kuwo.¹⁶ Njalo ebagona, ebeka izandla *zakhe* phezu kwabo, wababusisa.

Ijaha elinothileyo

¹⁷ Esephumele endleleni, umuntu wamgijimela eguqa phambi kwakhe wambuza *wathi*: Mfundisi olungileyo, ngizakwenzani ukuze ngidle ilifa lempilo elaphakade? ¹⁸ UJesu wasesithi kuye: Ungibizelani ngokuthi olungileyo? Kakho olungileyo, ngaphandle koyedwa, uNkulunkulu. ¹⁹ Uyayazi imilayo *ethi*: Ungafebi, ungabulali, ungebi, ungafakazi amanga, ungadlelezeli, hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko.²⁰ Wasephendula *wathi* kuye: Mfundisi, lezizinto zonke ngizigcinile kusukela ebutsheni bami. ²¹ Njalo uJesu emkhangela wamthanda, *wathi* kuye: Kunye okusweleyo; hamba, uthengise konke olakho, uphe abayanga, njalo uzakuba lokuligugu ezulwini; njalo uze, uthatha isiphambano, ungilandele.²² Kodwa edanile ngalelilizwi wasuka wahamba edabukile; ngoba wayelempahla ezinengi.

²³ UJesu wasethalaza *wathi* kubafundi bakhe: Kuzakuba lukhuni kangakanani kwabalenotho ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu.²⁴ Abafundi

basebemangala ngamazwi akhe. Kodwa uJesu ephendula futhi wathi kubo: Bantwana, kulukhuni kangakanani kwabathemba inotho ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu;²⁵ kulula ukuthi ikamela lingene ngentunja yenalithi, kulokuthi umuntu onothileyo angene embusweni kaNkulunkulu.²⁶ Basebemangala kakhulukazi, bekhulumisana *bathi*: Pho kungasindiswa bani?²⁷ UJesu wasebakhangela wathi: Kubantu kakulakwenzeka, kodwa kakunjalo kuNkulunkulu; ngoba zonke izinto ziyanzeza kuNkulunkulu.

Umvuzo wokuzidela

²⁸ UPetro waseqala ukuthi kuye: Khangela, thina sitshiye konke, sakulandela. ²⁹ UJesu wasephendula wathi: Ngiqinisisile ngithi kini: Kakukho muntu otshiye indlu, kumbe abafowabo, kumbe odadewabo, kumbe uyise, kumbe unina, kumbe umkakhe, kumbe abantwana, kumbe amasimu, ngenxa yami levangeli, ³⁰ ongayikwemukela ngokwekhulu khathesi ngalesisikhathi, izindlu labafowabo labodadewabo labonina labantwana lamasimu, kanye lokuzingelwa, lesikhathini esizayo impilo elaphakade.³¹ Kodwa abanengi abokuqala bazakuba ngabokucina, labokucina ngabokuqala.

UJesu ukhuluma futhi ngokufa lokuvuka kwakhe

³² Kwathi sebesendleleni besenyukela eJerusalema; uJesu wayesehamba phambi kwabo, njalo babemangele, belandela babesesaba. Wasethatha futhi abalitshumi lambili, waqala ukubatshela okwakuzamehlela ³³ ukuthi: Khangelani, senyukela eJerusalema, futhi iNdodana yomuntu izanikelwa kubapristi abakhulu lakubabhalu, njalo bazayigwebela ukufa, bayinikele kwabezizwe, ³⁴ bazayiyangisa, bayitshaye ngesiswepu, bayikhafulele amathe, bayibulale; njalo ngosuku lwasithathu izabuya ivuke *ekufeni*.

UJesu ukhuza amadodana kaZebediya

³⁵ Kwasekusiza kuye uJakobe loJohane, amadodana kaZebediya, besithi: Mfundisi, sithanda ukuthi usenzele loba yini esizayicela. ³⁶ Wasesithi kubo: Lithanda ukuthi ngilenzeleni? ³⁷ Basebesithi kuye: Siphe, ukuthi sihlale omunye ngakwesokunene sakho lomunye ngakwesokhohlo sakho ebukhosini bakho.

³⁸ Kodwa uJesu wathi kubo: Kalikwazi elikucelayo. Linganatha yini inkezo engiyinathayo mina, njalo libhabbhathizwe ngobhabbhathizo engibhabbhathizwa ngalo mina? ³⁹ Basebesithi kuye: Singakwenza. Kodwa uJesu wathi kubo: Inkezo engiyinathayo mina

lizayinatha; lizabhabbhathizwa ngobhabbhathizo engibhabbhathizwa ngalo mina;⁴⁰ kodwa ukuhlala ngakwesokunene sami langakwesokhohlo sami kayisikho kwami ukupha, kodwa *kungokwalabo abakulungiselweyo.*

Ubukhulu obuqotho

⁴¹ Kwathi sebezwile abalitshumi baqala ukuthukuthela ngoJakobe loJohane.⁴² Kodwa uJesu wababizela kuye wathi kubo: Liyazi ukuthi labo okuthiwa babusa izizwe bazibusa ngobulukhuni; lezikhulu zazo zisebenzisa amandla phezu kwazo.⁴³ Kodwa akuyikuba njalo phakathi kwenu; kodwa loba ngubani othanda ukuba ngomkhulu phakathi kwenu, kabe yisisebenzi senu;⁴⁴ njalo loba ngubani othanda ukuba ngowokuqala phakathi kwenu, kabe yisisebenzi sabo bonke.⁴⁵ Ngoba leNdodana yomuntu kayizanga ukukhonza, kodwa ukukhonza, lokunika impilo yayo ibe lihlawulo labanengi.

UBartimewu isiphofu

⁴⁶ Basebefika eJeriko; kwathi esephuma eJeriko, labafundi bakhe, lexuku elikhulu, indodana kaTimewu uBartimewu oyisiphofu wayehlezi endleleni ephanza.
⁴⁷ Kwathi esezwile ukuthi nguJesu weNazaretha,

waqala ukumemeza njalo ukuthi: Jesu Ndodana kaDavida, akungihawukele! ⁴⁸ Abanengi basebemkhuza, ukuthi athule; kodwa wamemeza kakhulukazi, *esithi*: Ndodana kaDavida, akungihawukele! ⁴⁹ UJesu esima wasesithi kabizwe; basebesibiza isiphofu, besithi kuso: Mana isibindi; sukuma, uyakubiza. ⁵⁰ Sasesilahla isembatho saso sasukuma sezwa kuJesu. ⁵¹ UJesu wasephendula wathi kuso: Ufuna ukuthi ngikwenzeleni? Isiphofu sasesisithi kuye: Raboni*, ukuthi ngibone. ⁵² UJesu wasesithi kuso: Hamba; ukholo lwakho lukusindisile. Njalo sahle sabona, salandela uJesu endleleni.

UJesu ungena eJerusalem

11 Kwathi besondela eJerusalem, eBetfage leBethani, entabenye yeMihlwathi, wathuma ababili kubafundi bakhe, ² wathi kubo: Hambani liye emzaneni okhangelene lani; lizahle lithi lingena kuwo lifice ithole likababhemu likhulekiwe, okungazange kuhlale kulo umuntu; lilikhulule lililethe. ³ Njalo uba umuntu esithi kini: Likwenzelani lokhu? Lithi: INkosi iyaliwela; njalo uzahle alithumele lapha. ⁴ Bahamba-ke bafica ithole likhulekiwe lisesangweni ngaphandle endleleni; basebelikhulula. ⁵ Labanye kwababemi khona bathi kubo: Lenzani likhulula ithole? ⁶ Basebesitsho kubo njengoba uJesu elayile;

basebebanyakela bahamba.⁷ Basebeliletha ithole kuJesu, baphosela izembatho zabo phezu kwalo, wasehlala phezu kwalo.⁸ Labanengi bendlala izembatho zabo endleleni; labanye bagamula ingatsha lamahlamvu ezihlahleni, bazendlala endleleni.⁹ Lalabo ababehamba phambili lababelandela bamemeza, besithi: Hosana*! Ubusisiwe ozayo ebizweni leNkosi;¹⁰ ubusisiwe umbuso kababa wethu uDavida, ozayo ebizweni leNkosi. Hosana kweliphezulu!

¹¹ UJesu wasesiyangena eJerusalema, lethempelini; wathi esethalaze konke, sekuhlwile, waphuma waya eBethani labalitshumi lambili.

Ukuthukwa komkhiwa

¹² Lakusisa bephuma eBethani, walamba. ¹³ Ebona umkhiwa ukhatshana, ulamahlamvu, wasondela ukuthi mhlawumbe angathola ulutho kuwo; njalo efika kuwo, katholanga lutho ngaphandle kwamahlamvu; ngoba kwakungesiso isikhathi somkhiwa.¹⁴ UJesu ekhulumwa wathi kuwo: Kakungabi kusadla muntu isithelo kuwe loba nini lanini. Labafundi bakhe bakuzwa.

Ukuhlanjululwa kwethempeli

¹⁵ Basebefika eJerusalema; uJesu wasengena ethempelini waqala ukuxotsha labo ababethengisa lababethenga ethempelini; wasegenqula amatafula ababentshintshelana imali, lezihlalo zalabo ababethengisa amajuba; ¹⁶ wayengavumeli ukuthi umuntu athwale impahla adabule ethempelini. ¹⁷ Wasefundisa, wathi kubo: Kakulotshiwe yini ukuthi: Indlu yami izabizwa ngokuthi yindlu yomkhuleko yezizwe zonke? Kodwa lina liyenze ubhalu lwabaphangi.

¹⁸ Ababhali labapristi abakhulu basebekuzwa, babedinga ukuthi bangambulala njani; ngoba babemesaba, ngoba lonke ixuku lamangala kakhulu ngokufundisa kwakhe.

¹⁹ Sekusihlwa, waphuma phandle emzini.

Ukuzuza amandla ngokholo

²⁰ Ekuseni kakhulu besedlula, babona umkhiwa womile kusukela empanden. ²¹ UPetro wasekhumbula wathi kuye: Rabi*, khangela, umkhiwa owuqalekisileyo womile. ²² UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Banini lokholo kuNkulunkulu. ²³ Ngoba ngiqinisisile ngithi kini: Loba ngubani ozakuthi kulintaba: Phakanyiswa, uphoselwe olwandle, njalo

engathandabuzi enhliziyweni yakhe, kodwa ekholwa ukuthi akutshoyo kuyenzeka; kuzakwenzeka kuye loba yini ayitshoyo.²⁴ Ngakho ngithi kini: Konke loba yini eliyicelayo likhuleka, kholwani ukuthi liyayemukela, njalo lizakuba layo.²⁵ Njalo nxa limi likhuleka, thethelelani uba lilolutho olumelana lomuntu; ukuze uYihlo osemazulwini laye alithethelele iziphambeko zenu.²⁶ Kodwa uba lina lingathetheleli, loYihlo osemazulwini kayikulithethelela iziphambeko zenu.

Amandla kaJesu

²⁷ Basebebuya bafika eJerusalema; kwathi ehambahamba ethempelini, abapristi abakhulu lababhali labadala beza kuye,²⁸ bathi kuye: Izinto lezi uzenza ngaliphi igunya; njalo ngubani okunike leligunya lokuthi wenze lezizinto?²⁹ UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Lami ngizalibuza umbuzo ube munye, njalo lingiphendule, khona ngizalitshela ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi igunya.³⁰ Ubhabhathizo lukaJohane lwavela ezulwini, kumbe ebantwini? Ngiphendulani.³¹ Basebekhulumisana bodwa, besithi: Uba sisithi: Ezulwini, uzakuthi: Pho kalikholwanga kuye ngani?³² Kodwa uba sisithi: Ebantwini; besaba abantu; ngoba bonke babemphatha uJohane, ngokuthi ungumprofethi ngeqiniso.³³

Basebephendula bathi kuJesu: Kasazi. UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Lami kangilitsheli ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi igunya.

Umfanekiso wabalimi besivini

12 Waseqala ukukhuluma labo ngemifanekiso *wathi*: Umuntu wahlanyela isivini, wasibiyela ngothango, wagebha isikhamele, wakha umphotshongo, wasiqhatshisa kubalimi, waya kwelinye ilizwe.² Kwathi sekuyisikhathi esifaneleyo wathuma inceku kubalimi, ukuze yamukele kubalimi okwesithelo sesivini.³ Kodwa bayibamba bayitshaya, bayimukisa ize.⁴ Wasebuya ethuma kubo enye inceku; laleyo bayitshaya ngamatshe bayilimaza ekhanda, bayixotsha *isithelwe* inhloni.⁵ Wasebuya ethuma enye; yona basebeyibulala; lezinye ezinengi, ezinye bazitshaya, lezinye bazibulala.⁶ Ngakho eseselendodana eyodwa ethandekayo kuye, ekucineni wayithuma kubo layo, esithi: *Bazayihloniph*a indodana yami.⁷ Kodwa labobalimi bakhulumisana besithi: Le yndlalifa; wozani, siyibulale, lelifa lizakuba ngelethu.⁸ Basebeyibamba bayibulala, bayiphosela ngaphandle kwesivini.⁹ Ngakho uzakwenzani umninisivini? Uzakuza ababhubhise abalimi, anikele isivini kwabanye.¹⁰ Kalibalanga yini lumbhalo *othi*: Ilitshe abakhi abalalayo, yilo eseliyinhloko yengonsi;¹¹ lokhu

kwenziwe yiNkosi, njalo kuyisimanga emehlwani ethu? ¹² Basebedinga ukumbamba, kodwa besaba ixuku; ngoba babesazi ukuthi wakhuluma lumfanekiso emelane labo. Basebemtshiya bahamba.

Umthelo kaKesari

¹³ Basebethuma kuye abanye babaFarisi labakaHerodi, ukuze bamthiye ekukhulumeni. ¹⁴ Basebesiza bathi kuye: Mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi wena uqotho, njalo kawukhathali ngomuntu; ngoba kawunanzi isimo somuntu, kodwa ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu ngeqiniso: Kuvunyelwe yini ukuthela kuKesari kumbe hatshi? ¹⁵ Sithele, kumbe singatheli? Kodwa ekwazi ukuzenzisa kwabo wathi kubo: Lingilingelani? Lethani kimi udenariyo*, ukuze ngibone. ¹⁶ Basebeletha. Wasesithi kubo: Ngokabani lumfanekiso lalumbhalo? Basebesithi kuye: NgokaKesari. ¹⁷ UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Mnikeni uKesari okukaKesari, loNkulunkulu okukaNkulunkulu. Basebemangala ngaye.

Ukuvuka kwabafileyo

¹⁸ Basebesiza kuye abaSadusi, abathi kakukho ukuvuka *kwabafileyo*; basebembuza, bathi: ¹⁹ Mfundisi, uMozisi wasibhalela, wathi: Uba umfowabo

womuntu esifa, atshiye umkakhe, engatshiyi bantwana, umfowabo kamthathe umkakhe, amvusele umfowabo inzalo;²⁰ kwakulezelamani eziyisikhombisa; owokuqala wasethatha umfazi, wafa engatshiyanga inzalo;²¹ lowesibili wamthatha, wafa, laye engatshiyanga inzalo; lowesithathu kwaba njalo;²² labayisikhombisa bamthatha, kabatshiyanga inzalo. Ekucineni kwabo bonke kwafa lomfazi.²³ Ngakho ekuvukeni *kwabafileyo*, mhla bevukayo, uzakuba ngumkabani kubo; lokhu abayisikhombisa babelaye engumkabo?²⁴ UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Kaliduhanga yini ngalokhu, ngoba lingayazi imibhalo, loba amandla kaNkulunkulu?²⁵ Ngoba mhla bevukayo ekufeni, kabathathani, njalo kabendiswa, kodwa banjengengilosi ezisemazulwini.²⁶ Kodwa mayelana labafileyo, ukuthi bayavuswa, kalifundanga yini egwalweni lukaMozisi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu esihlahleni, wakhulumma njani kuye, esithi: NginguNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, loNkulunkulu kaIsaka, loNkulunkulu kaJakobe?²⁷ Kayisuye uNkulunkulu wabafileyo, kodwa uNkulunkulu wabaphilayo; ngakho lina liduhile kakhulu.

Umlayo wokuqala

²⁸ Wasefika omunye wababhali, esezwile bebuzana, esebonile ukuthi ubaphendule kuhle, wambuza *wathi*:

Yiwuphi umlayo wokuqala kuyo yonke? ²⁹ UJesu wasemphendula wathi: Umlayo wokuqala kuyo yonke *ngowokuthi*: Zwana, Israyeli: INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, iNkosi yinye; ³⁰ njalo wothanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke, langomphefumulo wakho wonke, langengqondo yakho yonke, langamandla akho wonke. Yilo umlayo owokuqala. ³¹ Lowesibili ufanana lawo *uthi*: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu *uzithanda wena*. Kawukho omunye umlayo omkhulu kulale. ³² Umbhali wasesithi kuye: Kuhle, Mfundisi, utsho okuqotho ukuthi kuloNkulunkulu oyedwa, langaphandle kwakhe kakho omunye; ³³ lokumthanda ngenhliziyo yonke, langokuqedisisa konke, langomphefumulo wonke, langamandla wonke, lokuthanda umakhelwane njengawe, kuyedlula yonke iminikelo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo. ³⁴ UJesu esembona ukuthi uphendule ngenhlakanipho, wathi kuye: Kawukhatshana lombuso kaNkulunkulu. Njalo kakwabe kusaba khona umuntu olesibindi sokumbuza.

UKristu losendo Iwakhe

³⁵ UJesu, efundisa ethempelini, waseqala ukukhuluma wathi: Batsho njani ababhali ukuthi uKristu uyindodana kaDavida? ³⁶ Ngoba uDavida uqobo Iwakhe ngoMoya oyiNgcwele wathi: INkosi

yathi eNkosini yami: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami, ngize ngibeke izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho.³⁷ Ngakho uDavida uqobo lwakhe umbiza *ngokuthi* yiNkosi; pho uyindodana yakhe njani?

Lexuku elikhulu lamuzwa ngokuthokoza.

UJesu usola ababhali

³⁸ Wasesithi kubo ekufundiseni kwakhe: Qaphelani ababhali, abathanda ukuhamba bembethe izembatho ezinde, lokubingelelwa emidangeni,³⁹ lezihlalo eziqakathekileyo emasinagogeni, lezihlalo zabahloniphekayo ekudleni;⁴⁰ abadla izindlu zabafelokazi, bekhuleka *isikhathi* eside ngokuzenzisa; laba bazakwemukela ukulahlwa okukhulu.

Umnikelo womfelokazi

⁴¹ UJesu wasehlala phansi maqondana lesitsha somnikelo wabona ukuthi ixuku liphosela njani imali esitsheni somnikelo; labanothileyo abanengi baphosela okunengi.⁴² Kwasekufika umfelokazi othile ongumyanga waphosela inhlamvana ezimbili ezincane zemali, ezenza indibilitshi.⁴³ Wasebizela kuye abafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Lumfelokazi ongumyanga uphosele okwedlula bonke laba abaphoseleyo esitsheni somnikelo;⁴⁴ ngoba

bonke kokunengi kwabo baphosele; kodwa yena ebuyangeni bakhe uphosele konke alakho, konke okwempilo yakhe.

UJesu ukhulumu ngokuchithwa kweJerusalema langokuphela kwesikhathi

13 Kwathi ephuma ethempelini, omunye wabafundi bakhe wathi kuye: Mfundisi, khangela, amatshe anjani lezakhiwo ezinjani! ² UJesu wasephendula wathi kuye: Uyabona lezizakhiwo ezinkulu yini? Akusoze kutshiywe ilitshe phezu kwelitshe, elingasoze lidilizelwe phansi.

³ Esehlezi entabenि yeMihlwathi maqondana lethempeli, uPetro loJakobe loJohane loAndreya bambuza bevodwa, ⁴ *bathi*: Sitshele, lezizinto zizakuba nini? Lokuthi isibonakaliso siyini lapho sezizapheleliwa lezizinto zonke? ⁵ UJesu ebaphendula waseqala ukuthi: Qaphelani kungabi khona oliduhisayo. ⁶ Ngoba abanengi bazakuza ngebizo lami, besithi: Mina nginguye; futhi baduhise abanengi. ⁷ Kodwa nxa lisizwa ngezimpi lamahungahunga ezimpi, lingethuki; ngoba kufanele kwenzeke; kodwa ukuphela kakukabi khona. ⁸ Ngoba isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso; njalo kuzakuba khona ukuzamazama komhlaba indawo ngendawo,

njalo kuzakuba khona indlala lezinhlupheko; lezizinto ziyikuqala kwemihelo.

⁹ Kodwa ziqapheleni lina; ngoba bazalinikela emiphakathini, lemasinagogeni lizatshaywa, lizalethwa phambi kwababusi lamakhosi ngenxa yami, kube yibufakazi kubo. ¹⁰ Kodwa kuzo zonke izizwe ivangeli limele ukutshunyayelwa kuqala. ¹¹ Kodwa nxa belidonsa belinikela, lingakhathaleli ngaphambili elizakukhuluma, linganakani; kodwa loba yini elizayinikwa ngaleloholola, ikhulumeni; ngoba kakusini elikhulumayo, kodwa uMoya oyiNgcwele. ¹² Futhi umfowabo uzanikela umfowabo ekufeni, loyise umntwana; labantwana bazavukela abazali, besebebabilala; ¹³ njalo lizazondwa yibo bonke ngenxa yebizo lami; kodwa ophikelelayo kuze kube sekupheleni, nguye ozasindiswa.

¹⁴ Kodwa nxa libona amanyala encithakalo, akhulunywa nguDaniyeli umprofethi, emi lapho angafanele khona, ofundayo kaqedisise, khona labo abaseJudiya kababalekele ezintabeni; ¹⁵ lophezu kophahla lwendlu angehleli endlini, angangeni ukuthatha ulutho olusendlini yakhe; ¹⁶ losemasimini angabuyeli emuva, ukuyathatha isembatho sakhe. ¹⁷ Kodwa maye kwabakhulelwego labamunyisayo ngalezonsuku!

¹⁸ Kodwa khulekani ukuthi ukubaleka kwenu kungabi sebusika. ¹⁹ Ngoba *ngalezonsuku* kuzakuba khona ukuhlupheka, okungazanga kube khona

kusukela ekuqaleni kokudaliweyo uNkulunkulu akudalayo, kuze kube khathesi, lokungasoze kwaba khona.²⁰ Langaphandle kokuthi iNkosi izifinyeze insuku, bekungesindiswe nyama; kodwa ngenxa yabakhethiweyo, ebakhethileyo, izifinyezile insuku.

²¹ Ngalesosikhathi-ke nxa umuntu esithi kini: Khangelani, nangu uKristu; kumbe: Khangelani, laphayana; lingakholwa;²² ngoba kuzavuka okristu bamanga labaprofethi bamanga, besebesenza izibonakaliso lezimangaliso, ukuduhisa, nxa kungenzeka, labakhethiweyo.²³ Kodwa qaphelani lina; khangelani, sengilitshelile konke ngaphambili.

²⁴ Kodwa ngalezonzu, emva kwalokhokuhlupheka, ilanga lizafiphazwa, lenyanga kayiyikupha ukukhanya kwayo,²⁵ lenkanyezi zezulu zizabe zisiwa, lamandla asemazulwini azazanyazanyiswa.²⁶ Khona-ke bazabona iNdodana yomuntu isiza emayezini ilamandla amakhulu lenkazimulo,²⁷ khona-ke izathuma ingilosи zayo, ibisiqoqa abakhethiweyo bayo emimoyeni emine, kusukela emkhawulweni womhlaba kuze kube semkhawulweni wezulu.

²⁸ Fundani-ke umfanekiso emkhiweni; nxa khathesi ugatsha lwawo selusiba buthakathaka njalo luhlume amahlamvu, liyazi ukuthi ihlobo seliseduze;²⁹ ngokunjalo lani, nxa libona lezizinto zisenzeka, yazini ukuthi kuseduze kuseminyango.

³⁰ Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Lesisizukulwana asisoze sidlule, zize zenzeke izinto zonke lezi. ³¹ Kuzadlula izulu lomhlaba; kodwa amazwi ami awasoze adlule.

³² Kodwa lolosuku laleloholo kakho owaziyo ngakho, ngitsho lengilosи ezisezulwini, ngitsho leNdodana, ngaphandle kukaBaba.

³³ Qaphelani, lilinde likhuleke; ngoba kalisazi isikhathi ukuthi sinini. ³⁴ Njengomuntu owasuka elizweni lakibo watshiya indlu yakhe, wanika inceku zakhe amandla, kuleyo laleyo umsebenzi wayo, walaya umlindisango ukuthi alinde. ³⁵ Ngakho lindani; ngoba kalazi ukuthi inkosi yendlu izafika nini, kusihlwa, loba phakathi kobusuku, loba ekukhaleni kweqhude, loba emadabukakusa; ³⁶ hlezi ifike ilijume, ilifice lilele. ³⁷ Lalokhu engikutsho kini ngikutsho kubo bonke: Lindani.

Iqhinga lokumbulala uJesu

14 Kwathi emva kwensuku ezimbili kwaba khona iphasika *lomkhosi wesinkwa* esingelamvubelo; abapristi abakhulu lababhali basebedinga ukuthi bangambamba njani ngobuqili bambulale; ² kodwa bathi: Kungabi ngomkhosi, hlezi kube lesiphithiphithi sabantu.

UJesu ugcotshwa eBethani

³ Kwathi eseBethani, endlini kaSimoni olobulephero, ehlezi ekudleni, kwafika owesifazana ephethe umfuma wealibasta* wamagcobo awenadi* uqobo aligugu elikhulu; wasephahlaza umfuma wealibasta, wawathela ekhanda lakhe. ⁴ Kwakukhona abanye abathukuthelayo ngaphakathi kwabo, besithi: Kwenzelwani ukumotshwa kwalamagcobo? ⁵ Ngoba la angathengiswa *ngemali* edlula odenariyo* abangamakhulu amathathu, besekunikwa abayanga. Basebemsola. ⁶ Kodwa uJesu wathi: Myekeleni; limhluphelani? Wenzile umsebenzi omuhle kimi. ⁷ Ngoba abayanga lihlala lilabo, futhi uba lithanda lingabenzela okuhle; kodwa mina kalihlali lilami. ⁸ Yena wenzile abengakwenza; uqalile phambili ukuwugcobela umzimba wami ukungcwatshwa. ⁹ Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngaphi emhlabeni wonke lapho okuzatshunyayelwa khona lelivangeli, lalokhu akwenzileyo kuzakhulunywa ngakho kube yisikhumbuzo ngaye.

Umvuzo wokumnikela uJesu

¹⁰ UJudas Iskariyothi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, wasesiya kubapristi abakhulu, ukuze amnikele kubo. ¹¹ Futhi sebezwile bathokoza, bamthembisa

ukumnika imali; wasedinga ukuthi angamnikela njani kuhle.

Ukumiswa kwesidlo esingcwele

¹² Kwathi ngosuku lokuqala *lwesinkwa* esingelamvubelo, ababehlabu ngalo iphasika, abafundi bakhe bathi kuye: Uthanda ukuthi siye silungisele ngaphi ukuze udle iphasika? ¹³ Wasethuma ababili kubafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Hambani liye emzini, njalo umuntu uzahlangana lani ethwele imbiza yamanzi; limlandele, ¹⁴ njalo loba ngaphi angena khona, kalibokuthi kumninindlu: UMfundisi uthi: Ingaphi indlu yezihambi, lapho engingadlela khona iphasika labafundi bami? ¹⁵ Futhi yena uzalitshengisa indlu enkulu ephezulu eyendlelweyo elungisiweyo; silungiseleni khona. ¹⁶ Abafundi bakhe basebephuma, bangena emzini, bathola kunjengokutsho kwakhe kubo; basebelungisa iphasika.

¹⁷ Kwathi sekukusihlwa wafika labalitshumi lambili.

¹⁸ Sebehlezi besidla, uJesu wathi: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Omunye wenu, odla lami, uzanginikela. ¹⁹ Basebeqala ukudabuka, bathi kuye ngamunye ngamunye: Kayisimi yini? Lomunye: Kayisimi yini? ²⁰ Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Ngomunye wabalitshumi lambili, otsheba kanye lami emganwini.

²¹ Sibili iNdodana yomuntu ihamba,

njengokulotshiweyo ngayo; kodwa maye kulowomuntu enikelwa nguye iNdodana yomuntu! Bekungakuhle kuye aluba lowomuntu wayengazalwanga.

²² Kwathi besidla, uJesu wathatha isinkwa, wasibusisa wasihlephula, wabanika, wathi: Thathani, lidle; lokhu kungumzimba wami. ²³ Wasethatha inkezo, esebongile wabanika; basebenatha kuyo bonke. ²⁴ Wasesithi kubo: Lokhu kuligazi lami, elesivumelwano esitsha, elichithelwa abanengi. ²⁵ Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Angisayikuphinda njalo ukunatha okwalesisithelo sevini, kuze *kufike* lolosuku engizasinatha ngalo sisitsha embusweni kaNkulunkulu. ²⁶ Kwathi sebehlabelle ingoma yokudumisa baphuma baya entabeni yeMihlwathi.

Ukuxwayiswa kukaPetro

²⁷ UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lonke lizakhubeka ngami ngalobubusuku; ngoba kulotshiwe *ukuthi*: Ngizatshaya umalusi, izimvu besezihlakazeka. ²⁸ Kodwa emva kokuvuswa kwami, ngizalandulela ukuya eGalili. ²⁹ Kodwa uPetro wathi kuye: Lanxa bonke bezakhubeka, kodwa hatshi mina. ³⁰ UJesu wasesithi kuye: Ngiqinisile ngithi kuwe: Lamuhla ngalobubusuku, lingakakhali kibili iqhude, uzangilandula kathathu. ³¹ Kodwa waqinisa ngamandla esithi: Loba kudingeka

ngife lawe, angisoze ngikulandule. Basebesitsho njalo labo bonke.

EGetsemane

³² Basebefika endaweni ibizo layo yiGetsemane; wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Hlalani phansi lapha, ngisakhuleka. ³³ Wasethatha kanye laye uPetro loJakobe loJohane, waseqala ukudatshulwa sibili lokukhathazeka kakhulu. ³⁴ Wasesithi kubo: Umphefumulo wami udabukile kakhulu kuze kube sekufeni; hlalani lapha lilinde. ³⁵ Waseqhube ka ibangana, wawela emhlabathini, wakhuleka ukuthi, uba kungenzeka, kudlule kuye lelihola. ³⁶ Wasesithi: Aba*, Baba, zonke izinto ziyanzeka kuwe. Susa linkezo kimi; kodwa kungabi yikuthi ngithandani mina, kodwa kube yikuthi *uthandani* wena. ³⁷ Wasesiza, wabafica belele, wathi kuPetro: Simoni, ulele yini? Ubungelinde yini ihola libe linye? ³⁸ Lindani likhuleke, ukuze lingangeni ekulingweni. Umoya uyavuma, kodwa inyama ibuthakathaka. ³⁹ Wasebuya wahamba wayakhuleka, esitsho wona lawomazwi. ⁴⁰ Wasebuya wabafica futhi belele; ngoba amehlo abo ayenzima, kodwa babengazi ukuthi bazamphendula *bathini*. ⁴¹ Wasesiza ngokwesithathu, wathi kubo: Lalani-ke liphumule. Kwanele; ihola selifikile; khangelani, iNdodana yomuntu iyanikelwa ezandleni zezon. ⁴²

Sukumani, sihambe; khangelani, onginikelayo useduze.

Ukubotshwa kukaJesu lokuthethwa kwecala lakhe

⁴³ Kwathi esakhuluma, wahle wafika uJudasi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, njalo elexuku elikhulu elilezinkemba lezinduku, livela kubapristi abakhulu lababhalu labadala. ⁴⁴ Lomnikelayo wayebanike isiboniso, esithi: Lowo engizamanga, nguye; limbambe, limqhube limqinise. ⁴⁵ Esefikile, wahle wasondela kuye wathi: Rabi*, Rabi! Wasemanga. ⁴⁶ Basebem dumela, bambamba. ⁴⁷ Lomunye kwababemi khona wakhokha inkemba wagadla inceku yompristi omkhulu, waquma indlebe yayo.

⁴⁸ UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Liphume njengokuyamelana lomphangi yini lezinkemba lezinduku ukuzangibamba? ⁴⁹ Bengalani insuku ngensuku ethempelini ngifundisa, kodwa kalingibambanga; kodwa ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo. ⁵⁰ Bonke basebemtshiya babaleka. ⁵¹ Lejaha elithile lamlandela, lembethe ilembu elicolekileyo emzimbeni oze. Aselibamba amajaha; ⁵² laselitshiya ilembu elicolekileyo lababalekela linqunu.

UJesu uphambi kompristi omkhulu

⁵³ Basebemqhuba uJesu *bamus* kumpristi omkhulu; basebebuthana kuye abapristi abakhulu bonke labadala lababhali. ⁵⁴ UPetro wasemlandela ekhatshana waze *waba* phakathi kweguma lompristi omkhulu; wayeselezi kanye lezinceku, esotha umlilo.

⁵⁵ Labapristi abakhulu lomphakathi wonke badinga ubufakazi ngoJesu, ukuze bambulale; kodwa kababutholanga. ⁵⁶ Ngoba abanengi bafakaza amanga ngaye, kodwa ubufakazi babo kabuvumelananga. ⁵⁷ Kwasekusukuma abanye bafakaza amanga amelana laye besithi: ⁵⁸ Thina samuzwa esithi: Mina ngizadiliza lelithempeli elenziwe ngezandla, njalo ngakhe elinye ngensuku ezintathu elingenziwanga ngezandla. ⁵⁹ Loba kunjalo ubufakazi babo kabuvumelananga. ⁶⁰ Kwasekusukuma umpristi omkhulu phakathi *kwabo* wambuza uJesu, esithi: Kawuphenduli lutho yini? Bafakazani laba okumelana lawe? ⁶¹ Kodwa wathula, kaphendulanga lutho. Umpristi omkhulu wabuya wambuza, wathi kuye: Wena unguKristu, iNdodana yoBusisiweyo yini? ⁶² UJesu wasesithi: Mina nginguye. Njalo lizabona iNdodana yomuntu ihlezi ngakwesokunene samandla, isiza ngamayezi ezulu. ⁶³ Umpristi omkhulu wasedabula izembatho zakhe wathi: Sisaswelelani abafakazi? ⁶⁴ Liyizwile inhlamba; licabangani? Bonke basebemlahla ukuthi ulecalalokufa.

⁶⁵ Abanye basebeqala ukumkhafulela amathe, bamgubuzela ubuso bakhe, bamdutshuza, besithi kuye: Profetha! Lezinceku zamwakala.

UPetro ulandula uJesu

⁶⁶ UPetro esegumeni ngaphansi, kwafika enye yezincekukazi zompristi omkhulu, ⁶⁷ isibona uPetro esotha, yamkhangela yathi: Lawe ubulomNazaretha, uJesu. ⁶⁸ Kodwa walandula, wathi: Kangikwazi, futhi kangikuqedisisi okutshoyo. Wasephuma phandle, waya entubeni; laselikhala iqhude.

⁶⁹ Lencekukazi encane imbona yabuya yaqala ukutsho kwababemi khona ukuthi: Lo ungomunye wabo. ⁷⁰ Kodwa wabuya walandula. Kwathi emva kwesikhhatshana futhi labo ababemi khona bathi kuPetro: Ngeqiniso ungomunye wabo; ngoba lawe ungumGalili, lolimi lwakho luyavuma. ⁷¹ Waseqala ukuqalekisa lokufunga esithi: Kangimazi lumuntu elimutshoyo. ⁷² Iqhude laselikhala ngokwesibili. UPetro wasekhumbula ilizwi uJesu ayelitshilo kuye lokuthi: Lingakakhali kabili iqhude, uzangilandula kathathu. Esekhumbule ngalokhu wakhala.

UJesu uphambi kukaPilatu

15 Kwahle kwathi ekuseni kakhulu abapristi abakhulu benza umhlangano kanye labadala lababhalu, lomphakathi wonke, bambopha uJesu bamqhuba bamnikela kuPilatu.² UPilatu wasembuza wathi: Wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda yini? Wasemphendula wathi kuye: Utshilo wena.³ Abapristi abakhulu basebemmangalela ngezinto ezinengi; kodwa yena kaphendulanga lutho.⁴ UPilatu wasebuya embuza, wathi: Kawuphenduli lutho yini? Khangela, zingaki izinto abazifakazayo ezimelana lawe.⁵ Kodwa uJesu kabesaphendula lutho, waze wamangala uPilatu.

⁶ Langomkhosi wayebakhululela isibotshwa esisodwa, loba yisiphi abasicelayo. ⁷ Kwakukhona umuntu, othiwa nguBarabasi owayebotshiwe labo ababevukele umbuso laye, ababebulele ekuvukeleni umbuso.⁸ Ixuku laselimemeza laqala ukucela ukuthi alenzele njengesikhathi sonke. ⁹ UPilatu wasebaphendula, wathi: Lithanda ukuthi ngilikhululele iNkosi yamaJuda yini?¹⁰ Ngoba wayekwazi ukuthi ngomona abapristi abakhulu bamnikele.¹¹ Kodwa abapristi abakhulu bavusa ixuku, ukuthi kungcono alikhululele uBarabasi.¹² UPilatu wasephendula wathi futhi kubo: Pho lifuna ngimzenzi lo elithi uyiNkosi yamaJuda?¹³ Basebememeza futhi bathi: Mbethele!¹⁴ Kodwa

uPilatu wathi kubo: Ngoba wenze ububi bani? Kodwa bamemeza kakhulu *bathi*: Mbethele!

¹⁵ Khona uPilatu ethanda ukukholisa ixuku, walikhululela uBarabasi; kodwa wamnikela uJesu, esemtshaye ngesiswepu, ukuthi abethelwe.

Abebutho bamenza uJesu inhlekisa

¹⁶ Abebutho basebemngenisa phakathi egumeni, eliyindlu yombusi, basebebizela ibutho lonke ndawonye, ¹⁷ bamgqokisa okuyibubende, sebeluke umqhele wameva bamethesa, ¹⁸ baqala ukumbingelela *besithi*: Bayethe, Nkosi yamaJuda! ¹⁹ Batshaya ikhanda lakhe ngomhlanga, bamkhafulela amathe, baguqa ngamadolo bamkhonza. ²⁰ Sebeklolodile, bamhlubula okuyibubende, bamgqokisa ezakhe izembatho. Basebemusa phandle ukuze bambethele.

UJesu esiphambanweni

²¹ Bambamba ngamandla omunye owayesedlula *othiwa* nguSimoni weKurene, evela emaphandleni, uyise kaAleksandro loRufusi, ukuthi athwale isiphambano sakhe.

²² Basebemusa endaweni *ethiwa* yiGolgotha, okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa, iNdawo yokhakhayi.

²³ Basebemnika iwayini lixutshaniswe lenhlaka ukuthi

alinathe; kodwa kalemukelanga.²⁴ Sebembethelo, babelana izembatho zakhe, benza inkatho yokuphosa ngazo, ukuthi ngamunye uzathathani.²⁵ Kwakulihola lesithathu*, sebembethela.²⁶ Futhi kwakulombhalo wecala lakhe elalibhalwe phezulu *ukuthi*: INKOSI YAMAJUDA.

²⁷ Njalo babethelwa kanye laye abaphangi ababili, omunye ngakwesokunene lomunye ngakwesokhohlo sakhe. ²⁸ Wasugcwaliseka umbhalo othi: Futhi wabalwa kanye lezoni.

²⁹ Labedlulayo bamhlambaza, benikina amakhanda abo, besithi: Hiya, wena odiliza ithempeli, ulakhe ngensuku ezintathu,³⁰ zisindise, wehle esiphambanweni.³¹ Langokunjalo abapristi abakhulu labo bakloloda kanye lababhali bathi omunye komunye: Wasindisa abanye, angezisindise yena.³² UKristu iNkosi yakolsrayeli kayehle khathesi esiphambanweni, ukuze sibone sikholwe. Lababebethelwe kanye laye bamklolodela.

Ukufa kukaJesu

³³ Kwathi sekufike ihola lesithupha*, kwaba khona ubunyama phezu komhlaba wonke kwaze kwaba lihola lesificamunwemunye*. ³⁴ Ngeholo lesificamunwemunye uJesu wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, wathi, "Eloyi, Eloyi, lama sabaktani?"

Okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa: Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu wami, ungitshiyeleni? ³⁵ Labanye kwababemi khona besizwa bathi: Khangelani, ubiza uElija. ³⁶ Wasegijima omunye, wagcwalisa uzipho ngeviniga, waluhloma emhlangeni, wamnika ukuthi anathe, esithi: Yekelani, sibone ukuthi uElija uzakuza amethule. ³⁷ UJesu wasememeza ngelizwi elikhulu waphefumula okokucina.

³⁸ Leveyili lethempeli ladatshulwa *incezu* ezimbili laqala phezulu lisiya phansi. ³⁹ Kwathi induna yekhulu eyayimi maqondana laye ibona ukuthi ekhale njalo, waphefumula okokucina, yathi: Ngeqiniso lumuntu ubeyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.

⁴⁰ Kwakukhona labesifazana bebukele bekhatshana, phakathi kwabo kukhona loMariya Magadalena, loMariya unina kaJakobe omncinyane lokaJose, loSalome, ⁴¹ labo ababemlandela, eseGalili, bemncedisa, labanye abesifazana abanengi abenyukela laye eJerusalema.

Ukungcwatshwa kukaJesu

⁴² Kwathi sekuhlwile, ngoba kwakungamalungiselelo, okuyikuthi usuku phambi kwesabatha, ⁴³ wafika uJosefa owayevela eArimathiya, ilunga elihloniphekayo lomphakathi, laye wayelindele umbuso kaNkulunkulu; wangena ngesibindi kuPilatu,

wacela isidumbu sikaJesu.⁴⁴ UPilatu wasemangala ngokuthi usefile; wabizela kuye induna yekhulu, wayibuza ukuthi kambe sekuyisikhathi efile.⁴⁵ Esazisiwe yinduna yekhulu, wamnika uJosefa isidumbu.⁴⁶ Wasethenga ilembu elicolekileyo, wamethula, wamgoqela ngelembu elicolekileyo, wambeka engcwaben, elaligujwe edwaleni; wagiqela ilitshe emnyango wengcwaba.⁴⁷ Futhi uMariya Magadalena loMariya *unina* kaJose babona lapho abekwa khona.

Ukuvuka kukaJesu

16 Isabatha selidlulile, uMariya Magadalena loMariya *unina* kaJakobe loSalome bathenga amakha, ukuze bahambe bayemgcoba.² Kwathi ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku lokuqala lweviki beza engcwaben, ekuphumeni kwelanga.³ Basebekhulumisana *besithi*: Ngubani ozasigqela ilitshe lisuke emnyango wengcwaba?⁴ Futhi bathi ukukhangela babona ilitshe seliqiqwe lasuswa; ngoba lalilikhulu kakhulu.

⁵ Kuthe bengena engcwaben, babona ijaha lihlezi ngakwesokunene, lembethe isembatho eside esimhlophe; besaba.⁶ Kodwa lathi kubo: Lingesabi; lidinga uJesu weNazaretha obebethelwe; uvukile, kakho lapha; khangelani, indawo lapho abebembeke

khona.⁷ Kodwa hambani, litshele abafundi bakhe loPetro ukuthi uzalandulela ukuya eGalili; lizambona khona, njengalokho ayekutshilo kini.

⁸ Basebephuma ngokuphangisa babaleka engcwabeni; futhi ukuqhuqha lokwethuka kwababamba; futhi kabakhulumanga lutho emuntwini, ngoba babesesaba.

Ukuzibonakalisa kukaJesu emva kokuvuka kwakhe

⁹ Kwathi uJesu esevukile ekuseni kakhulu ngolokuqala lweviki, wabonakala kuqala kuMariya Magadalena, ayekhuphe kuye amadimoni ayisikhombisa. ¹⁰ Yena wasuka wababikela labo ababelaye, belila behkala. ¹¹ Labo sebezwile ukuthi uyaphila lokuthi ubonwe nguye kabakholwanga.

¹² Njalo emva kwalezizinto wabonakala ngesinye isimo kwababili babo behamba, besiya emaphandleni.

¹³ Labo bahamba babikela abanye; lalabo kabakholwanga.

¹⁴ Emva kwalokhu, wabonakala kwabalitshumi lanye ngokwabo behlezi ekudleni, wasesola ukungakholwa kwabo langobulukhuni benhliziyo, ngoba bengakholwanga labo abambonayo esevukile. ¹⁵

Wasesithi kubo: Hambani liye emhlabeni wonke, litshumayele ivangeli kuso sonke isidalwa. ¹⁶ Lowo okholwayo abhabhathizwe uzasindiswa; kodwa

ongakholwayo uzalahlw. ¹⁷ Lalezizibonakaliso zizabalandela abakholwayo; ebizweni lami bazakhupha amadimoni; bakhulume ngendimi ezintsha; ¹⁸ bazadobha izinyoka; uba benatha okubulalayo, kakusoze kubalimaze; bazabeka izandla phezu kwabagulayo, futhi bazaphila.

Ukwenyuka kukaJesu

¹⁹ Ngakho iNkosi, emva kokuthi isikhulumile labo, yakhutshulelwa ezulwini, yahlala ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu. ²⁰ Bona basebephuma batshumayela endaweni zonke, iNkosi isebenza labo, iqinisa ilizwi ngezibonakaliso ezazilandela. Ameni.