

UMATHEWU

Umdabuko kaJesu

1 Umbhalo wosendo lukaJesu Khristu indodana kaDavida, indodana ka-Abrahama:

²U-Abrahama wayenguyise ka-Isaka, u-Isaka uyise kaJakhobe, uJakhobe uyise kuJuda labafowabo, ³uJuda uyise kaPherezi loZera, unina owayenguThamari, uPherezi uyise kaHezironi, uHezironi uyise ka-Aramu, ⁴u-Aramu uyise ka-Aminadabi, u-Aminadabi uyise kaNahishoni, uNahishoni uyise kaSalimoni,

⁵uSalimoni uyise kaBhowazi, unina owayenguRahabi, uBhowazi uyise ka-Obhedi, unina owayenguRuthe, u-Obhedi uyise ka-Jese,

⁶uJese enguyise weNkosi uDavida. UDavida wayenguyise kaSolomoni, unina owayengumka-Uriya,

⁷uSolomoni uyise kaRehobhowami, uRehobhowami uyise ka-Abhija, u-Abhija uyise ka-Asa,

⁸u-Asa uyise kaJehoshafathi, uJehoshafathi uyise kaJehoram, uJehoram uyise ka-Uziya,

⁹u-Uziya uyise kaJothamu, u-Jothamu uyise ka-Ahazi, u-Ahazi uyise kaHezekhiya,

¹⁰uHezekhiya uyise kaManase, uManase uyise ka-Amoni, u-Amoni uyise kaJosiya,

¹¹yena uJosiya owayenguyise kaJekhoniya labafowabo ngesikhathi sokubuthelwa eBhabhiloni.

¹²Ngemuva kokubuthelwa eBhabhiloni: uJekhoniya wayenguyise kaSheyalithiyeli, uSheyalithiyeli uyise kaZerubhabheli, ¹³uZerubhabheli uyise

ka-Abhiyudi, u-Abhiyudi uyise ka-Eliyakhimu, u-Eliyakhimu uyise ka-Azori,

¹⁴u-Azori uyise kaZadoki, uZadoki uyise ka-Akhimu, u-Akhimu uyise ka-Eliyudi,

¹⁵u-Eliyudi uyise ka-Eliyazari, u-Eliyazari uyise kaMathani, uMathani uyise kaJakhobe,

¹⁶uJakhobe enguyise kaJosefa, umkaMariya, owazala uJesu obizwa ngokuthi nguKhristu.

¹⁷Kanjalo-ke kwakulezizukulwane ezilitshumi lane sezizonke kusukela ku-Abrahama kusiya kuDavida, ezilitshumi lane kusukela kuDavida kusiya ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni, njalo ezilitshumi lane kusukela ekuthunjweni kusiya kuKhristu.

Ukuzalwa KukaJesu Khristu

¹⁸UJesu Khristu wazalwa kanje: Unina uMariya wayethembisane loJosefa ukuthi bazatshada, kodwa kwathi bengakahlangani wabonakala esezithwele, kwenziwe ngoMoya Ongcwele. ¹⁹Ngokuba umkakhe uJosefa wayeyindoda elungileyo njalo engafuni ukumyangisa ebantwini, wafuna ukumlahla ngasese.

²⁰Uthe esekucabangile lokhu, kwafika kuye ingilosi yeNkosi ephutsheni yathi, "Josefa ndodana kaDavida, ungesabi ukuthatha uMariya umlethe ekhaya abe ngumkakho ngokuba lokhu akumithiyo kuvela kuMoya Ongcwele. ²¹Uzabeletha indodana ozayetha ibizo uthi nguJesu, ngokuba uzasindisa abantu bakhe ezonweni zabo."

²²Konke lokhu kwenzakala ukugcwalisa okwaktshiwo yiNkosi ngomphrofethi ukuthi: ²³"Intombi ephelileyo izakhulelwa izale indodana, bayibize ngokuthi ngu-Imanuveli – okutsho ukuthi, uNkulunkulu ulathi."

²⁴UJosefa esevukile wenza lokho ingilosi yeNkosi eyayimtshele khona wahamba loMariya ekhaya waba ngumkakhe. ²⁵Kodwa kazange embathe laye waze wabeletha indodana. Wayetha ibizo wathi nguJesu.

Ukufika KweZazi

2 UJesu esezelwe eBhethlehem

laseJudiya ngesikhathi sokubusa kweNkosi uHerodi kwafika eJerusalema iZazi zivela empumalanga, ²zabuza zathi, "Ungaphi lowo ozalelwe ukuba yinkosi yamaJuda na? Sayibona inkanyezi yakhe empumalanga ngakho size ukuzamkhonza."

³Kwathi iNkosi uHerodi isikuzwile lokhu yakhathazeka kanye leJerusalema lonke njengaye. ⁴Kwathi esebizele ndawonye bonke abaphristi abakhulu lezazi zomthetho, wababuza ukuthi uKhristu wayezazalelwa ngaphi.

⁵Baphendula bathi, "EBhethlehemaseJudiya, ngokuba yilokhu okwalotshwa ngumphrofethi ukuthi:

⁶“ ‘Lawe Bhethlehemase, elizweni lakoJuda, kawumncinyane kulabo bonke ababusi bakoJuda; ngokuba kuzavela umbusi kuwe ozakuba ngumalusi wabantu bami u-Israyeli.’ ”

⁷UHerodi wasezibiza iZazi ngasese wadingisisa kuzo isikhathi ngqa inkanyezi eyaphuma ngaso.

⁸Wabedlulisela eBhethlehemase wathi, "Hambani liyomdingisisa umntwana. Lingamfumana lingazise masinyane ukuze lami ngihambe ngiyomkhonza."

⁹Sezizwile okwatshiwo yinkosi, zasuka zahamba, kwathi inkanyezi leyo ezaziyibonile empumalanga yahamba phambili yaze yayakuma lapho

umntwana ayekhona. ¹⁰Zathi ngokuyibona inkanyezi zacicima ngokuthokoza. ¹¹Zangena endlini zambona umntwana lonina uMariya, zakhothama zamkhonza. Zasezivula izimpahla zazo eziligugu zamkhunga ngeziphopho zegolide lempepha lemure.

¹²Kwathi ngoba zixwayisiwe ephutsheni ukuthi zingabuyeli kuHerodi, zaqonda elizweni lakibo ngenye indlela.

Ukubalekela EGibhithe

¹³Kwathi sezihambile ingilosi yeNkosi yabonakala kuJosefa ngephupho. Yathi, "Vuka uthathe umntwana lonina libalekele eGibhithe. Lihlale khonale ngize ngilitshele, ngoba uHerodi uzamdinga umntwana efuna ukumbulala."

¹⁴Ngakho wavuka wathatha umntwana lonina kusebusuku waya eGibhithe ¹⁵lapho abahlala khona uHerodi waze wafa. Ngakho kwagcwaliseka lokho iNkosi eyayikutshilo ngomphrofethi ukuthi, "INDodana yami ngayibiza ukuthi iphume eGibhithe."

¹⁶Kwathi ukuba uHerodi ananzelele ukuthi iZazi zazimphicile wazonda wafa, wasekhupha umlayo ukuthi kubulawe bonke abafanyana eBhethlehemase lasemmangweni wonke oseduze, bonke ababeleminyaka emibili langaphansi, kuhambelana lesikhathi leso ayesitshelwe yiZazi. ¹⁷Ngakho lokho okwakutshiwo ngumphrofethi uJeremiya kwagcwaliseka ukuthi:

¹⁸"Ilizwi lezwakala eRama, ukukhala lesililo esikhulu, uRasheli ekhalela abantwabakhe esala ukududuzwa, ngokuba bengasekho!"

Ukubuyela ENazaretha

¹⁹UHerodi esefile ingilosi yeNkosi yabonakala ngephupho kuJosefa

eseGibhithe ²⁰ yathi, "Sukuma, thatha umntwana lonina liye elizweni lako-Israyeli, ngokuba labo ababefuna impilo yomntwana sebefile."

²¹ Yikho wasukuma wathatha umntwana lonina waya elizweni lako-Israyeli. ²² Kodwa wathi ngokuzwa ukuthi u-Akhelawu wayebusa eJudiya esikhundleni sikayise uHerodi wesaba ukuya khona. Kwathi esexwayisiwe ephutsheni wahamba wayahlala eGalile, ²³ wayahlala emuzini owawuthiwa yiNazaretha. Ngalokho kwagcwaliseka okwatshiwo ngabaphrofethi ukuthi: "Uzabizwa ngokuthi umNazarini."

UJohane UMbhaphathizi Ulungisa Indlela

3 Ngasonaleso isikhathi kwafika uJohane uMbhaphathizi etshumayela eNkangala yaseJudiya ² esithi, "Phendukani ngokuba umbuso wezulu useduze." ³ Nguye lo okwakhulunywa ngaye ngumphrofethi uYisaya kwathiwa:

"Ilizwi lomemezayo enkangala,
Lungiselani inkosi indlela,
Yenzani izindlela zayo ziqonde."

⁴ Izigqoko zikaJohane zazenziwe ngoboya bekamela, elebhanti lesikhumba okhalweni lwakhe. Ukudla kwakhe kwakuzintethe loluju lwezinyosi zeganga. ⁵ Abantu baqubuka baya kuye bevela eJerusalema lakulo lonke eleJudiya lommango wonke waseJodani. ⁶ Wababhaphathiza eMfuleni iJodani, bevuma izono zabo.

⁷ Kodwa wathi ebona abaFarisi labaSadusi abanengi besiza lapho ayebhaphathizela khona, wathi kubo, "Lina nzalo yezinyoka! Ngubani

olixwayisileyo ukuthi libalekele ulaka oluzayo na? ⁸ Vezani izithelo ezifanele ukuphenduka. ⁹ Njalo lingakhumbuli ukuthi lingazitshela lithi, 'Silo-Abhrahama ongubaba wethu.' Ngiyalitshela ukuthi ngawonala amatshe uNkulunkulu angamenzela abantwana u-Abhrahama. ¹⁰ Khathesi nje ihloka livele seleyanyisiwe ezimpendeni zezihlahla, ukuthi zonke lezozihlahla ezingatheli izithelo ezinhle zizaganyulelwa phansi ziphoselwe emlilweni.

¹¹ "Mina ngilibhaphathiza ngamanzi, kubonisa ukuphenduka. Kodwa ngemva kwami kuzakuza olamandla kulami, njalo kakungilingananga ukuthwala amanyathelo akhe. Uzalibhaphathiza ngoMoya Ongcwele langomlilo.

¹² Isitsha sakhe sokwela sisesandleni sakhe, njalo uzathanyela isiza sakhe, abuthele wonke amabele esiphaleni, kuthi amakhoba awatshise ngomlilo ongacimiyo."

Ukubhaphathizwa KukaJesu

¹³ Kwafika uJesu evela eGalile weza eJodani ukuba abhaphathizwe nguJohane. ¹⁴ Kodwa uJohane wazama ukumvala ngokuthi, "Yimi engiswela ukubhaphathizwa nguwe, kanti pho ungeza njani kimi?"

¹⁵ UJesu waphendula wathi, "Yekela kube njalo okwalesi isikhathi; kufanele ukuba sikwenze lokhu ukuze sanelise konke ukulunga." Ngakho uJohane wasevuma.

¹⁶ Masinyane nje uJesu eqeda ukubhaphathizwa waphuma emanzini. Khonokho nje kwavuleka izulu wasebona uMoya kaNkulunkulu esehla njengejuba esehlala phezu kwakhe.

¹⁷ Ilizwi lisuka ezulwini lathi, "Lo yiNdodana yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza kakhulu ngayo."

Ukulingwa KukaJesu

4UJesu waseholwa nguMoya umusa enkangala waselingwa ngumoya omubi. ²Wazila ukudla okwezinsuku ezingamatshumi amane, wacina eselambile kakhulu. ³Umlingi weza kuye wathi, "Uma uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu tshela amatshe la abe yisinkwa."

⁴UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kulotshiwe ukuthi:

'Umuntu kaphili ngesinkwa kuphela, kodwa ngelizwi lonke eliphuma emlonyeni kaNkulunkulu.' "

⁵Omubi wasemthatha emusa emzini ongcwele wammisa esiqongweni sethempeli. ⁶Wathi, "Uma uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ziphosele phansi. Phela kulotshiwe ukuthi:

“ 'Uzayala izingilosi zakhe ngawe, zizakugama ngezandla zazo, ukuze ungatshayeledi unyawo lwakho elitsheni,' ”

⁷UJesu wamphendula wathi, "UMbhalo Ongcwele uthi njalo, 'Ungayilingi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho.' ”

⁸Waphinda njalo omubi wamusa entabeni ephakemeyo kakhulu wantshengisa yonke imibuso yomhlaba lobukhazikhazi bayo. ⁹Wathi, "Ngizakunika konke lokhu aluba nje ungakhothama ungikhonze."

¹⁰UJesu wathi kuye, "Suka kimi, Sathane! Ngokuba uMbhalo Ongcwele uthi: 'Khonza iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ukhonze yena yedwa.' "

¹¹Omubi wasemtshiya, izingilosi zeza zamnakekela.

UJesu Uqalisa Ukutshumayela

¹²UJesu wathi ukuba ezwe ukuthi uJohane wayesevalelwe entolongweni wabuyela eGalile.

¹³Wasuka eNazaretha wayahlala eKhaphenawume, eyayisekhunjini lwechibi emmangweni wakoZebhuluni lakoNafithali, ¹⁴ukugcwalisa lokho okwatshiwo ngomphrofethi uYisaya ukuthi:

¹⁵"Lizwe lakoZebhuluni njalo lizwe lako Nafithali, indlela eya olwandle, elandela iJodani, Galile yabezizwe –

¹⁶abantu ababehlezi emnyameni sebone ukukhanya okukhulu; kulabo abahlezi elizweni lethunzi lokufa ukukhanya sekufikile."

¹⁷Kusukela kulesosikhathi uJesu waqalisa ukutshumayela esithi, "Phendukani ngokuba umbuso wezulu ususondele."

Ukubizwa Kwabafundi Bokuqala

¹⁸Kwathi uJesu ehamba ekhunjini loLwandle lwaseGalile wabona izelamani ezimbili, uSimoni owayethiwa nguPhethro lomfowabo u-Andreya. Babephosela amambule olwandle ngoba bengabagoli benhlanzi. ¹⁹UJesu wathi, "Wozani lingilande ngoba ngizalenza abagoli babantu." ²⁰Masinyane nje batshiya amambule abo bamlandela.

²¹Ehamba esuka lapho wabona ezinye izelamani ezimbili, uJakhobe umfokaZebedi lomfowabo uJohane. Babesesikepeni beloyise uZebedi belungisa amambule abo. UJesu wababiza ²²baphanga batshiya isikepe kanye loyise bamlandela.

UJesu Usilisa Abagulayo

²³UJesu wahamba kulo lonke iGalile efundisa emasinagogeni abo, etshumayela izindaba ezinhle ezombuso, esilisa zonke izifo lemikhuhlane ebantwini. ²⁴Udumo lwakhe lwanda kulo lonke elaseSiriya, abantu babaleta kuye bonke ababegula bezifo ezahlukeneyo, labo ababesebuhlungwini obukhulu, abaphethwe ngamadimoni, abalesithuthwane labayizilima, bonke wabasilisa. ²⁵Amaxuku amakhulu evela eGalile, eDekhapholi, eJerusalema, eJudiya lasemangweni ongaphetsheya kweJodani amlandela.

Izibusiso

5 Kwathi ebona amaxuku wakhwela entabeni wahlala phansi. Abafundi bakhe beza kuye, ²waseqalisa ukubafundisa esithi:

³“Babusisiwe abampofu emoyeni ngoba umbuso wezulu ngowabo.

⁴Babusisiwe labo abakhalayo ngoba bazaduduzwa.

⁵Babusisiwe abathobekileyo, ngoba bazazuza ilifa lomhlaba.

⁶Babusisiwe labo abalambela bomele ukulunga, ngoba bazasuthiswa.

⁷Babusisiwe abalesihawu, ngoba bazakwenzelwa isihawu.

⁸Babusisiwe abahlanzekileyo enhliziyweni ngoba bazabona uNkulunkulu.

⁹Babusisiwe abalamulayo, ngoba bazathiwa ngamadodana kaNkulunkulu.

¹⁰Babusisiwe abahlukunyezwayo ngenxa yokulunga, ngoba umbuso wezulu ngowabo.

¹¹“Libusisiwe lina nxa abantu belithuka, belihlukumeza njalo beligcona

ngobubi bonke ngenxa yami.

¹²Thokozani lijabule ngokuba mkhulu umvuzo wenu ezulwini, ngoba bahlukunyezwa ngaleyondlela abaphrofethi ababephambi kwenu.

Itshwayi Lomhlaba Lokukhanya Komhlaba

¹³“Lilitshwayi lomhlaba lina. Kodwa uma itshwayi lingabaduma lingavuselelwa njani na? Kaliselamsebenzi, kuphela nje ukuthi lichithelwe phandle linyathelwe ngabantu.

¹⁴“Lina liyikukhanya kwelizwe. Idolobho elakhelwe entabeni kalisitheki.

¹⁵Njalo abantu kabalumathisi isibane basibeke ngaphansi kwesitsha. Kodwa basibeka phezu koluthi lwaso ukuze sikhanyisele bonke abasendlini.

¹⁶Ngokunjalo yenzani ukukhanya kwenu kukhanye phambi kwabantu ukuze babone izezo zenu ezinhle baze badumise uYihlo osezulwini.

Ukugcwalisa umthetho

¹⁷“Lingacabangi ukuthi ngilande ukudiliza uMthetho labaPhrofethi. Kangilandanga ukubadiliza kodwa ukubaphelelisa. ¹⁸Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi kuze kunyamalale izulu lomhlaba kakuyikususwa lutho eMthethweni, loba libadlana kumbe lichatshana elilotshiweyo, kuze kupheleliswe konke. ¹⁹Loba ngubani owephula owodwa nje wale imilayo emincinyane, afundise abanye ukwenza njalo uzathiwa mncinyane okudlulayo embusweni wezulu, kodwa loba ngubani olandela njalo afundise imilayo le uzathiwa mkhulu embusweni wezulu. ²⁰Yikho ngiyalitshela ukuthi ngaphandle kokuthi ukulunga kwenu kudlule okwabaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho, ngempela kalizukuwungena umbuso wezulu.

Ukubulala Umuntu

²¹“Selezwa ukuthi kwathiwa kwabasendulo, 'Ungabulali; lowo obulalayo uzagwetshwa.’ ²²Kodwa ngilitshela ngithi loba ngubani ozondela umfowabo uzakwahlulelwa emthethwandaba. Njalo lowo othi kumfowabo, ‘Silima ndini,’ uzathonisiswa eMphakathini. Kodwa lowo othi, 'Wena siwula!' uzakuba sengozi yomlilo wesihogo.

²³“Ngakho-ke uma uletha umnikelo wakho e-alithareni ubusukhumbula ukuthi umfowenu ulesikhwili lawe, ²⁴tshiya khonapho isipho sakho phambi kwe-alithare. Qala uyexolisana laye umfowenu anduba ubuye uzokupha umnikelo wakho.

²⁵Phangisa uqedelane lalowo okumangalelayo lisahamba lisiya emthethwandaba, funa uzahle akunikele kumehluleli ozakunikela kumlindijele ukuthi akuphosele entolongweni.

²⁶Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, kawuphumi lapho uze ubhadale kanye lohlamvana lokucina lwemali.

Ukuphinga

²⁷“Selezwa ukuthi kwathiwa, ‘Ungaphingi.’ ²⁸Kodwa ngilitshela ukuthi lowo okhangela owesifazana amfise usephinge laye enhliziyweni yakhe. ²⁹Nxa ilihlo lakho lokunene likwenzisa isono likhuphuluze ulikhuphe ulilahlele khatshana. Kungcono kuwe ukuthi ulahlekelwe ngesisodwa isitho somzimba wakho kulokuthi umzimba wakho wonke uphoselwe esihogweni somlilo. ³⁰Njalo nxa isandla sakho sokunene sikwenzisa isono, siqume usiphosele kude. Kungcono kuwe ukuthi ulahlekelwe ngesisodwa isitho somzimba wakho kulokuthi umzimba wakho wonke uye esihogweni somlilo.

³¹“Kwathiwa, ‘Lowo olahla umfazi wakhe kamuphe incwadi yesahlukaniso.’

³²Kodwa mina ngilitshela ngithi lowo olahla umfazi wakhe, ngaphandle kokuba efebile, umenza afebe, njalo lowo othatha umfazi olahliweyo uyafeba.

Izifungo

³³"Njalo selezwa ukuthi kwathiwa kwabendulo, 'Ungephuli isifungo sakho, kodwa ugcwalise izifungo ozenzileyo eNkosini.' ³⁴Kodwa mina ngithi, Livele lingafungi: loba ngezulu ngoba liyisihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu;

³⁵kumbe ngomhlaba, ngoba uyisinyathelo sakhe; loba ngeJerusalema ngoba lidolobho leNkosi enkulu. ³⁶Njalo ungafungi ngekhandala lakho ngoba ungeke wenze lalunye unwele lube mhlophe kumbe lube mnyama. ³⁷Akuthi u 'Yebo' wenu abe ngu 'Yebo' lo 'Hatshi' abe ngu 'Hatshi'; loba yini engaphezu kwalokhu ivela koMubi.

Ilihlo Ngelihlo

³⁸"Selezwa ukuthi kwathiwa, 'Ilihlo ngelihlo, njalo izinyo ngezinyo.'

³⁹Kodwa mina ngiyalitshela ngithi, Lingamelani lomuntu omubi. Nxa omunye angakutshaya esihlathini sokunene, mpendulele lesinye njalo.

⁴⁰Njalo uma omunye efuna ukukumangalela ukuze akuthathele isigqoko sakho, myekele athathe lejazi lakho njalo. ⁴¹Uma omunye ekubamba ngamandla ukuthi uhambe ikhilomitha elilodwa, hamba laye abe mabili.

⁴²Muphe lowo ocelayo kuwe, njalo ungamfulatheli lowo ofuna ukweboleka kuwe.

Ukuthanda Izitha

⁴³"Selezwa ukuthi kwathiwa, 'Thanda umakhelwana wakho, usizonde isitha sakho.' ⁴⁴Kodwa mina ngilitshela ukuthi, Thandani izitha zenu, libathandazele labo abalihluphayo,

⁴⁵ukuze libe ngamadodana kaYihlo osezulwini. Wenza ilanga lakhe liphume kwababi labalungileyo, anise izulu kwabenza okuhle lakwabangalunganga.

⁴⁶Uma lithanda labo abalithandayo kuphela, lizazuza mvuzo bani na? Kabenzi njalo na labathelisi? ⁴⁷Aluba libingelela abafowenu bodwa, kuyini elikwenzayo okudlula abanye na? Kabenzi khona lokho labahedeni yini?

⁴⁸Ngakho wobani ngabapheleleyo njengalokhu uYihlo wenu wasezulwini ephelele.

Ukupha Abaswelayo

6 "Qaphelani ukuthi lingenzi 'izenzo zenu ezinhle' phambi kwabantu ukuze balibone. Uma lisenza njalo kaliyikuba lomvuzo ovela kuYihlo ezulwini.

²Yikho nxa lisipha abaswelayo lingamemezeli ngamacilongo njengokwenziwa ngabazenzisi emasontweni lasezitaladini ukuze badunyiswe ngabantu. Ngilitshela iqiniso sebewemukele owabo umvuzo ngokugcweleyo. ³Kodwa nxa lina lisipha abaswelayo isandla senu sokhohlo masingakwazi lokho esikwenzayo esokunene, ⁴ukuze ukupha kwenu kube sensitha. Kuzakuthi uYihlo obonayo ensitha alivuze.

Ukuthandaza

⁵"Nxa lithandaza lingabi njengabazenzisi, ngokuba bathanda ukukhuleka bemi emasontweni lasemahlanganweni emigwaqo ukuze babonwe ngabantu. Ngilitshela iqiniso

ukuthi sebewutholile owabo umvuzo ngokugcweleyo. ⁶Nxa likhuleka, ngenani endlini yenu, livale umnyango beselikhuleka kuYihlo ongabonakaliyo. Kuzakuthi uYihlo obonayo okwenziwa ensitha uzalivuzo. ⁷Njalo nxa likhuleka lingenzi ubugabazi linqongoloza njengabahedeni, ngoba bacabanga ukuthi bazazwiwa ngenxa yamazwi abo amanengi. ⁸Lingabi njengabo, ngoba uYihlo uyakwazi elikuswelayo loba lingakakuceli kuye.

Umthandazo WeNkosi

⁹"Kumele lithandaze kanje:

'Baba wethu osezulwini, malihlonitshwe ibizo lakho, ¹⁰umbuso wakho kawuze, intando yakho yenziwe emhlabeni njengalokhu isenziwa ezulwini.

¹¹Siphe lamuhla ukudla kwethu kwensuku zonke.

¹²Sixolele imilandu yethu, njengoba lathi sesibaxolele abalemilandu kithi.

¹³Ungasikhokheleli ekulingweni, kodwa usisindise koMubi.'

¹⁴Phela uma libaxolela abantu nxa belonile uYihlo osezulwini laye uzalixolela. ¹⁵Kodwa uma lingabaxoleli abantu izono zabo uYihlo kayikulixolela izono zenu.

Ukuzila Ukudla

¹⁶"Lapho lizila ukudla lingabonakali linyukubele njengalokhu okwenziwa ngabazenzisi, ngoba bazona ukukhangeleka kobuso babo ukuze abantu babone ukuthi bazilile. Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi sebewutholile owabo umvuzo ngokugcweleyo.

¹⁷ Kodwa lina nxa lizila, gcobani amafutha emakhanda enu, ligeze ubuso benu, ¹⁸ ukuze kungabonakali ebantwini ukuthi lizilile, kodwa kuYihlo kuphela ongabonakaliyo: njalo uYihlo obona ensitha uzalivuzwa.

Inotho Ezulwini

¹⁹ "Lingazibutheli inotho emhlabeni lapho okubhubhisa khona inondo lokuthomba, njalo lapho okugqekeza khona amasela ebe. ²⁰ Kodwa zibutheleni inotho ezulwini lapho kungabhujiswa khona yinondo lokuthomba, njalo lapho kungagqekezi khona amasela ebe.

²¹ Ngoba lapho inotho yakho ikhona, kulapho inhliziyi yakho izakuba khona.

²² "Ilihlo liyisibane somzimba. Nxa amehlo akho elungile umzimba wakho wonke uzagcwala ukukhanya.

²³ Kodwa nxa amehlo akho emabi umzimba wakho wonke uzagcwala ubumnyama. Pho uma ukukhanya okungaphakathi kwakho kungumnyama, mkhulu kangamani kambe lowomnyama!

²⁴ "Kakho ongakhonza amakhosi amabili. Mhlawumbe uzathanda enye azonde enye, loba uzabambelela kwenye azonde enye. Lingazake likhonze uNkulunkulu njalo leMali.

Linganqineki

²⁵ "Yikho ngiyalitshela ukuthi linganqinekeli ukuphila kwenu, ukuthi lizakudlani loba lizanathani; kumbe ngomzimba wakho, ukuthi uzavunulani. Impilo kayiqakathekanga okudlula ukudla na, lomzimba okudlula izigqoko na? ²⁶ Ake likhangele izinyoni zasemoyeni; kazihlanyeli, kazivuni njalo kazibutheli esipheleni, kodwa uYihlo wasezulwini uyazipha ukudla. Lina kaliqakathekanga okudlula zona na?

²⁷ Ngubani kini othi ngokuzihlupha angengezelela ihora elilodwa empilweni yakhe na?

²⁸ "Kanti lizihluphelani ngezivunulo na? Ake libone ukuthi amaluba asegangeni akhula njani. Kawasebenzi njalo kaweluki. ²⁹ Ikanti ngilitshela lokhu ukuthi laye uSolomoni ebunkanyankanyeni bakhe wayengaceciswanga njengawo loba ngalinye. ³⁰ Nxa kuyiyo indlela uNkulunkulu agqokisa ngayo utshani beganga, obukhona lamuhla, kodwa kusasa sebuphoselwa emlilweni, pho lina kazukuligqokisa ngcono yini, hawu lina bokukholwa okuncinyane?

³¹ Ngakho lingazihluphi lisithi, 'Sizakudlani?' kumbe 'Sizanathani?' loba 'Sizavunulani na?' ³² Ngoba abahedeni bagijimela zona lezi zonke izinto, kodwa uYihlo wasezulwini uyakwazi ukuthi liyaziswela. ³³ Kodwa funani kuqala umbuso wakhe lokulunga kwakhe, kuzakuthi-ke zonke lezizinto liziphiwe lazo. ³⁴ Ngakho lingazihluphi ngelakusasa, ngoba ikusasa lizazinqinekela lona. Yilolosuku lulohlupho lwalo olulwaneleyo.

Ukwahlulela Abanye

7 "Lingehluleli funa lani lehlulelwe.

² Ngoba ngaleyondlela elahlulela ngayo abanye lani lizakwehlulelwa ngayo, langalesosilinganiso elisisebenzisayo lani lizalanganiselwa ngaso.

³ "Ubonelani isicucwana esiselihlweni lomfowenu, unganqinekeli ugodo olukwelakho ilihlo? ⁴ Loba uzakutsho kanjani kumfowenu ukuthi, 'Wothi ngikukhuphe isicucwana elihlweni lakho,' wena ulokhu ulogodo kwelakho ilihlo? ⁵ Mzenzisi, qala ususe ugodo elihlweni lakho ukuze ubone kakuhle

nxa usukhupha isicucwana esiselihlweni lomfowenu.

⁶“Linganiki izinja okungcwele, njalo lingaphoseli imiceciso ezingulubeni ngokuba zizayinyathela ngezinyawo ziphinde ziphenduke zilidabudabule.

Celani, Dingani, Qoqodani

⁷“Celani, lizaphiwa; dingani, lizafumana; qoqodani, lizavulelwa.

⁸Ngoba wonke ocelayo uyaphiwa; odingayo uyafumana; lalowo oqoqodayo uzavulelwa umnyango.

⁹“Ngubani kini madoda okuthi nxa indodana yakhe icela isinkwa ayiphe ilitshe na? ¹⁰Loba ithi icela inhlanzi ayiphe inyoka? ¹¹Nxa lina okuthi loba libabi likwazi ukupha abantwabenu izipho ezilungileyo pho kangakanani uYihlo wenu osezulwini uzabapha izipho ezinhle labo abacela kuye! ¹²Kuzo zonke izinto yenzani kwabanye lokho elifuna bakwenze kini, ngokuba lokhu yikho okugoqela uMthetho labaPhrofethi.

¹³“Ngenani ngesango elincinyane ngokuba likhulu isango lendlela ibanzi eya ekubhujisweni, njalo banengi abangena ngalo. ¹⁴Kodwa lincinyane isango lendlela ilukhonjwana eya ekuphileni, njalo balutshwana abayifumanayo.

Isihlahla Lezithelo Zaso

¹⁵“Qaphelani abaphrofethi bamanga abeza kini bezigqokise isikhumba semvu kodwa ngaphakathi beyizimpisi ezifohlozayo. ¹⁶Lizabazi ngezithelo zabo. Abantu bayawakha na amavini esihlahleni sameva, kumbe amakhiwane edolofiyeni na? ¹⁷Kanjalo sonke isihlahla esihle sithela izithelo ezinhle, kodwa isihlahla esibi sithela ezimbi. ¹⁸Isihlahla esihle ngeke sithela izithelo ezimbi njalo lesihlahla esibi kasitheli izithelo ezinhle.

¹⁹Zonke izihlahla ezingatheli izithelo ezinhle ziyaganyulwa ziphoselwe emlilweni.

²⁰Ngakho-ke lizabazi ngezithelo zabo.

²¹“Kakusibo bonke abathi kimi, ‘Nkosi, Nkosi’ abazangena embusweni wezulu, kodwa ngulowo kuphela owenza intando kaBaba osezulwini.

²²Abanengi bazakuthi kimi ngalolosuku, ‘Nkosi, Nkosi, kasiphrofethanga ngegama lakho na, njalo ngegama lakho sakhupha amadimoni senza lezimangaliso?’

²³Lapho-ke ngizabatshela kakuhle ngithi, ‘Ngivele kangilazi. Xekani kimi, lina benzi bobubi!’

Umakhi Ohlakaniphileyo Loyisiwula

²⁴“Ngakho lowo owezwayo amazwi ami la awenze unjengendoda ehlakaniphileyo eyakha indlu yayo edwaleni. ²⁵Latheleka izulu, izifula zachitheka, wavunguza umoya watshaya phezu kwaleyondlu; kodwa kayiwanga ngokuba yayigxilise isisekelo sayo edwaleni. ²⁶Kodwa lowo owezwayo lamazwi ami angawenzi unjengendoda eyisiwula eyakhela indlu yayo etshebetshebeni. ²⁷Latheleka izulu, izifula zachitheka, umoya wavunguza watshaya phezu kwendlu leyo yawa yabhidlika.”

²⁸UJesu eseqedile ukukhuluma lezizinto amaxuku abantu amangaliswa yikufundisa kwakhe, ²⁹ngokuba wafundisa njengomuntu olamandla, hatshi njengabafundisi babo bomthetho.

Indoda Eyayilobulephero

8 Kwathi esehlile entabeni isixuku sabantu samlandela. ²Indoda eyayilobulephero yeza yaguqa phambi kwakhe yathi, “Nkosi uma uthanda ungangenza ngihlambuluke.”

³ UJesu welula isandla sakhe wayithinta wathi, “Ngiyathanda, hlambuluka!” Masinyane nje yasila ebulepherweni bayo. ⁴ UJesu wasesithi kuyo, “Zwana, ungatsheli muntu. Kodwa hamba uziveze kumphristi unikele ngesipho esamiswa nguMosi njengesiboniso ebantwini.”

Ukholo LweNduna YeKhulu

⁵ UJesu esengenile eKhaphenawume kwafika kuye induna yekhulu izocela uncedo. ⁶ Yathi, “Nkosi, inceku yami ilele phansi yomile umhlubulo, isebuhlungwini obukhulu.”

⁷ UJesu wathi kuyo, “Ngizakuza ngizeyisilisa.”

⁸ Induna yekhulu yaphendula yathi, “Kakungilingananga ukuthi ungeza ungene ngaphansi kophahla lwami. Kodwa tshono ilizwi nje kuphela, inceku yami izasila. ⁹ Ngokuba mina ngokwami ngiyindoda engaphansi komthetho, ngilamabutho angaphansi kwami. Ngitshela lo ngithi, ‘Hamba,’ ahambe; ngithi kuloyana, ‘Woza’, lakanye eze. Ngithi encekwini yami, ‘Yenza lokhu’, ikwenze.”

¹⁰ UJesu wathi ekuzwa lokhu wamangala wathi kulabo ababemlandela, “Ngilitshela iqiniso, kangikamboni loyedwa ko-Israyeli olokhulu olukhulu kangaka. ¹¹ Ngithi kini abanengi bazavela empumalanga lentshonalanga, bahlale edilini lo-Abrahama, lo-Isaka loJakhobe embusweni wezulu. ¹² Kodwa abanini bombuso bazaxotshelwa phandle emnyameni lapho okuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo.”

¹³ UJesu wasesithi enduneni yekhulu, “Hamba! Kuzakwenziwa njengalokhu ukholwe ukuthi kuzakwenziwa.” Inceku yayo yahle yasila ngasona lesosikhathi.

UJesu Usilisa Abanengi

¹⁴ Kwathi lapho uJesu esengenile endlini kaPhethro, wabona uninazala kaPhethro elele embhedeni ephethwe ngumkhuhlane. ¹⁵ Wamthinta esandleni umkhuhlane wahle waphuma kuye, wavuka wamlungisela ukudla.

¹⁶ Sekuntambama abanengi ababelamadimoni balethwa kuye wayikhupha imimoya ngelizwi njalo wasilisa bonke abagulayo. ¹⁷ Lokhu kwakugcwalisa okwakhulunywa ngoMphrofethi u-Isaya ukuthi:

“Wathatha ubuthakathaka bethu wathwala izifo zethu.”

Ubunzima Bokulandela uJesu

¹⁸ Wathi uJesu ebona izixuku zabantu abanengi bambuthanele wathi kakuchatshelwe ngaphetsheya ngakuleliyana icele lechibi.

¹⁹ Kwasekusiza kuye umfundisi womthetho wathi, “Mfundisi, ngizakulandela ungaze uye ngaphi.”

²⁰ UJesu waphendula wathi, “Amakhanka alemilindi lezinyoni zezulu zilezidleke, kodwa iNdodana yomuntu kayilandawo yokubeka ikhanda layo.”

²¹ Omunye umfundisi wathi kuye, “Nkosi, akuthi ngiqale ngihambe ngiyongcwaba ubaba.”

²² Kodwa uJesu wamtshela wathi, “Ngilandela, uyekele abafuleyo bangcwabe abafuleyo babo.”

UJesu Uthulisa Isiphepho

²³ UJesu wasengena esikepeni abafundi bakhe bamlandela. ²⁴ Masinyane nje kwaqubuka isiyaluyalu sesiphepho echibini, amagagasi akhaphakela phezu kwesikepe. Kodwa uJesu wayelele.

²⁵ Abafundi bahamba bayamvusa besithi, “Nkosi, silamulele! Nanku sesigalula!”

²⁶ Waphendula wathi, “Lina bokukholwa okuncane, kungani lisesaba kangaka?” Wasephakama wawukhuza umoya kanye lamagagasi, kwasekuthulanya.

²⁷ Amadoda amangala abuza athi, “Ngumuntu bani lo? Uze alalelwe ngumoya kanye lamagagasi!”

Ukusiliswa Kwamadoda Amabili Alamadimoni

²⁸ Wathi ekufikeni kwakhe ngakwelinye icele lelizwe lamaGadarini wahlangabezwa ngamadoda amabili ayekhwelwe ngamadimoni eqhamuka emathuneni. Babetshinga bebheda, kungasadluli muntu ngaleyondlela.

²⁹ Bamemeza bathi, “Ufunani ngathi, Ndodana kaNkulunkulu? Uze lapha ukuzasichukuluzisa singakafiki isikhathi esimisiweyo na?”

³⁰ Bucwala kwabo kwakulomhlambi omkhulu wezingulube usidla.

³¹ Amadimoni amncenga uJesu athi, “Nxa usikhupha sithumele emhlabini wezingulube.”

³² Wathi kuwo, “Hambani!” Aphuma ayangena ezingulubeni, kwathi umhlambi wonke waqubuka waqonda iliwa lodonga wagxumukela echibini wafela emanzini. ³³ Labo ababezelusile izingulube baphaphatheka baqonda edolobheni bayabika konke lokhu, besitsho lalokho okwenzakala kulawomadoda ayelamadimoni.

³⁴ Khonapho idolobho lonke lazimuka ukuyahlangana loJesu. Bathi sebembonile bamncenga ukuba asuke emmangweni wakibo.

UJesu Usilisa Umuntu Owome Izitho

9 UJesu wangena esikepeni wachaphela ngasedolobheni lakibo.

² Amanye amadoda aletha kuye umuntu owaye ome izitho elele ecansini. UJesu ebona ukukholwa kwabo wathi kowome izitho, “Woba lesibindi, ndodana; izono zakho sezithethelelwe.”

³ Bekuzwa lokho abanye abafundisi bomthetho bahleba bodwa bathi, “Umuntu lo uyahlambaza!”

⁴ Esazi imicabango yabo uJesu wathi kubo, “Kungani licabanga izinto ezimbi ezinhliziyweni zenu na?”

⁵ Yikuphi okulula, ukuthi, ‘Izono zakho sezithethelelwe’ kumbe ukuthi, ‘Sukuma uhambe’? ⁶ Kodwa ukuze lazi ukuthi iNdodana yoMuntu ilamandla okuthethelela izono emhlabeni...” Wasesithi kowome izitho, “Sukuma, thatha icansi lakho uhambe uye ekhaya.” ⁷ Indoda yasukuma yaqonda ekhaya.

⁸ Ixuku lathi likubona lokhu abantu besaba kakhulu; basebemdumisa uNkulunkulu owayenike amandla la ebantwini.

Ukubizwa KukaMathewu

⁹ Kwathi uJesu eseqhubeka esuka lapho wabona indoda eyayithiwa nguMathewu ihlezi edladleni lokuthelisa. “Ngilandela,” kwatsho uJesu kuyo, uMathewu wahle wasukuma wamlandela.

¹⁰ Kwathi uJesu esidla endlini kaMathewu kweza abathelisi abanengi le“zoni” bonke bezokudla laye kanye labafundi bakhe. ¹¹ Kuthe abaFarisi bekubona lokho babuza abafundi bakhe bathi, “Kungani umfundisi wenu esidla labathelisi le‘zoni’ na?”

¹² UJesu wakuzwa lokho wathi, “Abaphilayo kabayidingi inyanga, kodwa idingwa ngabagulayo. ¹³ Kodwa hambani liyofunda ukuthi kutshoni lokhu ukuthi, ‘Ngokuba ngifuna isihawu hatshi umhlatshele.’ Ngokuba

kangilandanga ukubiza abalungileyo, kodwa izoni.”

UJesu Ubuzwa Ngokuzila

¹⁴ Kwasekufika abafundi bakaJohane bambuza bathi, “Kungani thina njalo labaFarisi sizila, kodwa abafundi bakho kabazili?”

¹⁵ UJesu waphendula wathi, “Izethekeli zomyeni zingalila kanjani esesekhona phakathi kwazo na? Sizafika isikhathi lapho umyeni ezasuswa kuzo; kulapho-ke bezazila.

¹⁶ “Kakho umuntu othungela isichibi selembu elitsha elingakafinyeli esigqokweni esidala ngokuba isichibi sidadonsa esigqokweni ukudabuka kuqhele ngamandla. ¹⁷ Futhi abantu kabatheli iwayini elitsha emigodleni yezikhumba emidala. Bangenzenjalo imigodla izaqhaqheka, lichitheke iwayini lemigodla ihle iguge iphele. Hatshi, bathela iwayini elitsha emigodleni yezikhumba emitsha besekulondolozeka kuhle kokubili.

Intombazana Efileyo Lomfazi Ogulayo

¹⁸ Wathi esakhuluma lokhu kwafika umbusi waguqa phambi kwakhe wathi, “Indodakazi yami isanda kufa. Kungenani woza ubeke isandla sakho phezu kwayo, izaphila.” ¹⁹ UJesu wasuka wahamba laye kanye labafundi bakhe.

²⁰ Khonokho owesifazana owayehlutshwa ngumopho okweminyaka elitshumi lambili weza ngemva kwakhe wabamba umphetho wejazi lakhe. ²¹ Wazitshela wathi, “Aluba nje ngingathinta ijazi lakhe kodwa lokhu, ngizasila.”

²² UJesu wanyemukula wambona. Wathi kuye, “Mana isibindi, ndodakazi, ukukholwa kwakho sekukusilisile.” Lakanje owesifazana lowo wasila ngalesosikhathi.

²³ UJesu wathi esengenile endlini yombusi, ebona abahlabeleli bokulila kanye lexuku elalixokozela, ²⁴ wathi kubo, “Phumani. Intombazana kayifanga kodwa ilele.” Kodwa bamhleka. ²⁵ Ixuku labantu selikhutshelwe phandle, wangena wayibamba ngesandla intombazana yaphakama. ²⁶ Isenzakalo lesi samemetheka kuwo wonke ummango.

UJesu Usilisa Isiphofu Lesimungulu

²⁷ Kwathi uJesu esuka lapho amadoda ayiziphofu amabili amlandela ememeza esithi, “Sihawukele, Ndodana kaDavida!”

²⁸ Esengenile endlini iziphofu lezo zeza kuye wazibuza wathi, “Liyakholwa na ukuthi ngingakwenza lokhu?”

“Yebo, Nkosi,” bamphendula.

²⁹ Wasezithinta amehlo wathi kuzo, “Kuzakwenziwa kini njengokukholwa kwenu;” ³⁰ basiliswa babona. UJesu wabaqonqosela wathi, “Akungabi lomuntu ozakwazi ngalokhu.” ³¹ Kodwa zasuka lapho zafakaza ngaye ummango wonke welizwe lelo.

³² Ekuphumeni kwalezoziphofu, kwalethwa kuJesu indoda eyayikhwelwe lidimoni iyisimungulu. ³³ Kwathi idimoni selikhutshwiwe indoda leyo eyayiyisimungulu yakhuluma. Ixuku labantu lamangala abantu bathi, “Akukaze kubonwe okunje ko-Israyeli.”

³⁴ Kodwa abaFarisi bathi, “Amadimoni uwakhupha ngenkosi yamadimoni.”

Izisebenzi Zilutshwane

³⁵ UJesu wanquma kuwo wonke amadolobho lemizi efundisa emasinagogeni abo, etshumayela izindaba ezinhle ezombuso njalo eselapha zonke izifo lemikhuhlane.

³⁶ Wathi ebona izixuku zabantu wabazwela usizi ngokuba

babehlukuluzekile bephelelwe,
benjengezimvu ezingelamelusi.

³⁷Wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, “Isivuno sinengi kodwa izisebenzi zilutshwana.

³⁸Ngakho celani iNkosi yokuvuna ukuba ithumele izisebenzi ensimini yokuvuna.”

UJesu Uthumela Abalitshumi Lambili

10 UJesu wabizela ndawonye

abafundi bakhe abalitshumi lambili wabapha amandla okukhupha imimoya emibi lokusilisa zonke izifo lemikhuhlane.

²Amabizo alabo abalitshumi yila: Owokuqala nguSimoni, othiwa nguPhethro, lo-Andreya umfowabo; uJakhobe indodana kaZebedi, loJohane umfowabo;

³uFiliphu loBhatholomewu; uTomasi loMathewu umthelisi; uJakhobe indodana ka-Alifewu, loLabewu osibongo sakhe sasinguThadewu;

⁴uSimoni umZilothi loJuda Isikariyothi onguye belu owamnikelayo.

⁵Laba abalitshumi lambili uJesu wabathumela, wabalaya wathi, “Lingayi phakathi kwabezizwe futhi lingangeni lakuliphi idolobho lamaSamarिया.

⁶Kodwa yanini ezimvini ezilahlekileyo zako-Israyeli.

⁷Ekuhambeni kwenu tshumayelani leli ilizwi: ‘Umbuso wezulu ususondele.’

⁸Philisani abagulayo, vusani abafuleyo, hlambululani abalobulephero likhuphe amadimoni. Lamukelisiwe kungelambadalo, lani phanini kungelambadalo. ⁹Lingaphathi igolide loba isiliva loba ithusi emixhakeni yamabhanti enu; ¹⁰lingathwali zikhwama ekuhambeni kwenu loba isigqoko sokuntshintsha, loba amanye amanyathela kumbe olunye udondolo;

ngoba osebenzayo ufanele aphiwe okokuziphilisa.

¹¹“Loba yiliphi idolobho kumbe umuzi elingena kuwo dingani umuntu ofaneleyo lihlale endlini yakhe kokuphela lize lisuke khona. ¹²Akuthi nxa lingena kulowomuzi liwunxusele ukuthula. ¹³Aluba lowomuzi ufanele, ukuthula kwenu akube kuwo; kodwa uma lingemukelwa aginyeni amazwi enu okuthula. ¹⁴Nxa engekho olamukelayo kumbe olalela amazwi enu thintithani uthuli ezinyaweni zenu nxa selisuka kulowomuzi loba lelodolobho.

¹⁵Ngqiqinisile ngithi kini kuzakuba ngcono eSodoma leGomora ngelanga lokwahlulelwa kulokuzakwehlela lelodolobho. ¹⁶Ngilithumela ezindaweni linjengezimvu phakathi kwezimpisi. Ngakho qaphani njengezinyoka kodwa libe msulwa njengamajuba.

¹⁷“Libalimuke abantu; bazalimangalela ezinkundleni zamacala, balibhaxuze emasinagogeni abo. ¹⁸Ngenxa yami lizamiswa phambi kwababusi lamakhosi ukuze libe ngofakazi kubo lakwabezizwe. ¹⁹Kodwa nxa belibopha linganqineki ukuthi lizathini lokuthi likutsho kanjani. Ngalesosikhathi lizakwambulelwa okumele likutsho, ²⁰ngokuba kuzakuba kungayisini elikhulumayo, kodwa kunguMoya kaYihlo ozabe ukhuluma ngani.

²¹“Umuntu uzanikela umfowabo ukuthi abulawe, loyise anikele umntwana; abantwana bazahlamukela abazali bababulale. ²²Bonke abantu bazalizona ngenxa yami, kodwa lowo omayo aqine kuze kube sekupheleni uzasindiswa. ²³Nxa lihlukuluzwa endaweni ethile, balekelani kwenye. Ngilithshela iqiniso ukuthi kaliyikuqeda ukuwahambela wonke amadolobho ako-Israyeli iNdodana yoMuntu ingakafiki.

²⁴“Umfundi kangaphezulu komfundisi wakhe, kumbe isisebenzi sibe ngaphezulu komqatshi waso.

²⁵Kasuthiseke umfundi ukuba njengomfundisi wakhe, lesisebenzi ukuba njengomqatshi waso. Aluba umnimumuzi kungathiwa nguBhelizebhubhi, pho kuzathiwani ngabendlu yakhe na?

²⁶“Ngakho lingabesabi. Kakulalutho olufihliweyo olungayikudalulwa, loba oluthukuziweyo olungayikwenziwa ukuthi lwaziwe. ²⁷Lokhu engilitshela khona emnyameni kukhulumeni ekukhanyeni kwemini, okunyenyezwa ezindlebeni zenu kumemezeleni lisezicholo zezindlu. ²⁸Lingabesabi labo ababulala umzimba kodwa bengeke babulale umphefumulo. Kodwa yesabani lowo ongabhubhisa kokubili umphefumulo lomzimba esihogweni.

²⁹Izintaka ezimbili kazithengiswa ngendibilitshi na? Kodwa kayikho leyodwa yazo ewela phansi ingavunyelwanga nguYihlo. ³⁰Kwala zona izinwele zamakhanda enu zibaliwe. ³¹Ngakho lingesabi; liligugu elidlula izintaka ezinengi.

³²“Loba ngubani ongivuma phambi kwabantu lami ngizamvuma phambi kukaBaba ezulwini. ³³Kodwa lowo ongiphikayo phambi kwabantu lami ngizamphika phambi kukaBaba ezulwini.

³⁴“Lingakhumbuli ukuthi ngilethe ukuthula emhlabeni. Kangizanga ukuletha ukuthula kodwa inkemba.

³⁵Ngoba ngize ukuxabanisa

‘indoda loyise,
indodakazi lonina
umalokazana loninazala –

³⁶izitha zomuntu zizakuba
ngabendlu yakhe.’

³⁷“Lowo othanda uyise loba unina kulami kangifanelanga; lowo othanda indodana yakhe loba indodakazi yakhe kulami kangifanelanga; ³⁸njalo lowo ongathathi isiphambano sakhe angilandele kangifanelanga. ³⁹Loba ngubani ozuza impilo yakhe izamlahlekela, njalo lalowo olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami uzayizuza.

⁴⁰“Lowo olamukelayo wamukela mina, lalowo owamukela mina wamukela lowo ongithumileyo. ⁴¹Loba ngubani owamukele umphrofethi ngokuba engumphrofethi uzazuza umvuzo womphrofethi, njalo lalowo owamukela umuntu olungileyo ngokuba engumuntu olungileyo uzakwamukela umvuzo womuntu olungileyo. ⁴²Njalo loba ngubani onganathisa kumbe inkomitshi yamanzi aqandayo komunye walaba abancinyane ngokuba engumfundi wami, ngilitshela iqiniso, akazulahlekelwa ngumvuzo wakhe.”

UJesu LoJohane UMbhaphathizi

11 UJesu wathi eseqedile ukweluleka abafundi bakhe abalitshumi lambili wasuka kuleyondawo ukuyafundisa lokutshumayela emadolobheni aseGalile.

²Kwathi ukuba uJohane ezwe esentolongweni ukuba uKhristu wayesenzani wathuma abafundi bakhe

³ukuyambuza bathi, "Unguye yini ozayo kumbe silindele omunye na?"

⁴UJesu waphendula wathi, "Buyelani liyobika kuJohane lokhu elikuzwayo lelikubonayo: ⁵Iziphofu zenziwa zibone, abaqhugezayo bayahamba kuhle, labo abalobulephero bayasiliswa, izacuthe ziyezwa, abafuleyo bayavuswa, lezindaba ezinhle ziyatshumayelwa kubayanga. ⁶Ubusisiwe umuntu ongakhubekiyo ngenxa yami."

⁷ Kwathi abafundi bakaJohane sebesuka uJesu wasekhuluma labantu ngoJohane esithi: "Ekuphumeni kwenu lisiya enkangala lalisiyabonani na? Umhlanga owawuzunguzwa ngumoya na?"⁸ Nxa kungayisikho, pho lalisiyabonani? Indoda eyayicecile na? Hatshi, labo abagqoka izigqoko ezinhle basezigodlweni zamakhosi.⁹ Pho laphuma lisiyabonani na? Umphrofethi? Yebo, ngiyalitshela, odlula umphrofethi.¹⁰ Lo nguye okwalotshwa ngaye ukuthi:

‘Ngizathuma isigijimi sami
sikwandulele,
esizalungisa indlela yakho
phambi kwakho.’

¹¹ Ngiqinisile ngithi: Phakathi kwabo bonke abazelwe ngabesifazana akukaveli loyedwa omkhulu kuloJohane uMbhaphathizi; ikanti lowo ongomncinyane kakhulu embusweni wezulu mkhulu kulaye.¹² Kusukela ezinsukwini zikaJohane uMbhaphathizi kuze kube manje umbuso wezulu wala uqhubeka ngamandla ngokuba abantu abalamandla bawubambile.¹³ Ngokuba bonke abaPhrofethi kanye loMthetho baphrofetha kwaze kwafika uJohane.

¹⁴ Ngakho uma likwamukela lokhu, ungu-Elija okwathiwa uyeza.¹⁵ Lowo olezindlebe zokuzwa, kezwe.

¹⁶ "Kambe ngingasifananisa lani isizukulwane lesi na? Sinjengabantwana behlezi emkambo bememeza abanye besithi:

¹⁷ “Salitshayela umqangala,

kodwa kaligidanga;
salihlabelela ihubo lokukhala
kodwa kalililanga.’

¹⁸ Phela uJohane wafika engadli futhi enganathi basebesithi, 'Uledimoni.'
¹⁹ INdodana yoMuntu yafika yadla yanatha, bathi, 'Nansi isidli lesidakwa, umngane wabathelisi le"zoni." Kodwa-ke ukuhlakanipha kuyaziveza ukuqonda kwakho ngezenzo zakho.

Maye Kuleyomizi Engaphendukanga

²⁰ UJesu waseqalisa ukuwasola amadolobho lawo lapho imimangaliso yakhe eminengi yayenziwe khona ngokuba kabazange baphenduke:

²¹ “Maye kuwe Khorazini! Maye kuwe Bhethisayida! Aluba imimangaliso leyo eyenziwa kuwe yayenziwe eThire leSidoni ngabe kudala baphenduka bembethe izigqoko zamasaka bazithela ngomlotha.²² Kodwa ngiyalitshela, kuzakuba ngcono eThire leSoni ngosuku lokwahlulelwa kulalokho okuzalehlela lina.²³ Lawe Khaphenawume, kambe uzaphakanyiselwa emkhathini na? Hatshi, uzatshona phansi ekujuleni. Aluba imimangaliso eyenziwa kuwe yayenziwe eSodoma, ngabe ikhona lalamhla nje.²⁴ Kodwa ngiyalitshela ukuthi kuzakuba ngcono eSodoma ngelanga lokwahlulela kulakuwe.”

Ukuphumula Kwabakhatheleyo

²⁵ Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wathi, "Ngiyakubonga, Baba, Nkosi yezulu lomhlaba, ngokuba uzifihlile lezizinto kwabahlakaniphileyo labafundileyo, wazambulela abantwana abancinyane.²⁶ Yebo, Baba, lokhu kwaba yikuthanda kwakho.

²⁷ "Zonke izinto zethulwe kimi nguBaba. Kakho oyaziyo iNdodana ngaphandle kukaBaba, njalo kakho omaziyo uBaba ngaphandle kweNdodana lalabo iNdodana ekhethe ukuba ibembulele yena.

²⁸ "Wozani kimi lina lonke elikhatheleyo lelisindwayo, ngizaliphumuza.

²⁹ Zithwaliseni ijogwe lami, lifunde kimi, ngokuba ngimnene ngithobekile enhliziyweni, njalo lizazuza ukuphumula kwemiphefumulo yenu. ³⁰ Ngokuba ijogwe lami lilula lomthwalo wami kawusindi.

INkosi YeSabatha

12 Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wadabula

phakathi kwamasimu amabele kulilanga leSabatha. Abafundi bakhe basebelambile basebeqhulula izikhwebu zamabele badla. ² AbaFarisi bakubona lokhu bathi kuye, "Khangela! Abafundi bakho benza okuphambene lomthetho ngeSabatha."

³ Waphendula wathi, "Kalifundanga yini okwenziwa nguDavida lapho yena labakhula bakhe basebelambile?"

⁴ Wangena endlini kaNkulunkulu, yena labakhula bakhe basidla isinkwa esingcwelisiweyo – into eyayingavunyelwa ngomthetho ukuba bayenze, kodwa ingenziwa ngabaphristi kuphela. ⁵ Kumbe kalifundanga yini eMthethweni ukuthi ngeSabatha abaphristi ethempelini bayalungcolisa lolusuku kodwa kabalacala.

⁶ Ngiyalitshela ukuthi lowo omkhulu kulethempeli ukhona lapha. ⁷ Aluba lalikwazile ukuthi amazwi la atshoni, athi, 'Ngifuna isihawu, hatshi umhlatshelo' ngabe alibalahlanga abangelacala. ⁸ Phela iNdodana yoMuntu iyiNkosi yeSabatha."

⁹ Esuka lapho wayangena esinagogeni labo, ¹⁰ khonapho kulendoda eyayitshwabhene isandla. Kwathi ngoba bedinga indlela yokubeka uJesu icala

bambuza bathi, "Kuyavunyelwa yini emthethweni ukusilisa ngeSabatha na?"

¹¹ Wathi kubo, "Nxa omunye wenu elemvu esuka iwele egodini ngeSabatha, kazukuyibamba ayikhuphe na? ¹² Pho umuntu uligugu elinganani kulemvu! Yikho-ke kusemthethweni ukwenza okuhle ngeSabatha."

¹³ Wasesithi kuleyondoda, "Yelula isandla sakho." Ngakho yaselula sesisilile ngokupheleleyo, sesiqinile njengesinye. ¹⁴ Kodwa abaFarisi basuka lapho bayakwakha icebo lokuthi bangambulala njani uJesu.

Inceku KaNkulunkulu Ekhetheleweyo

¹⁵ UJesu esekunanzelele lokho wasuka kuleyondawo. Abanengi bamlandela, wasilisa bonke abagulayo babo, ¹⁶ ebalaya ukuthi bangakhulumi ukuthi ungubani. ¹⁷ Lokhu kwakuyikugcwalisa lokho okwakukhulunye ngumphrofethi u-Isaya ukuthi:

¹⁸ "Nansi inceku yami engiyikhethileyo,

yona engiyithandayo,

engithokoza ngayo;

Ngizabeka uMoya wami phezu

kwayo,

izamemezela ukulunga

phakathi kwezizwe.

¹⁹ Kayiyikuphika inkani loba imemeze;

kakho ozalizwa ilizwi layo

emigwaqweni.

²⁰ Umhlanga ofecekileyo

kayiyikuwephula

lentambo yesibane ethunqayo

kayiyikuyicima,

ize ilethe ukunqoba kokulunga.

²¹ Izizwe zizabeka ithemba lazo ebizweni layo."

UJesu LoBhelizebhubhi

²² Basebeletha kuye indoda eyayiledimoni, eyayiyisiphofu njalo iyisimungulu. UJesu wayisilisa yakwazi ukukhuluma lokubona. ²³ Bonke abantu bamangala bathi, "Kambe lo angabe uyiNdodana kaDavida na?"

²⁴ Kodwa kwathi abaFarisi bekuzwa lokhu bathi, "Kungamandla

kaBhelizebhubhi umuntu lo axotsha ngawo amadimoni."

²⁵ UJesu wayeyazi imicabango yabo wasesithi kubo, "Yilowo lalowo umbuso

owehlukene phakathi kawumi. ²⁶ Nxa uSathane exotsha uSathane udabukene phakathi. Pho umbuso wakhe ungema kanjani? ²⁷ Uma mina ngikhupha amadimoni ngoBhelizebhubhi, pho abantu benu bawakhupha ngani? Kungakho yibo abalehlulelayo. ²⁸ Kodwa uma ngikhupha amadimoni ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu, kutsho ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile kini.

²⁹ "Loba njalo, umuntu angangena kanjani endlini yesiqhwaga aphanje izimpahla zaso ngaphandle kokuba aqale asibophe isiqhwaga lesa? Lapho-ke usengayiphanga indlu yaso.

³⁰ Lowo ongemanga lami umelana lami, lalowo ongabuthi lami uyachithiza. ³¹ Yikho ngiyalitshela ngithi siphilasi iphi isono lesithuko sizathethelelwa, kodwa ukuthuka uMoya akuyi kuthethelelwa.

³² "Lowo okhuluma okubi ngeNdodana uzathethelelwa, kodwa lowo okhuluma okubi ngoMoya Ongcwele akazukuthethelelwa kuleli iphakade lasephakadeni elizayo.

³³ "Ungenza isihlahla sibe sihle lezithelo zaso zizabanhle, loba ungenza isihlahla sibe sibi lezithelo zaso zizabambi, ngoba isihlahla saziwa ngezithelo zaso. ³⁴ Lina hazane lwezinyoka, lingakukhuluma kanjani okuhle lina libabi na? Ngoba lokho

okuphihluka enhliziyweni yikho umlomo okukhulumayo. ³⁵ Umuntu olungileyo uletha izinto ezinhle ziphuma ebuhleni abulombe ngaphakathi kwakhe, njalo lomuntu omubi ukhihliza izinto ezimbi azigcine ngaphakathi kwakhe.

³⁶ Kodwa ngiyalitshela ukuthi abantu bazamele baziphendulele ngosuku lokwahlulelwa ngawo wonke amazwi obutshapha abawakhulumayo.

³⁷ Ngokuba lizakhululwa mayelana lamazwi enu njalo lizalahlwa ngokumayelana lamazwi enu."

Isiboniso SikaJona

³⁸ Kwasekusithi abanye babaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho bathi kuye, "Mfundisi, sifuna ukubona isiboniso sommangaliso esenziwa nguwe."

³⁹ Waphendula wathi, "Isizukulwane esixhwalileyo lesiphangayo sicela isiboniso sommangaliso! Kodwa kasikho esizaboniswa ngaphandle kwesiboniso sikamphrofethi uJona. ⁴⁰ NjengoJona owahlala izinsuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu esiswini senhlanzi enkulu, kanjalo iNdodana yoMuntu izahlala izinsuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu emathunjini omhlabathi. ⁴¹ Abantu baseNineve bazakuma kanye lalesi isizukulwane ngosuku lokwahlulelwa basilahle; ngokuba baphenduka betshunyayezwa nguJona, ikanti manje nje omkhulu kuloJona ukhonapha.

⁴² INdlovukazi yaseNingizimu izavuka ekwahlulelweni kanye lalesi isizukulwane isilahle; ngokuba yeza ivela emaphethelweni omhlaba izokuzwa uSolomoni; pho manje omkhulu kuloSolomoni usekhona.

⁴³ "Nxa umoya omubi uphuma emuntwini uhamba uzula enkangala udinga ukuphumula kodwa ungakufumani. ⁴⁴ Ubususithi, 'Ngizabuyela endlini engaphuma kuyo.'

Uthi ufika uface indlu ingelamuntu, ithanyeliwe yahlanzeka, konke kumi kuhle. ⁴⁵ Ubusuhamba uyothatha eminye imimoya eyisikhombisa exhwale okudlula wona, ingene ihlale khona. Isicino salowomuntu sibi okudlula ekuqaleni. Kuzakuba njalo kulesi sizukulwane esixhwalileyo."

Unina KaJesu Labafowabo

⁴⁶ UJesu elokhu esakhuluma lamaxuku abantu, unina labafowabo babemi phandle befuna ukukhuluma laye.

⁴⁷ Omunye wantshela wathi, "Unyoko labafowenu bemis phandle, bafuna ukukhuluma lawe."

⁴⁸ Wamphendula wathi, "Ngubani ongumama njalo ngobani abangabafowethu na?" ⁴⁹ Wakhomba abafundi bakhe wathi, "Nampa abangumama labangabafowethu.

⁵⁰ Ngoba ingqe ngubani owenza intando kaBaba osezulwini ungumfowethu, ungudadewethu njalo ungumama."

Umzekeliso Womhlanyeli

13 Ngalonalolosuku uJesu waphuma endlini wayahlala eceleni kwechibi.

² Amaxuku abantu aminyezelana kuye waze wangena esikepeni wahlala kuso, abantu bonke bona bemis okhunjini.

³ Wasebatshela izinto ezinengi esebenzisa imizekeliso, wathi, "Umlimi waphuma wayahlanyela inhlanyelo yakhe. ⁴ Kwathi elokhu eyihaza inhlanyelo, enye yawela endleleni, izinyoni zafika zayidobha. ⁵ Enye yawela ekhetheni lapho eyayingelawo umhlabathi owaneleyo. Yaphanga yamila ngokuba umhlabathi wawungatshoni. ⁶ Kodwa kwathi ilanga

seliphumile yahanguleka yabuna ngokuba yayingelampande.

⁷ Enye inhlanyelo yawela phakathi kwameva, asuka akhula ayiminyanisa inhlanyelo. ⁸ Kwathi enye inhlanyelo yawela emhlabathini omuhle lapho eyabeka khona izithelo – yeva ngekhulu, ngamatshumi ayisithupha loba ngamatshumi amathathu ukudlula leyo eyayihlanyelwe. ⁹ Lowo olendlebe kezwe."

¹⁰ Abafundi beza kuye bambuza bathi, "Kungani ukhuluma ebantwini ngemizekeliso na?"

¹¹ Waphendula wathi, "Ulwazi lwemfihlakalo yombuso wezulu luphiwe lina, kodwa hatshi bona. ¹² Lowo olakho uzaphiwa kwengezelelwe, ngakho uzakuba lokunengi kakhulu. Lowo ongelakho, lalokho alakho uzakwemukwa. ¹³ Yikho ngikhuluma kubo ngemizekeliso:

“ Loba bekhangele kababoni;
loba belalele kabezwa,
kabaqedisisi.

¹⁴ Kubo kuyagcwaliseka isiphrofetho sikaYisaya:

“ ‘Lizahlala lisizwa kodwa
lingaqedisisi;
lizahlala libona kodwa kungagxili
ezingqondweni.

¹⁵ Ngokuba inhliziyo yalaba bantu seyaba lukhuni;
kabasezwa ngezindlebe zabo,
njalo sebwavala amehlo abo.
Funa babone ngamehlo abo,
bezwe ngezindlebe zabo,
baqedisise ngezinhliziyi zabo
baphenduke bese ngibasilisa.’”

¹⁶ Kodwa abusisiwe amehlo enu ngokuba ayabona, lezindlebe zenu ngokuba ziyezwa. ¹⁷ Ngokuba ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi abaphrofethi abanengi lamadoda ayelungile balangazela ukukubona lokhu elikubonayo kodwa kabakubonanga, lokuzwa lokhu elikuzwayo kodwa kabakuzwanga.

¹⁸ “Lalelani-ke lizwe ukuthi utshoni umzekeliso womhlanyeli: ¹⁹ Nxa umuntu esizwa ilizwi ngombuso kodwa engabambisisi, omubi uyeza ahwithe lokho obekuhlanyelwe enhliziyweni. Yiyole inhlanyelo eyahlanyelwa endleleni. ²⁰ Lowo owemukela inhlanyelo eyawela ekhetheni ngumuntu olizwayo ilizwi aphanje alamukele ngentokozo. ²¹ Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi kalampande, uma okwesikhatshana kuphela. Nxa kufika uhlupho lokuhlukunyezwa ngenxa yelizwi uphanga akhubeke. ²² Lowo owemukela inhlanyelo eyawela emeveni ngumuntu olizwayo ilizwi, kodwa lisuke landelwe yizinhlopheko zale impilo lenkohliso yenotho, lingabe lisaba lezithelo. ²³ Kodwa lowo owemukela inhlanyelo eyawela emhlabathini olungileyo ngumuntu olizwayo ilizwi alibambisise. Uthela amabele andayo ngekholu, ngamatshumi ayisithupha loba ngamatshumi amathathu okudlula lokho okwahlanyelwayo.”

Umzekeliso Wokhula

²⁴ UJesu wabatshela omunye umzekeliso: “Umbuso wezulu unjengomuntu owahlanyela inhlanyelo enhle ensimini yakhe. ²⁵ Kodwa kwathi ngesikhathi wonke umuntu elele, isitha sakhe seza sahlanyela ukhula phakathi kwengqoloyi, sahamba. ²⁶ Kwathi ingqoloyi isikhahlele yabumba amazimba ukhula lalo lwavela.

²⁷ “Izisebenzi zomnininsimu zeza kuye zathi, ‘Mnumzana, kanti

kawuhlanyelanga yini imbewu elungileyo ensimini yakho na? Pho ukhula luvele ngaphi?”

²⁸ “Waphendula wathi, ‘Kwenziwe yisitha lokhu.’ Zambuza izisebenzi zathi, ‘Uyafuna yini ukuthi siyelusiphuna na?’

²⁹ “ ‘Waphendula wathi, ‘Hatshi, ngokuba lizakuthi lisiphuna ukhula liqabuke selisiphuna amabele kanye lalo.

³⁰ Kuyekeleni kukhule ndawonye kuze kube yisikhathi sokuvuna. Lapho-ke ngizakuthi kubavuni: Qalani ngokuqoqa ukhula lilubophe izinyanda ukuba lutshiswe; libe seliqoqa amabele liwalethe esipheleni.”

Umzekeliso Wentanga Yemastadi Lemvubelo

³¹ Wabatshela omunye umzekeliso wathi: “Umbuso wezulu ufana lenhlamvu

yemastadi eyathathwa ngenye indoda yayihlanyela ensimini yayo. ³² Lokuba incinyane kulazo zonke izinhlamvu elilazo, kodwa ithi ingakhula iba yisihlahla esikhulu kulazo zonke zesivande, zize izinyoni zezulu zikhusele ezingatsheni zaso.”

³³ Waphinda wabatshela omunye umzekeliso wathi, “Umbuso wezulu ufana lemvubelo owesifazana ayithatha wayixuba kanye lenhlama enengi yefulawa yayikhukhumalisa.”

³⁴ UJesu wakhuluma zonke lezi izinto exukwini labantu ngemizekeliso; kazange akhulume lutho kubo engasebenzisanga umzekeliso.

³⁵ Ngakho kwagcwaliseka okwakhulunywa ngomphrofethi ukuthi:

“Ngizavula umlomo wami ngemizekeliso, ngizakutsho izinto ezifihliweyo

kulokhu kwadatshulwa umhlaba.”

Umzekeliso Wokhula Uyacasiswa

³⁶Wasesuka exukwini waya endlini. Abafundi bakhe beza kuye bathi, “Sichazele umzekeliso wokhula ensimini.”

³⁷Waphendula wathi, “Lowo owahlanyela inhlanyelo enhle yiNdodana yoMuntu. ³⁸Insimu yilizwe, njalo inhlanyelo enhle imele amadodana ombuso. Ukhula lungamadodana omubi, ³⁹njalo isitha esiluhlanyelayo nguSathane. Isivuno siyikuphela komhlaba, njalo abavuni yizingilosi.

⁴⁰“Njengalokhu ukhula lusitshunwa lutshiswe emlilweni, kuzakuba njalo ekupheleni komhlaba.

⁴¹Indodana yoMuntu izathuma izingilosi zayo zicente konke okubanga isono embusweni wayo labo bonke abenza ububi. ⁴²Zizabaphosela esihogweni somlilo ongungumayo okuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo. ⁴³Lapho-ke abalungileyo bazakhazimula njengelanga embusweni kaYise wabo. Lowo olezindlebe, kezwe.

Umzekeliso Wegugu Elifihliweyo Lowephareli

⁴⁴“Umbuso wezulu unjengegugu elifihliweyo esivandeni. Kwathi indoda isilitholile yalifihla njalo, kwathi ngoba iphakathi kokuthokoza yahamba yayathengisa konke eyayilakho yayathenga lesosivande.

⁴⁵“Njalo, umbuso wezulu ufana lomthengi edinga amaphareli amahle.

⁴⁶Kwathi esefumene elinye elalilentengo ephezulu wahamba wayathengisa konke ayelakho walithenga.

Umzekeliso Wombule

⁴⁷“Futhi, umbuso wezulu ufana lombule owehliselwa phansi echibini wahuquluza zonke izinhlobo zezinhlanzi. ⁴⁸Wathi usugcwele, abagoli bezinhlanzi bawudonsela okhunjini. Basebehlala phansi baqoqela ezitsheni zonke izinhlanzi ezilungileyo kodwa ezimbi bazilahla. ⁴⁹Lokhu yikho okuzakwenzakala ekupheleni komhlaba. Izingilosi zizakuza zehlukanise ababi kwabalungileyo ⁵⁰zibaphosele esihogweni somlilo ongungumayo, lapho okuzaba lokukhala lokugedla amazinyo.

⁵¹“Selizizwisile na zonke lezi izinto?” uJesu wababuza.

Bathi, “Yebo.”

⁵²Wathi kubo, “Ngakho wonke umfundisi womthetho osethwasiwe ngombuso wezulu unjengomnini wendlu okhupha esipheleni sakhe amagugu amatsha lamadala.”

Umphrofethi Ongeladumo

⁵³UJesu eseqedile imizekeliso le wasuka lapho wahamba. ⁵⁴Wafika edolobheni lakibo waqalisa ukufundisa abantu esinagogeni labo, bamangala. Babuza bathi, “Indoda le yayithatha ngaphi inhlakanipho le lamandla la angummangaliso? ⁵⁵Kasindodana yombazi na? Ibizo likanina kasuMariya na, labafowabo kabasoJakhobe loJosefa loSimoni loJudasi na? ⁵⁶Odadewabo kabakho yini khonapha lathi? Pho indoda le yazizuza ngaphi izinto zonke lezi?” ⁵⁷Bakhubeka ngaye.

Kodwa uJesu wathi kubo, “Lapho umphrofethi angeladumo khona kusedolobheni lakibo lasemzini wakhe.”

⁵⁸Njalo kenzanga imimangaliso eminengi khona ngenxa yokusilela kwabo ukukholwa.

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umbusi wezwa imibiko ngoJesu,

² wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe, “Lo nguJohane uMbhaphathizi; usevukile kwabafileyo! Yikho lokhu imimangaliso isenziwa nguye.”

³ UHerodi wayembophile uJohane wamfaka izinsimbi wamphosela entolongweni ngenxa kaHerodiyasi umkaFiliphu umfowabo, ⁴ ngoba uJohane wayelokhu esithi kuye, “Kungaphandle komthetho ukuthi umthathe.” ⁵ UHerodi wayefuna ukumbulala uJohane, kodwa wayesesaba abantu ngoba babesithi ungumphrofethi.

⁶ Ngelanga lesikhumbuzo sokuzalwa kukaHerodi indodakazi kaHerodiyasi yabagidela yamjabulisa uHerodi kakhulu ⁷ waze wathembisa ngesifungo ukuyipha loba yini eyayingayicela. ⁸ Isicetshiswe ngunina yathi, “Ngipha lapha emganwini lo ikhanda likaJohane uMbhaphathizi.”

⁹ Yasidideka inkosi, kodwa kwathi ngenxa yezifungo zayo langenxa yezethekeli zayo yalaya ukuba isicelo leso senziwe. ¹⁰ Wathi uJohane kahle aqunywe ikhanda entolongweni.

¹¹ Ikhanda lakhe lalethwa lisemganwini laphiwa intombazana eyalithwalela kunina. ¹² Abafundi bakaJohane beza bathatha isidumbu bayasingcwaba. Basebehamba bayatshela uJesu.

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¹³ UJesu wathi ekuzwa lokho okwenzakalayo wathi nyelele ngesikepe waya endaweni engelabantu. Abantu bezwa ngakho bamlandela ngezinyawo besuka emadolobheni. ¹⁴ Ekukhuphukeni kwakhe uJesu wabona ixuku labantu

elikhulu wabazwela usizi ngakho wasesilisa abagulayo babo.

¹⁵ Kwathi selithambeme abafundi beza kuye bathi, “Le yindawo esesikhaleni, njalo sekuntambama. Wothi abantu laba kabahambe ukuze bayozithengela ukudla emadolobheni.”

¹⁶ UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kakudingeki ukuthi bahambe. Bapheni lina ukudla.”

¹⁷ Baphendula bathi, “Thina esilakho lapha yizinkwa ezinhlanu lezinhlanzi ezimbili.”

¹⁸ Wathi, “Kuletheni lapha.”

¹⁹ Wasetshela abantu ukuthi kabahlale phansi etshanini . Wasethatha izinkwa zonhlanu lezinhlanzi zombili wakhanga ezulwini wabonga, wasehlephula izinkwa. Waseziqhubela abafundi, abafundi labo bazinika abantu. ²⁰ Bonke badla basutha, abafundi bakhe babutha imvuthu ezasalayo bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili. ²¹ Inani lalabo abadlayo lalingaba ngamadoda ayizinkulungwane ezinhlanu, ngaphandle kwabesifazana labantwana.

UJesu Uhamba Phezu Kwamanzi

²² Masinyane uJesu wathi abafundi kabakhwele esikepeni bamandulele ngakuleliyana iphetsheya, yena esavalelisana labantu.

²³ Esebathithile waya ewatheni lentaba eyedwa wayakhuleka. Kwathi sekuhlwile wayekhonale eyedwa,

²⁴ kodwa isikepe sasesingummango omkhulu kusukela okhunjini, siyaluziswa ngamagagasi ngokuba sasiphambana lokubetha komoya.

²⁵ Ngesikhathi somlindo wesine ebusuku uJesu waya kubo ehamba phezu kwechibi. ²⁶ Kwathi abafundi bembona ehamba phezu kwechibi besaba kakhulu.

“Lithonga,” batsho, bekhala ngokwesaba.

²⁷ Kodwa uJesu waphanga wathi kubo, “Bekani amaphaphu phansi! Yimi. Lingesabi.”

²⁸ UPhethro waphendula wathi, “Nkosi, uma kunguwe, tshono ukuba ngize kuwe phezu kwamanzi.”

²⁹ Wathi, “Woza.”

Khonapho uPhethro wasephuma esikepeni, wahamba phezu kwamanzi weza kuJesu. ³⁰ Kodwa wathi ebona umoya wesaba, kwathi eseqala ukutshona wakhala wathi, “Nkosi, akungisize!”

³¹ Khonokho uJesu welula isandla sakhe wambamba. Wathi kuye, “Wena olokholo oluncinyane, kungani uthandabuzile?”

³² Bonela ukungena esikepeni umoya wathula. ³³ Kwathi labo ababesikepeni bamkhonza bathi, “Ngempela uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.”

³⁴ Bathi sebekhuphukile bachaphela eGenesaretha. ³⁵ Kwathi abantu bakuleyondawo sebemnanzelele uJesu bathumela ilizwi kuwo wonke ummango wakulelo. Abantu babaleta bonke abagulayo babo kuye ³⁶ bamncenga ukuthi avumele labo abagulayo ukuthi bathinte nje umphetho wesigqoko sakhe, kwathi bonke labo abamthintayo basiliswa.

Okuhlazekileyo Lokungahlazekanga

15 Ngalesosikhathi abanye abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho beza kuJesu bevela eJerusalema bambuza bathi,

² “Kungani abafundi bakho besephula isiko labadala na? Kabagezi izandla zabo nxa bengakadli!”

³ UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kungani lina lisephula umlayo kaNkulunkulu

ngenxa yamasiko enu na? ⁴ Phela uNkulunkulu wathi, ‘Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko’ njalo ‘Yilowo owethuka uyise loba unina ufanele abulawe.’

⁵ Kodwa lina lithi nxa umuntu esithi kuyise loba kunina, ‘Lolancedo ongabe uluzuzile kimi yisipho esiqanjulelwe uNkulunkulu; ⁶ kasamelanga ‘ahloniphe’ uyise ngaso. Ngaleyondlela liyachitha ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ngenxa yesiko lenu. ⁷ Lina bazenzisi! uYisaya wayeqondile aze aphrofethe ngani athi:

⁸ “Lababantu bangihlonipha ngezindebe

zabo,

kodwa izinhliziyi zabo

zikhathshana kwami.

⁹ Bangikhonza ngeze;

izimfundiso zabo yimithetho

kuphela

efundiswa ngabantu.”

¹⁰ UJesu wabizela ixuku labantu kuye wathi, “Lalelani lizwisise. ¹¹ Lokho okungena emlonyeni womuntu ‘kakumngcolisi’ kodwa lokho okuphuma emlonyeni wakhe yikho ‘okumngcolisayo.’

¹² Abafundi basebesiza kuye bambuza bathi, “Uyakwazi yini ukuthi abaFarisi kubakhubile ukuzwa lokhu?”

¹³ Waphendula wathi, “Zonke izihlahla ezingahlanyelwanga nguBaba osezulwini zizasitshunwa lezimpande zazo. ¹⁴ Bayekeleni; ngabakhokheli abaphumputhekayo. Nxa impumputhe ihola impumputhe bobabili bazawela emgodini.”

¹⁵ UPhethro wathi, “Sicasisele umzekeliso lowo.”

¹⁶ UJesu wababuza wathi, “Lilokhu lingelakuzwisisa na? ¹⁷ Kaliboni yini ukuthi noma yini engena emlonyeni iya

esiswini besekuphuma emzimbeni?

¹⁸ Kodwa lezozinto eziphuma emlonyeni zivela enhliziyweni, yizo ezenza umuntu ‘angcole.’ ¹⁹ Ngokuba enhliziyweni kuphuma imicabango emibi, ukubulala, ukufebe, ukuphinga, ubusela, ukufakaza amanga lokunyeya. ²⁰ Lezi yizo ezenza umuntu ‘angcole;’ kodwa ukudla ngezandla ezingagezwanga kakumenzi ‘angcole.’”

²¹ Esuka kuleyondawo uJesu waya emmangweni waseThire leSidoni.

²² Umfazi ongumKhenani owaleyondawo weza kuye ezokhala esithi, “Nkosi, Ndadana kaDavida, ake ungihawukele! Indodakazi yami ithwele nzima itshukunyezwa ngamadimoni.”

²³ UJesu kazange amphendule. Ngakho abafundi bakhe beza kuye bamkhuthaza bathi, “Mxotshe, nangu uselokhu ememeza esilandela.”

²⁴ Waphendula wathi, “Ngathunywa kuphela ezimvini ezilahlekileyo zako-Israyeli.”

²⁵ Owesifazana lowo weza waguqa phambi kwakhe wathi, “Nkosi, ake ungisize.”

²⁶ Waphendula uJesu wathi, “Kakulunganga ukuthatha isinkwa sabantwana usiphosele ezinjani zabo.”

²⁷ Owesifazana wathi, “Yebo, Nkosi, kanti angithi izinja ziyayidla imvuthu ewa etafuleni labaninizo.”

²⁸ UJesu wasephendula wathi, “Mfazi, ulokholo olukhulu! Isicelo sakho sesamukelwe.” Indodakazi yakhe yahle yasila ngasonaleso isikhathi.

UJesu Usuthisa Izinkulungwane Ezine

²⁹ UJesu wasuka lapho wehla egudlana loLwandle lwaseGalile. Wasekhwela entabeni wahlala phansi. ³⁰ Kweza kuye amaxuku amakhulu abantu beletha abaqhugezayo, iziphofu, izigoga, izimungulu labanye abanengi bababeka

phambi kwakhe; wabasilisa. ³¹ Abantu bamangala ukubona izimungulu sezikhuluma, izigoga seziphila, abaqhugezayo sebezihambela leziphofu sezibona. Bamdumisa uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.

³² UJesu wabiza abafundi bakhe wathi, “Ngilesihawu ngalaba abantu; sebhale lami izinsuku ezintathu bengadlanga lutho. Angithandi ukubachitha belambile, funa bayathe ezindleleni.”

³³ Abafundi bakhe bamphendula bathi, “Singasithatha ngaphi isinkwa esaneleyo endaweni esesikhaleni kangaka ukuba sisuthise ixuku elingaka na?”

³⁴ UJesu wabuza wathi, “Lilezinkwa ezingaki?”

Bathi, “Eziyisikhombisa lezinhlanzi ezincane ezimbalwa.”

³⁵ Wasetshela ixuku labantu ukuba bahlale phansi. ³⁶ Wasethatha lezozinkwa eziyisikhombisa lezinhlanzi, kwathi esebongile, wazihlephula waziqhubela abafundi, labo bazinika abantu. ³⁷ Bonke badla basutha. Ngemva kwalokho abafundi babutha imvuthu kwagcwala izitsha eziyisikhombisa.

³⁸ Inani lalabo abadlayo laliyizinkulungwane ezine, ngaphandle kwabafazi labantwana. ³⁹ UJesu eselichithile ixuku labantu, wangena esikepeni waya emmangweni waseMagadani.

Kufunwa Isibonakaliso

16 AbaFarisi labaSadusi beza kuJesu baminga ngokumcela ukuthi abatshengise isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini.

² Waphendula wathi, “Nxa kufika ukuhlwa lithi, ‘Umkhathi uzaba muhle ngoba isibhakabhaka sibomvu,’

³ ekuseni lithi, ‘Lamuhla kuzaqubuka isiphepho ngokuba isibhakabhaka sibomvu, sigubuzele.’ Liyakwazi ukuchaza izibonakaliso zezikhathi.

⁴ Isizukulwana esixhwalileyo lesiphangayo sifuna isibonakaliso esingummangaliso, kodwa kasikho esizasiphiwa lesosizukulwana ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sikaJona.” UJesu wasebatshiya wazihambela.

Imvubelo YabaFarisi LabaSadusi

⁵ Bathi sebekhuphukele ngaphetsheya kwechibi, abafundi babekhohliwe ukuza lesinkwa. ⁶ UJesu wathi kubo, “Nanzelelani. Liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi labaSadusi.”

⁷ Bakhulumisana ngalokhu bathi, “Kungenxa yokuba kasizanga lesinkwa.”

⁸ UJesu wakwazi abakukhulumayo wasebuza wathi, “Lina elilokholo oluncinyane, likhulumisanelani ngokuba lesinkwa na? ⁹ Lilokhu lingezwisisi yini? Kalikhumbuli na izinkwa ezinhlanu ezabantu abayizinkulungwane ezinhlanu, lokuthi laqoqa izitsha ezingaki?

¹⁰ Kumbe izinkwa eziyisikhombisa ezabantu abayizinkulungwane ezine lokuthi laqoqa izitsha ezigcweleyo ezingaki? ¹¹ Kungani lingezwisisi ukuthi bengingakhulumi lani ngesinkwa? Kodwa qaphelani imvubelo yabaFarisi labaSadusi.” ¹² Basebezwisisa ukuthi wayengabatsheli ukuqaphela imvubelo esetshenziswa esinkweni, kodwa ukunanzelela imfundiso yabaFarisi labaSadusi.

Ubufakazi BukaPhethro NgoKhristu

¹³ Kwathi uJesu esefike emmangweni waseKhesariya Filiphi wabuza abafundi bakhe wathi, “Abantu bathi iNdodana yoMuntu ingubani na?”

¹⁴ Baphendula bathi, “Abanye bathi nguJohane uMbaphathizi; abanye bathi

ngu-Elija; abanye njalo bathi nguJeremiya loba omunye nje wabaphrofethi.”

¹⁵ “Lina-ke?” wababuza. “Lithi ngingubani?”

¹⁶ Waphendula uSimoni Phethro wathi, “UnguKhristu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu ophilayo.”

¹⁷ UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ubusisiwe wena, Simoni, ndodana kaJona, ngokuba lokhu kawukwembulelwanga ngumuntu kodwa nguBaba osezulwini. ¹⁸ Yikho ngiyakutshela ukuthi unguPhethro, njalo phezu kwalelidwala ngizakwakha ibandla lami, futhi amasango aseHadesi akayikulahlula. ¹⁹ Ngizakupha amakhiye ombuso wasezulwini; loba kuyini okubophayo emhlabeni kuzabotshwa ezulwini, njalo loba kuyini okuthukululayo emhlabeni kuzathukululwa ezulwini.”

²⁰ Waseqonqosela abafundi bakhe ukuba bangatsheli muntu ukuthi wayenguKhristu.

UJesu Ufanisa Ngokufa Kwakhe

²¹ Kusukela ngalesosikhathi uJesu waqalisa ukuchazela abafundi bakhe ukuthi wayemele aye eJerusalema ayehlupheka ngezinto ezinengi ezandleni zabadala, abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho, njalo lokuthi wayemele abulawe kuthi ngelanga lesithathu avuswe apha.

²² UPhethro wamdonsela eceleni waqalisa ukumsola. Wathi, “Ngeke kwenzeke, Nkosi! Lokhu kakusoze kwafa kwenzeka kuwe!”

²³ UJesu waphendula wathi kuPhethro, “Sukela emva kwami, Sathane! Uyisikhubekiso kimi; engqondweni yakho kawulazo izinto zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa ucabanga ezabantu.”

²⁴ UJesu wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, “Nxa ekhona ofuna ukungilandela, kazidele athathe isiphambano sakhe angilandele. ²⁵ Ngokuba lowo ofuna ukusindisa ukuphila kwakhe kuzamlahlekela, kodwa lowo olahlekelwa yikuphila kwakhe ngenxa yami uzakuzuzwa.

²⁶ Kuzamsiza ngani umuntu uma ezuzwa wonke umhlaba, kodwa alahlekelwe ngumphefumulo wakhe na? ²⁷ Phela iNdodana yoMuntu izakuzwa ngobukhosi bukaYise kanye lezingilosi zakhe, ibisivuza umuntu ngamunye mayelana lalokho akwenzileyo. ²⁸ Ngilitshela iqiniso, abanye abemiyo khonapha kabayikuzwa ukufa bengakayiboni iNdodana yoMuntu isiza embusweni wayo.”

Ukukhazimuliswa KukaJesu

17 Ngemuva kwezinsuku

eziyisithupha uJesu wathatha uPhethro loJakhobe loJohane umfowabo kaJakhobe wabohlela entabeni ende bebodwa. ² Khonapho waguquka isimo emehlweni abo. Ubuso bakhe bakhazimula njengelanga lezigqoko zakhe zaba mhlophe njengokukhanya.

³ Khonokho kwaqhamuka uMosi e-Elija bekhuluma loJesu.

⁴ UPhethro wathi kuJesu, “Nkosi, kumnandi kithi ukuba lapha. Aluba uthanda ngizakwakha imishasha emithathu – owodwa owakho, owodwa okaMosi lomunye oka-Elija.”

⁵ Esakhuluma, iyezi elikhazimulayo labasibekela, ilizwi laphuma eyezini lathi, “Lo yiNdodana yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza kakhulu ngayo. Yilaleleni!”

⁶ Abafundi bathi bekuzwa lokhu bathi mbo phansi ngobuso, besaba. ⁷ Kodwa uJesu weza wabathinta. Wathi,

“Sukumani. Lingesabi.” ⁸ Bathi bevusa amehlo kabasabonanga muntu ngaphandle kukaJesu.

⁹ Bathi sebesehla entabeni uJesu wabalaya wathi, “Lingatsheli muntu ngalokhu elikubonileyo iNdodana yoMuntu ize ivuswe kwabafuleyo.”

¹⁰ Abafundi bambuza bathi, “Kungani pho abafundisi bomthetho besithi u-Elija kumele aqale afike?”

¹¹ UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngeqiniso, u-Elija uyeza azolungisa kutsha izinto zonke. ¹² Kodwa ngiyalitshela ngithi u-Elija uvele sewafika kodwa kabamazanga, kodwa bazenzela kuye konke ababekufuna. INdodana yoMuntu bazayichukuluza ngaleyondlela.” ¹³ Lapho-ke abafundi basebezwisisa ukuthi wayekhuluma labo ngoJohane uMbhaphathizi.

Ukusiliswa Komfana Owayeledimoni

¹⁴ Bathi sebefike exukwini labantu indoda ethile yamqonda uJesu yaguqa phambi kwakhe. ¹⁵ Yathi, “Nkosi, ake uhawukele indodana yami. Ilesithuthwane esiyijumayo kanengi, iyahlupheka kakhulu. Kanengi iwela emlilweni kumbe emanzini. ¹⁶ Ngiyilethile kubafundi bakho kodwa behlulekile ukuyisilisa.”

¹⁷ UJesu waphendula wathi, “Hawu, lina sizukulwane esingakholwayo lesonakeleyo. Ngizahlala lani kuze kube nini na? Ngizalibekezelela kuze kube nini na? Mletheni lapha kimi umfana lowo.”

¹⁸ UJesu walikhuza idimoni laphuma emfaneni wahle wasila kusona lesosikhathi.

¹⁹ Abafundi basebesiza kuJesu ngasese bambuza bathi, “Kungani sehlulekile ukulixotsha idimoni na?”

²⁰ Waphendula wathi, “Ngokuba ukholo lwenu luncinyane. Ngilitshela

iqiniso ukuthi nxa lingaba lokholo loba luluncinyane njenghulamvu yemastadi, lingathi entabeni le, ‘Suduka lapha uye laphayana’ izasuduka. Kakukho kini okungasoze kwenzekwe.”

(²¹ Kodwa uhlobo olunje aluphumi ngaphandle kwangomthandazo lokuzila ukudla.)

²² Bathi seabuthene eGalile wathi kubo, “INdodana yoMuntu izanikelwa ezandleni zabantu. ²³ Bazayibulala, kuthi ngosuku lwesithathu izavuselwa ekuphileni.” Abafundi badabuka kakhulu.

Umthelo WeThempeli

²⁴ UJesu labafundi bakhe seabefikile eKhaphenawume abaqoqi bomthelo wamadrahima amabili beza kuPhethro babuza bathi, “Kanti umfundisi wenu kawubhadali yini umthelo wethempeli?”

²⁵ Wathi, “Yebo, uyawuthela.”

Kwathi uPhethro esengenile endlini uJesu nguye owakhuluma kuqala wabuza wathi, “Uthini kambe, Simoni? Amakhosi omhlaba ayithatha kubani inkongozelo lemithelo – emadodaneni abo na loba kwabanye abantu?”

²⁶ UPhethro waphendula wathi, “Kwabanye abantu.”

UJesu wasesithi kuye, “Ngakho-ke amadodana akhululekile. ²⁷ Kodwa ukuze singabakhubi, yana echibini uphosele iwuka yakho khona. Ubothatha inhlanzi yokuqala ozayibamba; uvule umlomo wayo uzafumana khona uhlamvu lwemali engamadrahima amane. Ithathe uyiphe bona ibe ngumthelo wami lani.”

Omkhulu Kulabo Bonke Embusweni Wezulu

18 Kusonalesosikhathi abafundi beza kuJesu babuza bathi, “Ngubani

omkhulu kulabo bonke embusweni wezulu na?”

² Wabiza umntwana omncinyane wammisa phakathi kwabo. ³ Wasesithi, “Ngiqinisile ngithi kini, ngaphandle kokuba liguquke libe njengabantwana abancinyane, kalisoze lafa langena embusweni wezulu. ⁴ Ngakho lowo ozithobayo njengomntwana lo nguye omkhulu kulabo bonke embusweni wezulu.

⁵ “Njalo lowo owamukela umntwana omncane njengalo egameni lami wemukela mina. ⁶ Kodwa loba ngubani owenza omunye walaba abancinyane abakholwa kimi ukuthi enze isono, kungaba ngcono kuye ukuthi kulengiswe entanyeni yakhe ilitshakazi lokuchola agaluliswe enzikini yolwandle.

⁷ “Maye kuwo umhlaba ngenxa yezinto ezenza abantu benze isono! Izinto ezinjalo zivele ziyafika, kodwa maye kulowomuntu ezifika ngaye!

⁸ Aluba isandla sakho loba unyawo lwakho lukwenzisa isono kuqume ukulahle. Kungcono kuwe ukuba ungene ekuphileni uyingini kumbe ugogekile kulokuba lezandla ezimbili kumbe izinyawo ezimbili ujinga uphoselwe emlilweni waphakade. ⁹ Aluba ilihlo lakho likwenzisa isono, likopole ulilahle. Kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni ulelihlo elilodwa kulokuba lamehlo amabili kodwa uphoselwe emlilweni wesihogo.

Umzekeliso Wemvu Elahlekileyo

¹⁰ “Nanzelelani ukuthi lingeyisi lamunye walaba abancinyane. Phela ngilitshela ukuthi izingilosi zabo ezulwini zihlezi zibubona ubuso bukaBaba ezulwini. (¹¹ INdodana yoMuntu yalanda ukusindisa okwakulahlekile.)

¹²“Kambe lithini na? Uma indoda ilezimvu ezilikhulu enye iqambuke kwezinye, kayiyikuzitshiya yini lezo ezingamatshumi aficamunye lesificamunye ezintabeni iyoyidinga leyo eqambukileyo? ¹³Ithi ingayifumana, ngiyalitshela, iyathokoza ngaleyo okudlula lezo ezingamatshumi aficamunye lesificamunye ezingazange ziqambuke. ¹⁴Ngaleyondlela uYihlo ezulwini kafisi ukuthi lamunye walaba abancinyane alahleke.

Umfowenu Owenza Isono Kuwe

¹⁵“Uma umfowenu esenza okubi kuwe, yana kuye umtshengise isiphambeko sakhe lilodwa lobabili. Uma ekulalela usumzuzile umfowenu.

¹⁶Kodwa nxa engalaleli biza omunye loba ababili ukuze indaba yonke ivele obala ilabofakazi ababili loba abathathu. ¹⁷Uma esala ukubalalela tshela ibandla; uma esala ukulilalela lalo ibandla mthatheni njengongakholwayo kumbe njengomthelisi.

¹⁸“Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, ingqe yikuphi elikubophayo emhlabeni kuzabotshwa ezulwini, njalo lokho elikuthukululayo emhlabeni kuzathukululwa ezulwini.

¹⁹“Njalo ngiyalitshela ukuthi aluba ababili kini emhlabeni bevumelana loba ngalutho bani elilucelayo lizalwenzelwa nguBaba osezulwini.

²⁰Ngoba lapho okuhlangana khona ababili loba abathathu ngebizo lami, ngizabe ngikhona labo lami.”

Umzekeliso Wenceku Engelasihawu

²¹UPhethro weza kuJesu wabuza wathi, “Nkosi, umfowethu ngizamthethelela kangaki nxa elokhu engona na? Kuze kube kakhombisa na?”

²²UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngithi, hatshi kakhombisa, kodwa okwezikhathi

ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa.

²³“Ngakho umbuso wezulu unjengenkosi eyayifuna ukuqeda izikwelede zayo lezisebenzi zayo.

²⁴Yathi isiqalisa ukuthonisa kwaletshwa kuyo indoda eyayilesikwelede samathalenta azinkulungwane ezilitshumi. ²⁵Kwathi ngoba ingelamandla okubhadala inkosi yalaya ukuthi yona lomkayo labantwana lakho konke ayelakho kakuthengiswe ukuze kuqedwe umlandu.

²⁶“Isisebenzi satshaya ngamadolo phansi phambi kwenkosi sayincenga sathi, ‘Ake ungibekezelele, ngizabhadala konke.’ ²⁷Inkosi yesisebenzi leso yasizwela usizi yawesula umlandu yasiyekela sahamba.

²⁸“Kodwa lesosisebenzi sonela ukuphuma, safumana esinye isisebenzi esasilesikwelede saso samadenariyu alikhulu. Sasibamba ngomphimbo sasiklinya sathi ngolaka, ‘Bhadala isikwelede sami!’

²⁹“Lowo owayesebenza laye wawa ngamadolo wamncenga wathi, ‘Ake ungibekezelele, ngizakubhadala.’

³⁰“Kodwa yena wala. Endaweni yalokho, wahamba wenza ukuba leyondoda iphoselwe entolongweni ize iqale ibhadale isikwelede. ³¹Kwathi ezinye izisebenzi sezibonile okwakwenzakele zacaphuka kakhulu zayaceba enkosini ngalokho okwenzakalayo.

³²“Inkosi yase isibiza lesosisebenzi, yathi, ‘Wena nceku embi. Ngisesulile sonke isikwelede sakho ngokuba ungincengile. ³³Kungani pho ungazwelanga omunye wakho isihawu njengalokhu ngenzile kuwe?’ ³⁴Inkosi yakhe yazonda yafa yamnikela kubaphathi bejele ukuthi bamchukuluze aze asibhadale sonke isikwelede.

³⁵“Yiyo le indlela uBaba osezulwini azaphatha ngayo lowo lalowo wenu uma lingathetheleli umfowenu kuphuma enhliziyweni.”

Ukuchitha Umtshado

19 UJesu eseqedile ukutsho lezizinto,

wasuka eGalile waya emmangweni waseJudiya ngaphetsheya kweJodani.

²Walandelwa ngamaxuku amakhulu abantu, wabasilisa khona lapho.

³Abanye abaFarisi beza kuye ukuzamlinga. Bambuza bathi, “Kusemthethweni yini ukuthi indoda ilahle umkayo loba kungasiphi isizatho?”

⁴Waphendula wathi, “Kalikubalanga yini ukuthi ekuqaleni uMdali ‘wabenza baba yisilisa lesifazana,’ ⁵wathi, ‘Ngalesi isizatho indoda izatshiya uyise lonina ihlanganiswe lomkayo, kuthi laba ababili bazakuba yinyama nye?’ ⁶Ngakho kabasebabili, kodwa sebemunye. Ngakho lokho uNkulunkulu asekuhlanganisile akungehlukani swa muntu.”

⁷Babuza bathi, “Kungani pho uMosi walaya ukuthi indoda imuphe umkayo incwadi yesahlukaniso imxotshe?”

⁸UJesu waphendula wathi, “UMosi walivumela ukuthi lilahle omkenu ngokuba izinhliziyu zenu zazilukhuni. Kodwa kwakungenjalo ekuqaleni. ⁹Ngilitshela ukuthi lowo olahla umkakhe, ngaphandle kokuba efebile, athathe omunye umfazi uyaphinga.”

¹⁰Abafundi bathi kuye, “Nxakumi kanjalo phakathi kwendoda lomkayo kungcono ukungathathi.”

¹¹UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kasuye wonke ongalemukela leli ilizwi, kodwa labo kuphela abaliphiweyo. ¹²Ngokuba abanye bangabathenwa ngenxa yokuthi bazalwa benjalo; abanye benziwa njalo

ngabantu; njalo abanye bakudela ukutshada ngenxa yombuso wezulu. Lowo ongakwamukela lokho kakwemukele.”

¹³Kwasekulethwa abantwana abancinyane kuJesu ukuba ababeke izandla abakhulekele. Kodwa abafundi babakhuza labo ababalethayo.

¹⁴UJesu wathi, “Yekelani abantwana beze kimi, lingabavimbeli, ngokuba umbuso wezulu ungowabanjengalaba.”

¹⁵Esebabekile izandla wasuka lapho wahamba.

Ijaha Elinothileyo

¹⁶Kweza enye indoda kuJesu yabuza yathi, “Mfundisi, ngenzeni okulungileyo ukuze ngizuze ukuphila okungapheliyo na?”

¹⁷UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ungibuzelani ngokulungileyo na? Munye kuphela olungileyo. Uma ufuna ukungena ekuphileni, landela imilayo.”

¹⁸Indoda yabuza yathi, “Yiphi na?”

UJesu waphendula wathi, “‘Ungabulali, ungaphingi, ungebi, ungafakazeli amanga, ¹⁹hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko,’ njalo ‘thanda umakhelwana njengoba uzithanda wena.’”

²⁰Ijaha lathi, “Yonke le ngiyigcinile. Pho ngisaswelani na?”

²¹UJesu waphendula wathi, “Aluba ufuna ukuthi uphelele, thengisa yonke inotho yakho uphe abayanga, lapho-ke uzakuba lenotho ezulwini. Usungeza ungilandele.”

²²Kwathi ukuba ijaha lelo likuzwe lokho, lasuka lidanile ngokuba lalilenotho enengi kakhulu.

²³UJesu wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi kunzima emuntwini onothileyo ukuthi angene embusweni wezulu. ²⁴Njalo ngiyalitshela ukuthi kungaba lula ukuthi ikamela lingene embotsheni yenalithi kulokuthi

umuntu onothileyo angene embusweni kaNkulunkulu.”

²⁵ Kwathi abafundi sebekuzwile lokhu bamangala kakhulu babuza bathi, “Pho ngubani ongasindiswa na?”

²⁶ UJesu wabakhangela wathi, “Ngokwabantu, lokhu kakwenzeki, kodwa kuNkulunkulu zonke izinto ziyenzeka.”

²⁷ UPhethro wamphendula wathi, “Sesitshiye konke ukuze sikulandele! Pho sizazuzani na?”

²⁸ UJesu wathi kubo, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi ngesikhathi sokwenziwa kabutsha izinto zonke, lapho iNdodana yoMuntu isihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, lina elingilandelayo lani lizahlala ezihlalweni zobukhosi ezilitshumi lambili, lahlulele izizwana ezilitshumi lambili zako-Israyeli. ²⁹ Njalo bonke labo abatshiye izindlu zabo, loba abafowabo, loba odadewabo kumbe uyise loba unina kumbe abantwana loba amasimu ngenxa yami bazakwamukeliswa okwandiswe ngekhulu njalo bazakudla ilifa lokuphila kwaphakade. ³⁰ Kodwa abanengi abangabokuqala bazakuba ngabokucina njalo abanengi abangabokucina bazakuba ngabokuqala.

Umzekeliso Wezisebenzi Esivinini

20 “Ngokuba umbuso wezulu unjengomlimi owaphuma ekuseni kakhulu wayaqatsha amadoda okusebenza esivinini sakhe.

² Wathembisa ukubaholisa udenariyu okwalolosuku wasebathumela esivinini sakhe.

³ Waphuma njalo ngehora lesithathu wabona abanye bezimele nje emsikeni bengenzi lutho. ⁴ Wabatshela wathi, ‘Lani hambani liyosebenza esivinini sami, ngizaliholisa okufaneleyo.’

⁵ Bahamba.

“Wabuye waphuma ngehora lesithupha langedhora lesificamunye wenza khona lokho. ⁶ Sekusondele ihora letshumi waphuma wafumana abanye bezimele nje khonapho. Wababuza wathi, ‘Kungani kukade lilokhu limi lapha ilanga lonke lingenzi lutho na?’

⁷ “‘Ngokuba kakho osiqatshileyo,’ batsho bemphendula.

“Wathi kubo, ‘Lani hambani liyosebenza esivinini sami.’

⁸ “Kwathi sekuntambama, umnininsimu wathi enduneni yezisebenzi, ‘Biza izisebenzi uzipe iholo lazo, uqalise ngabokucina usehla usiya kwabokuqala.’

⁹ “Izisebenzi ezaqatshwa sekubanga ihora letshumi lanye zeza ngamunye zaphiwa udenariyu.

¹⁰ Kungakho bathi sebefika labo abaqatshwa kuqala balindela ukuphiwa okwedlulayo. Kodwa ngamunye wabo waphiwa udenariyu. ¹¹ Bonela ukuyamukela baqalisa ukumsola umnininsimu besithi, ¹² “Lababantu abaqatshwe ekucineni basebenze ihora elilodwa kuphela, kodwa usubalinganise lathi thina esithwale kanzima ngomsebenzi sitshiswa lilanga usuku lonke.’

¹³ Kodwa waphendula omunye wabo wathi, ‘Mnakwethu, angikudlelezeli ngalutho. Kawuvumanga yini ukusebenzela udenariyu? ¹⁴ Thatha umholo wakho uhambe. Mina ngithanda ukupha indoda leyo eqatshwe muva okulinganayo lalokho engikunike khona. ¹⁵ Kangilalungelo na ukwenza loba yini engiyithandayo ngemali yami? Kumbe ulomhawu ngokuphana kwami na?’

¹⁶ “Kunjalo owokucina uzakuba ngowokuqala, lowokuqala abe ngowokucina.

UJesu Ubonisa Njalo Ngokufa Kwakhe.

¹⁷ Kwathi uJesu esesiya eJerusalema wathatha abafundi abalitshumi lambili wema labo eceleni wathi kubo,
¹⁸ “Sesisiya eJerusalema lapho iNdodana yoMuntu ezanikelwa khona kubaphristi abakhulu labafundi bomthetho. Bazayigwebela ukufa ¹⁹ bayinikele kwabeZizwe ukuba iyangiswe, itshaywe njalo ibethelwe. Ngosuku lwesithathu izavuswa iphile!”

Isicelo Somzali Wesifazana

²⁰ Kwasekufika unina wamadodana kaZebedi kuJesu elamadodana akhe waguqa phansi wacela ukuthi ezwelwe.

²¹ UJesu wabuza wathi, “Kuyini okufunayo na?”

Yena wathi, “Thembisa ukuthi omunye wala amadodana ami amabili uzahlala kwesokunene kwakho kuthi omunye laye ahlale kwesokhohlo kwakho.”

²² UJesu wathi kubo, “Kalikwazi elikucelayo. Lingayinatha na inkezo engizayinatha?”

Bathi, “Yebo singayinatha.”

²³ UJesu wathi kubo, “Yebo kambe lizanatha kuyo inkezo yami, kodwa ukuhlala kwesokunene loba kwesokhohlo kakusikho kwami ukukuvumela. Izindawo lezi ngezalabo abazilungiselwe nguBaba.”

²⁴ Kwathi abalitshumi bekuzwa lokhu bazithukuthelela izelamani lezi.

²⁵ UJesu wasebabizela ndawonye wathi, “Liyakwazi ukuthi ababusi baleziZizwe bazibusa kalukhuni, kuthi lezikhulu zabo zikhonye phezu kwabo.
²⁶ Kakunjalo kini. Kodwa loba ngubani ofuna ukuba mkhulu phakathi kwenu kabe yinceku yenu, ²⁷ lalowo ofuna ukuba ngowokuqala kabe yisichaka senu – ²⁸ njengeNdodana yoMuntu engezela ukuzakhonzwa, kodwa ukukhonza, lokunikela ukuphila kwayo

kube lihlawulo labanengi.”

Iziphofu Ezimbili Zenziwa Zibone

²⁹ Kwathi uJesu labafundi bakhe sebesuka eJerikho ixuku elikhulu labantu lamlandela. ³⁰ Amadoda amabili ayiziphofu ayehlezi eceleni komgwaqo. Athi esizwa ukuthi uJesu wayesedlula khonapho amemeza athi, “Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida, sihawukele!”

³¹ Ixuku labantu lawakhuza lathi kawathule, kodwa amemeza ngamandla athi, “Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida, sihawukele!”

³² UJesu wema wawabiza, wawabuza wathi, “Lifuna ukuba ngilenzeleni?”

³³ Aphendula athi, “Nkosi, sifuna ukuthi sibone.”

³⁴ UJesu wawazwela isihawu wawabambabamba emehlweni awo. Masinyane nje ahle abona asemlandela.

Ukungena Ngomkhosi Omkhulu EJerusalema

21 Bathi besondela eJerusalema, sebefike eBhethifage eNtabeni yama-Oliva uJesu wathuma abafundi ababili ² wathi kubo, “Yanini emzini ophambi kwenu, khonapho lizabona ubabhemi ebotshele, lethole lakhe likhonapho. Mthukululeni lize labo bobabili kimi. ³ Nxa kusiba lomuntu otsho ulutho kini, mtsheleni ukuthi iNkosi iyabaswela, uzahle abayekele bahambe masinyane.”

⁴ Lokhu kwenzeka ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngomphrofethi ukuthi:

⁵ “Tshela iNdodakazi yaseZiyoni ukuthi,

‘Khangela, inkosi yakho iyeza kuwe, imnene ikhwele ubabhemi, iphezu kwethole, inkonyane kababhemi.’ ”

⁶ Abafundi bahamba benza njengokulaywa kwabo nguJesu.

⁷ Bamletha ubabhemi lethole, bendlala izingubo zabo phezu kwabobabhemi uJesu wahlala phezu kwazo. ⁸ Ixuku elikhulu labantu lendlala izingubo zalo endleleni. ⁹ Amaxuku ayehamba phambi kwakhe lalawo ayelandela amemeza athi,

“Hosana kuyo iNdodana kaDavida!”

“Ubusisiwe yena ozayo ngebizo leNkosi!”

“Hosana phezulu kwaphezulu!”

¹⁰ Kwathi uJesu esengenile eJerusalema umuzi wonke wanyakazela abantu babuzana bathi, “Kanti ngubani lo?”

¹¹ Amaxuku aphenyula athi, “Lo nguJesu, umphrofethi waseNazaretha eGalile.”

UJesu Ethempelini

¹² UJesu wangena esigcawini sethempeli wabaxotsha bonke ababethenga lababethengisa khona. Wagenqula amatafula alabo ababentshintshela abanye izimali lezihlalo zabathengisa amajuba. ¹³ Wathi kubo, “Kulotshiwe ukuthi, ‘Indlu yami izabizwa ngokuthi yindlu yokukhuleka,’ kodwa lina seliyenza ‘ubhalu lwabaphangi.’”

¹⁴ Iziphofu labaqhuzelayo beza kuye ethempelini wabasilisa. ¹⁵ Kodwa kwathi abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho bebona izimanga ayezenza labantwana bememeza esigcawini sethempeli besithi, “Hosana kuyo iNdodana kaDavida,” banengeka.

¹⁶ Bambuza bathi, “Uyabezwa nje abantwana laba ukuthi bathini?”

“Yebo,” waphendula uJesu, “Kalikaze lifunde ukuthi,

“ ‘Ezindebeni zabantwana lezinsane uyimisile indumiso’?”

¹⁷ Wasebatshiya waphuma edolobheni waya eBhethani lapho alala khona.

Isihlahla Somkhiwa Siyabuna

¹⁸ Ekuseni kakhulu esebuyela edolobheni wezwa eselambile.

¹⁹ Wabona isihlahla somkhiwa eceleni kwendlela waqambukela kuso kodwa wathola kungelalutho kuso ngaphandle kwamahlamvu nje. Wasesithi kuso, “Ungaphindi uthele izithelo lanini!” Khonapho nje isihlahla sahle sabuna.

²⁰ Abafundi bathi bekubona lokhu bamangala kakhuku. Babuza bathi, “Kwenzeke kanjani ukuthi isihlahla somkhiwa sibune masinyane kangaka?”

²¹ UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi uma lilokukholwa njalo lingathandabuzi, kalisoze lenze nje okwenziwe kulesi isihlahla somkhiwa, kodwa njalo lingathi kule intaba, ‘Suka, ziphosele olwandle,’ lakanye kwenzeke. ²² Uma likholwa lizaphiwa loba yini eliyicelayo ngomthandazo.”

Kubuzwa Ngemvelo Yamandla KaJesu

²³ UJesu wangena ethempelini, kwathi elokhu efundisa abaphristi abakhulu labadala babantu beza kuye. Bambuza bathi, “Izinto lezi uzenza ngawaphi amandla na? Ngubani okunike amandla la?”

²⁴ UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lami ngizalibuza umbuzo owodwa.

Lingangiphendula, ngizalitshele ukuthi izinto lezi ngizenza ngawaphi amandla.

²⁵ Ukubhaphathiza kukaJohane – kwavela ngaphi na? Kwakubela ezulwini na loba ebantwini?”

Bangunguza bodwa ngalokho bathi, “Uma sisithi, ‘Kwavela ezulwini,’ uzakuthi, ‘Pho kungani lingamkholwanga na?’ ²⁶ Kodwa singathi, ‘Kwavela ebantwini – sesaba abantu ngokuba bonke uJohane bamthatha njengomphrofethi.”

²⁷ Ngakho bamphendula uJesu bathi, “Kasikwazi.”

Ngakho wasesithi, “Lami kangiyikulitshele ukuthi izinto lezi ngizenza ngamandla bani.

Umzekeliso Wamadodana Amabili

²⁸ “Lithini kambe? Kwakulendoda eyayilamadodana amabili. Yaya kweyokuqala yathi, ‘Ndodana, lamuhla hamba uyosebenza esivinini.’

²⁹ “Yaphendula yathi, ‘Kangisoze ngiye mina,’ kodwa yaphinde yazisola yahamba.

³⁰ “Uyise wasesiya kwenye indodana watsho okufanayo. Yaphendula yathi, ‘Ngizahamba, baba,’ kodwa kayihambanga.

³¹ “Yiyiphi phakathi kwawo womabili eyenza lokho okwakufunwa nguyise na?” Baphendula bathi, “Ngeyakuqala.”

UJesu wathi kubo, “Ngilitshele iqiniso ngithi abathelisi lezifebe bazangena embusweni kaNkulunkulu kuqala kulani. ³² Ngoba uJohane weza kini ukuzalitshengisa indlela yokulunga, kodwa kalimkholwanga, ikanti abathelisi lezifebe bamkholwa. Kwathi lokuba selikubonile konke lokhu kalimkholwanga.

Umzekeliso Wabalimi Esivinini

³³ “Zwanini omunye umzekeliso: Kwakukhona umnini wesiqinti owahlanyela isivini. Wasihonqolozela ngomduli, wagebha isikhamelo sewayini phakathi wasesakha isilindo. Waseqatshisa isivini leso kubalimi wasuka wathatha uhambo. ³⁴ Kuthe sekufika isikhathi sokuvuna wathuma izisebenzi kulabobalimi ukuyathatha izithelo.

³⁵ “Abalimi bazibamba izisebenzi zakhe; basitshaya esinye, basibulala esinye kwathi esesithathu basikhanda ngamatshe. ³⁶ Wasethuma ezinye izisebenzi kubo, ezinengi kulezakuqala, njalo abalimi baziphatha ngendlela yinye. ³⁷ Ekucineni wasethumela indodana yakhe kubo. Wathi, “Bazayihlonipha indodana yami.”

³⁸ “Kodwa kwathi abalimi beyibona indodana batshelana bathi, ‘Lo yindlalifa. Wozani simbulale silithathe ilifa lakhe.’ ³⁹ Ngakho bamdumela bamphosela ngaphandle kwesivini bambulala.

⁴⁰ “Pho-ke nxa umnini wesivini esesiza uzabathini abalimi labo na?”

⁴¹ Baphendula bathi, “Uzababonisa into yamehlo, abeseqatshisa isivini sakhe kwabanye abalimi abazamnika ingxenye yakhe yezithelo ngesikhathi sokuvuna.”

⁴² UJesu wathi kubo, “Kalibalanga yini eMibhalweni ukuthi:

“Iitshe elaliwe ngabakhi
seliyilona insika yegumbi;
yiNkosi ekwenzileyo lokhu,
yikho kuyamangalisa ngokubona
kwethu?”

⁴³ “Ngakho ngiyalitshele ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu lizawuthathelwa uphiwe abantu abazathela izithelo zawo.

⁴⁴ Lowo ozawela phezu kwalelilitshe

uzacubuzeka, kodwa lowo elizawela phezu kwakhe uzahlifizwa.”

⁴⁵ Kwathi abaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi besizwa imizekeliso kaJesu bakwazi ukuthi wayekhuluma ngabo.

⁴⁶ Badinga indlela yokumbopha, kodwa besaba ixuku labantu ngokuba abantu bambona njengomphrofethi.

Umzekeliso Wedili Lomthimba

22 UJesu wakhuluma kubo njalo

ngemizekeliso wathi: ²“Umbuso wezulu unjengenkosi eyalungisela indodana yayo idili lomthimba.

³ Yathuma izisebenzi zayo kulabo ababemenyiwe edilini ukuba beze kodwa bala ukuza.

⁴“Yaphinde yathuma ezinye izisebenzi yathi, ‘Batsheleni labo abanxusiweyo ukuthi sengililungisile idili. Ngihlabe izinkabi lezinkomo ezinonisiweyo, konke sekulungile. Wozani edilini lomthimba.’

⁵“Kodwa kabakunanzanga lokho bazihambela – omunye waya ensimini yakhe, omunye emsebenzini wakhe.

⁶ Abanye bazibamba izisebenzi zayo, bazihlukuluza bazibulala. ⁷ Inkosi yathukuthela. Yathumela impi yayo yababhuqa labobabulali yatshisa idolobho labo.

⁸“Yasisithi ezisebenzini zayo, ‘Idili lomthimba selilungile, kodwa labo engibanxusileyo bebengasafanele ukuza.

⁹ Hambani liye emahlanganweni ezindlela linxuse loba ngubani elimbonayo.’ ¹⁰ Ngakho izisebenzi zangena ezitaladini zabutha bonke abantu ezababonayo, abalungileyo lababi, indlu yomthimba yagcwala izethekeli.

¹¹“Kodwa kwathi inkosi ingena ukuzabona izethekeli yananzelela khonapho indoda eyeyingavunulanga

izigqoko zomtshado. ¹² Yabuza yathi, “Mfowethu, ungene njani lapha ungelazigqoko zomthimba?” Indoda yatsha amathe.

¹³“Inkosi yase itshela izithunywa zayo yathi, ‘Mbopheni izandla lezinyawo limphosele ngaphandle ebumnyameni, lapho okuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo.’

¹⁴“Ngokuba banengi ababiziweyo kodwa balutshwana abakhethiweyo.”

Ukuthela KuKhesari

¹⁵ Lapho-ke abafarisi basuka baphuma bayaceba ukuthi bambambe ngamazwi akhe. ¹⁶ Bathuma abafundi babo kuye behamba lamaHerodiya. Bathi, “Mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi uyindoda elobuqotho lokuthi ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu ngokweqiniso. Kawusuye uthathekile ngoba kawuhugwa yikuthi bangobani. ¹⁷ Sitshele-ke, uthini ngalokhu? Kuqondile na ukuthela kuKhesari kumbe hatshi?”

¹⁸ UJesu ngokwazi inhloso yabo embi wathi, “Lina bazenzisi, lenzani lizama ukungigwenxa na? ¹⁹ Ake lingitshengise uhlamvu lwemali okuthelwa ngayo. Bamlethela udenariyu, ²⁰ wasebabuza wathi, “Ngumfanekiso kabani lo? Njalo luphawu lukabani lolu?”

²¹ Baphendula bathi, “NgokukaKhesari.”

Wasesithi kubo, “Phanini uKhesari okungokukaKhesari loNkulunkulu okungokukaNkulunkulu.”

²² Bathi besizwa lokhu bamangala. Ngakho baxeka kuye bahamba.

Ukuthathana Ekuvukeni Kwabafuleyo

²³ Ngalonalelolanga abasadusi, abathi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafuleyo, beza kuye belombuzo. ²⁴ Bathi, “Mfundisi, uMosi wasitshela wathi uma indoda ingafa ingazalanga mntwana, umfowabo

kamthathe umfelokazi amzalele abantwana. ²⁵ Kwakulabafowabo abayisikhombisa phakathi kwethu. Wathatha owakuqala wasesifa, kwathi ngoba engazuzanga mntwana watshiyela umkakhe umfowabo. ²⁶ Kwaphinda lokho kowesibili lowesithathu, njalo kwaze kwaba ngowesikhombisa. ²⁷ Ekucineni wafa lowomfazi. ²⁸ Manje-ke ekuvukeni kwabafileyo uzakuba ngumka bani walabo abayisikhombisa ngoba phela bonke babemthethe?"

²⁹ UJesu waphendula wathi, "Liyalahleka ngokuba kaliyazi imiBhalo njalo lamandla kaNkulunkulu.

³⁰ Ekuvukeni kwabafileyo abantu kabayikuthatha loba bendiswe; bazakuba njengezingilosi ezulwini. ³¹ Kodwa mayelana lokuvuka kwabafileyo – kalifundanga yini lokho uNkulunkulu akutsho kini ukuthi,

³² 'NginguNkulunkulu ka-Abrahama, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka loNkulunkulu kaJakhobe?" Kasuye uNkulunkulu wabafileyo kodwa ngowabaphilayo."

³³ Kwathi amaxuku abantu esizwa lokhu amangaliswa yimfundiso yakhe.

Umlayo Odlula Yonke

³⁴ AbaFarisi sebezwile ukuthi uJesu wayesebathulisile abaSadusi, bahlangana ndawonye. ³⁵ Omunye wabo owayeyisazi somthetho wamlinga ngalo umbuzo, ³⁶ "Mfundisi, yiwuphi umlayo omkhulu kulayo yonke eMthethweni?"

³⁷ UJesu waphendula wathi, " 'Thanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke langengqondo yakho yonke.' ³⁸ Yiwo oyingqala njalo odlula yonke imilayo. ³⁹ Owesibili unjengawo: 'Thanda umakhelwana wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena.' ⁴⁰ Wonke uMthetho labaPhrofethi kweyeme kuyonale imilayo emibili."

UKhristu UyiNdodana Kabani?

⁴¹ Kwathi abaFarisi behlangene ndawonye uJesu wababuza wathi,

⁴² "Lithini ngoKhristu na? Uyindodana kabani?"

Baphendula bathi, "Yindodana kaDavida."

⁴³ Wathi kubo, "Kungani pho uDavida wathi ekhuluma ngoMoya umbiza athi 'Nkosi'? Ngoba uthi,

⁴⁴ INkosi yathi eNkosini yami:

'Hlala ngakwesokunene sami ngize ngibeke izitha zakho ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakho,"

⁴⁵ Pho, uma uDavida esithi kuye, 'Nkosi', angaba yindodana yakhe njani?" ⁴⁶ Kakho loyedwa owaba lelizwi lokumphendula. Kwathi-ke kusukela ngalolosuku kakho owaqunga isibindi sokumbuza eminye imibuzo.

Izixwayiso Ezizisikhombisa

23 UJesu wasesithi emaxukwini abantu lakubafundi bakhe:

² "Abafundisi bomthetho labaFarisi bahlezi esihlalweni sikaMosi. ³ Ngakho limele libalalele lenze konke abalitshele khona. Kodwa lingakwenzi abakwenzayo, ngokuba kabakulandeli lokho abakutshumayelayo. ⁴ Baqoqa imithwalo enzima bayetshathe emahlombe abantu kodwa bona bengafuni lokuthi thiki bayithwale.

⁵ "Konke abakwenzayo bakwenzela ukuba babonwe ngabantu: Benza imicwatsho yabo yemibhalo ibe banzi lezintshaka zezigqoko zabo zibe zinde;

⁶ bathanda izindawo eziphezulu emadilini lezihlalo eziqakathekileyo emasinagogeni, ⁷ bathanda

ukubingelelwa emisikeni lokuthi abantu bababize ngokuthi ‘Rabi.’

⁸“Kodwa lina malingabizwa kuthiwe ‘Rabi,’ ngokuba munye kuphela oyiNkosi yenu njalo lina lonke lingabafowenu. ⁹Futhi lingabizi muntu emhlabeni ngokuthi ‘baba’, ngokuba lilo Yihlo oyedwa, yena osezulwini. ¹⁰Njalo lingabizwa lithiwe ‘mfundisi,’ ngokuba liloMfundisi oyedwa, uKhristu.

¹¹Omkhulu kulani lonke phakathi kwenu uzakuba yinceku yenu.

¹²Ngokuba lowo oziphakamisayo uzathotshiswa, lalowo ozithobayo uzaphakanyiswa.

¹³“Maye, kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakubaFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Livalela abantu umbuso wezulu. Lina ngokwenu kalingeni liphinde livimbele labo abazama ukungena.

(¹⁴“Maye, kini bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi lina bazenzisi,! Liphanga izindlu zabafelokazi, beselizenzisa lisenza imikhuleko emide: ngalokho lizakwamukeliswa ukulahlwa okukhulu.)

¹⁵“Maye, kini bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Lidabula ilizwe lihambe laphezu kolwandle lidinga ukuphendula oyedwa zwi, lithi selimzuzile limguqule abe yindodana yesihogweni okuphindwe kabili kulani.

¹⁶“Maye kini, baholi abayiziphofu! Lithi, ‘Nxa umuntu efunga ngethempeli kakutsho lutho; kodwa nxa umuntu efunga ngegolide lethempeli usezibophile ngesifungo sakhe. ¹⁷Lina ziphofundini! Yikuphi okukhulu kulokunye: igolide kumbe ithempeli elingcwelisa igolide? ¹⁸Lithi njalo, ‘Uma umuntu efunga nge-alithare, akusilutho; kodwa uma umuntu efunga ngesipho esikulo usezibophile ngesifungo sakhe.’

¹⁹Lina ziphofu zabantu! Yikuphi okudlula okunye: isipho langabe

i-alithare elenza isipho sibe ngcwele?

²⁰Ngakho lowo ofunga nge-alithare ufunga ngalo langakho konke okukulo.

²¹Njalo lowo ofunga ngethempeli ufunga ngalo njalo langaye lowo ohlala kulo.

²²Njalo lalowo ofunga ngezulu ufunga ngesihlalo sobukhosi langaye ohlezi phezu kwaso.

²³“Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, bazenzisi! Linika okwetshumi okweziyoliso zenu – iminti ledili lekhamini. Kodwa seliyekethisile kulezozinto eziyisiqokoqela somthetho – ukwenza okulungileyo kwabanye, umusa kanye lokwethembeka. Bekufanele lithi likwenza lokhu lingawuyekethisanga umthetho. ²⁴Lina baholi abayiziphofu! Liyacenga ukukhupha ubuyane kodwa lihubule ikamela.

²⁵“Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Lihlambulula ingaphandle yenkomitshi lomganu, kodwa phakathi zigcwele ubuhwaba lokuzisuthisa. ²⁶Siphofu soMfarisi! Qala uhlambulule ingaphakathi yenkomitshi lomganu, kuze kuthi ingaphandle layo ihlambuluke.

²⁷“Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Linjengamadlinza aconjiweyo ngekalaga, akhanya ebukeya ngaphandle kodwa ngaphakathi agcwele amathambo abantu abafuleyo lakho konke okungcolileyo. ²⁸Kanjalo, ngaphandle libonakala ebantwini linjengabalungileyo kodwa ngaphakathi ligcwele ukuzenzisa lokungcola.

²⁹“Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Lakhela abaphrofethi amathuna njalo licecise amangcwaba abalungileyo. ³⁰Bese lisithi, ‘Ngabe saphila ngezinsuku zabokhokho bethu sasingeyikubaphathisa ekuchitheni igazi labaphrofethi.’ ³¹Ngalokho yini elipha ubufakazi bokuthi

liyisizukulwane salabo ababulala

abaphrofethi. ³²Nanko-ke, velani liqedise lesosono sabokhokho benu!

³³“Lina zinyoka! Lina nkunkuma yezinhlangwana! Lizaphepha kanjani ukuba lilahlelwe esihogweni na?”

³⁴Ngakho ngilithumela abaphrofethi lamadoda ahlakaniphileyo labafundisi. Abanye babo lizababulala libabethele; abanye lizababhaxula emasinagogeni enu lilandelelane labo kuleli laleliyana idolobho. ³⁵Ngakho-ke lonke igazi elilungileyo elachithwayo emhlabeni kusukela egazini lika-Abela owayelungile kusiya egazini likaZekharia indodana kaBherekhiya elambulala phakathi laphakathi kwethempeli le-alithare lizakwehliselwa phezu kwenu. ³⁶Ngilitshelela iqiniso, konke lokhu kuzakuba phezu kwalesi isizukulwane.

³⁷“Hawu Jerusalema, wena obulala abaphrofethi ubakhande ngamatshe labo abathunywe kuwe, sekukanengi ngilangazela ukuqoqa ndawonye abantwabakho, njengesikhukhukazi siqoqa amatshiyane aso ngaphansi kwamaphiko aso, kodwa wena wawungathandi. ³⁸Bona-ke indlu yakho isisele isikhala ibhungane.

³⁹Phela ngiyalitshelela ukuthi kaliseyikuphinde lingibone futhi lize lithi, ‘Ubusiwe lowo oza ngebizo leNkosi.’ ”

Izibonakaliso Zokucina Kwesikhathi

24 UJesu wathi esuka ethempelini esehamba abafundi bakhe beza kuye bathi kake ananzelele izakhiwo zalo.

²Wathi, “Liyazibona na zonke lezi izinto? Ngiyalitshelela kakulalitshe lapha elizasala liphezu kwelinye; wonke azabhidlizwa.”

³Kwathi uJesu ehlezi eNtabeni yama-Oliva abafundi bakhe beza kuye ngasese

bathi, “Sitshele, kuzakwenzakala nini lokhu na, njalo kuzakuba lesiboniso bani sokuza kwakho lokucina kwesikhathi na?”

⁴UJesu waphendula wathi, “Qaphelani ukuze lingakhohliswa muntu. ⁵Ngoba abanengi bazakuza ngebizo lami besithi, ‘Nginguye uKhristu, ‘ bakhohlise abanengi.

⁶Lizakuzwa ngezimpi lamahungahunga ezimpi, kodwa lingaze lethuka. Izinto ezinjalo zizakwenzeka, kodwa ukucina kulokhu kuseza. ⁷Isizwe sizahlasela isizwe, lombuso uhlasel umbuso. Kuzakuba lendlala lokuzamazama komhlaba ezindaweni ezitshiyeneyo.

⁸Konke lokhu kuyikuqalisa kobuhlungu bokuhlelwa.

⁹“Lapho lizanikelwa ukuba lihlutshwe njalo libulawe, futhi lizazondwa yizizwe zonke ngenxa yami. ¹⁰Ngalesosikhathi abanengi bazadela ukukholwa banikelane njalo bazondane, ¹¹kuvele abaphrofethi abanengi abazakhohlisa abantu abanengi. ¹²Ngenxa yokwanda kobubi, uthando lwabanengi luzaphola, ¹³kodwa lowo oma aqine kuze kube sekupheleni uzasindiswa. ¹⁴Njalo lelivangeli lombuso lizatshunyayelwa kuwo wonke umhlaba njengobufakazi kuzo zonke izizwe, besekufika ukucina.

¹⁵“Nxa libona kumi endaweni engcwele ‘amanyala aletha incithakalo’, okwakhulunywa ngomphrofethi uDanyeli – ofundayo kezwisise – ¹⁶lapho-ke akuthi labo abaseJudiya babalekele ezintabeni. ¹⁷Akungabi khona osephahleni lwendlu yakhe owehlela phansi ukuthatha loba yini endlini.

¹⁸Lowo osemasimini kangabuyeli ngekhyaya ukuthatha ijazi lakhe.

¹⁹Kuzakuba buhlungu kanganani ngalezozinsuku kumakhosikazi akhulelweyo lalawo amunyisayo!

²⁰Thandazani ukuba ukuphaphatheka kwenu kungabi sebusika loba ngeSabatha. ²¹Ngoba ngalesosikhathi kuzakuba lokuhlupheka okukhulu, okungazange kube khona kulokhu kwadabuka umhlaba kuze kube manje – njalo kakusoze kube khona futhi. ²²Uma lezosinsuku bezingaphungulwanga, kakho obezaphepha, kodwa ngenxa yabakhethiweyo lezozinsuku zizaphungulwa. ²³Nxa ngalesosikhathi omunye esithi kini, ‘Khangela, nangu uKhristu!’ loba ‘Ulaphaya!’ lingakukholwa lokho. ²⁴Ngoba oKhristu bamanga labaphrofethi bamanga bazavela benze imimangaliso emikhulu ukukhohlisa kanye labakhethiweyo – aluba lokho kungenzeka. ²⁵Zwanini, sengihle ngalishela mandulo kwesikhathi.

²⁶“Ngakho-ke nxa umuntu elitshela esithi, ‘Nanguyana, laphayana egangeni,’ lingayi khona; loba athi, ‘Nangu lapha ezindlini ezingaphakathi,’ lingaze lakukholwa lokho. ²⁷Ngoba njengombane osuka empumalanga uhle ubonakale lasentshonalanga, kuzakuba njalo ukufika kweNdodana yoMuntu.

²⁸Lapho okulesidumbu khona kulapho amanqe abuthana khona.

²⁹“Masinyane ngemuva kokuhlupheka kwalezozinsuku

“ ‘ilanga lizafiphala
lenyanga kayiyikukhanya;
izinkanyezi zizakuwa
esibhakabhakeni,
konke okusemkhathini
kuzaxukuxwa.’

³⁰Kulesosikhathi isiboniso seNdodana yoMuntu sizavela emkhathini, kuthi zonke izizwe zomhlaba zilile. Zizabona iNdodana yoMuntu isiza ngamayezi esibhakabhakeni, ilamandla lobukhosi

obukhulu. ³¹Njalo izathumela izingilosi zayo zitshaya icilongo ngomsindo omkhulu, beseziqoqa abakhethiweyo bayo kumagumbi womane omhlaba, kusukela ngapha kwasezulwini kusiya ngale.

³²“Manje-ke fundani lesisifundo emkhiwaneni. Amahlumela awo angaqalisa ukutebha lamahlamvu awo ahlume, selihle lisazi ukuthi ihlobo selisondele. ³³Kanjalo-ke lapho selizibona zonke lezi izinto, lizakwazi ukuthi sekusondele, khonapho emnyango. ³⁴Ngiqinisile, lesisizukulwane kasiyikudlula zingakenzakali zonke lezi izinto. ³⁵Izulu lomhlaba kuzadlula, kodwa amazwi ami kasoze edlule lanini.

Usuku Lehora Kakwaziwa

³⁶“Kakho owaziyo ngalolosuku kumbe ngehora, hatshi, kanye lezingilosi zasezulwini, kanye leNdodana, kodwa nguBaba kuphela. ³⁷Njengoba kwakunjalo ezinsukwini zikaNowa, kuzabanjalo ekufikeni kweNdodana yoMuntu. ³⁸Ngoba ezinsukwini kungakabi khona uzamcolo, abantu babesidla benatha, bethatha njalo besendisa, kwaze kwaba lusuku uNowa angena ngalo emkhunjini; ³⁹futhi babengazi lutho ngalokho okwakuzakwenzeka uzamcolo waze wafika wabatshabalalisa. Kuzakuba njalo ekufikeni kweNdodana yoMuntu. ⁴⁰Kuzakuthi amadoda emabili esensimini, oyedwa uzathathwa, omunye atshiywe. ⁴¹Kuzakuthi abesifazana bebabili bechola ngomtshina wezandla, oyedwa uzathathwa omunye atshiywe.

⁴²“Ngakho lindani ngokuba kalikwazi ukuthi iNkosi yenu izafika ngaluphi usuku. ⁴³Kodwa zwisisani lokhu: Uba umninindlu wayekwazile ukuthi isela lizafika ngasiphi isikhathi sobusuku

ngabe walinda kaze avumela ukuthi indlu yakhe igqokezwe.

⁴⁴Ngakho lani hlalani lilindile, ngokuba iNdodana yoMuntu izafika ngesikhathi leso elizabe lingayikhumbuleli sona.

⁴⁵“Ngubani kambe oyinceku ethembekileyo lehlakaniphileyo umnininuzi ayibeke esikhundleni sokukhangela izisebenzi zalapha ekhaya ukuthi azinike ukudla kwazo ngesikhathi esifaneleyo? ⁴⁶Kuzakuba kuhle kuleyonceku inkosi yayo ezakuthi ibuya iyifumane isenza njalo. ⁴⁷Ngiqinisile, izabekwa ibe ngumlawuli wayo yonke imfuyo yakhe. ⁴⁸Kodwa ake kuthi inceku leyo ibe ngembi, izitshela ithi, ‘Umnumzana usesekhatshana ukubuya,’ ⁴⁹ibisiqalisa ukuzitshaya ezinye izisebenzi, iyozitika inatha lezidakwa.

⁵⁰Inkosi yaleyonceku izabuya ngosuku ingacatshangelwa langesikhathi inceku engasilindelanga. ⁵¹Izayiquma iziqayiqqa, iyabele indawo kanye labazenzisi, lapho okuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo.

Umzekeliso Wezintombi Ezilitshumi

25 “Kulesosikhathi umbuso wezulu uzakuba njengezintombi ezilitshumi ezathatha izibane zazo zaphuma ukuyahlangabeza umyeni. ²Ezinhlanu zazo zaziwuzwula, ezinhlanu zihlakaniphile. ³Eziwuzwula zathatha izibane zazo kodwa kazithathanga amafutha. ⁴Kodwa ezihlakaniphileyo zathwala amafutha emagabheni kanye lezibane zazo. ⁵Umyeni waphuza ukufika zonke zaze zawozela zathathwa yibuthongo.

⁶“Phakathi kobusuku kwamenyazelwa kwathiwa, ‘Nangu umyeni! Phumani limhlangabeze!’

⁷“Zasezivuka zonke izintombi zalumathisa izibane zazo. ⁸Lezo ezaziwuzwula zathi kwezihlakaniphileyo, ‘Ake lisiphe lathi amanye amafutha enu; izibane zethu ziyacima.’

⁹“Zaphendula ezihlakaniphileyo zathi, ‘Hatshi, kakulamafutha angasanela thina lani. Hambani liye kulabo abathengisa amafutha liyozithengela awenu.’

¹⁰“Kodwa kwathi besayathenga amafutha umyeni wafika. Izintombi ezazizilungiselele zangena laye edilini lomthimba. Umnyango wase uvalwa.

¹¹“Ngemuva kwesikhathi ezinye lazo zatsho sezifikile. Zathi, ‘Mnumzana! Mnumzana! Ake usivulele umnyango!’

¹²“Kodwa waphendula wathi, ‘Ngiqinisile, kangilazi.’

¹³“Ngakho lindani ngokuba kalilwazi usuku loba isikhathi.

Umzekeliso Wamathalenta

¹⁴“Njalo unjengendoda eyathatha uhambo, eyabiza izisebenzi zayo yazigcinisa impahla yayo.

¹⁵Oyedwa yamupha amathalenta amahlanu emali, omunye amabili omunye njalo ithalenta elilodwa, ngulowo kusiya ngamandla akhe. Yase isuka ingena uhambo lwayo.

¹⁶Leyondoda eyayiphiwe amathalenta amahlanu yahle yasuka yayayidayiza leyomali yazuza amanye amahlanu.

¹⁷Yenza njalo laleyo eyayiphiwe amabili, yazuza amanye amabili.

¹⁸Kodwa indoda eyayiphiwe ithalenta elilodwa yasuka yemba igodi emhlabathini yayifihla imali yenkosi yayo.

¹⁹Ngemuva kwesikhathi eside umnini walezozisebenzi wabuya wafisa ukwazi ukuthi babehambise njani ngaleyomali.

²⁰Leyondoda eyayiphiwe amathalenta amahlanu yaletha amanye amahlanu.

Yathi, ‘Mnumzana, wangethemba ngamathalenta amahlanu. Khangela, sengizuze amanye amahlanu.’

²¹“Umnini wayo waphendula wathi, ‘Wenze kuhle, nceku elungileyo lethembekileyo! Uthembekile ezintweni ezilutshwana; ngizakuphathisa izinto ezinengi. Woza uzojabula kanye lenkosi yakho!’

²²“Indoda eyayilamathalenta amabili layo yeza. Yathi, ‘Mnumzana, wangethemba ngamathalenta amabili; khangela, sengizuze amanye amabili.’

²³“Umniniyo waphendula wathi, ‘Wenze kuhle, nceku elungileyo lethembekileyo! Uthembekile ngezinto ezilutshwana; ngizakuphathisa izinto ezinengi. Woza uzojabula kanye lenkosi yakho!’

²⁴“Kwasekusiza leyondoda eyayiphiwe ithalenta elilodwa. Yathi, ‘Mnumzana, bengikwazi ukuthi uyindoda elukhuni, evuna lapho engahlanyelanga khona njalo ibuthe lapho ingazange ihaze khona inhlanyelo.’
²⁵Yikho ngesaba ngasuka ngayafihla ithalenta lakho emhlabathini. Khangela, nanku okungokwakho.’

²⁶“Umnuzana waphendula wathi, ‘Wena nceku embi, elivila! Utsho ukuthi wazile ukuthi ngivuna lapho engingahlanyelanga khona njalo ngibuthe lapho engingahazanga khona inhlanyelo?’
²⁷Ngabe phela imali yami uyibekise kwabebhanga, ukuze kuthi ekubuyeni kwami ngiyizuze isilenzalo.

²⁸“Mthatheleni ithalenta lelo liliphe lowo olamathalenta alitshumi.

²⁹Ngokuba lowo olakho uzaphiwa okunye njalo abesesiba lokunengi. Lowo ongelakho, lalokho alakho uzakwemukwa.
³⁰Manje-ke iphoseni ngaphandle inceku engelamsebenzi, ebumnyameni lapho okuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo.’

Izimvu Lezimbuzi

³¹“Nxa iNdodana yoMuntu isisiza ngenkazimulo yayo, ikanye lezingilosi zonke, izahlala esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi ilenkazimulo yasezulwini.

³²Zonke izizwe zizabuthaniswa phambi kwayo, ibe isisahlukanisa abantu omunye komunye njengomalusi esahlukanisa izimvu ezimbuzi.

³³Izabeka izimvu ngasekunene kwayo lezimbuzi ngasekhohlo.

³⁴Lapho-ke iNkosi izakuthi kulabo abangasekunene kwayo, ‘Wozani, lina elibusisiweyo nguBaba; thathani ilifa lenu, umbuso owalungiselwa lina kulokhu kwadalwa umhlaba.’
³⁵Ngokuba ngangilambile, langinika ulutho oludliwayo, ngangomile langipha okunathwayo, ngangiyisihambi langingenisa,
³⁶ngangiswela izambatho langigqokisa, ngangigula langonga, ngangisentolongweni lazongibona.’

³⁷“Abalungileyo bazamphendula bathi, ‘Nkosi, sakubona nini ulambile sakupha ukudla na, kumbe womile sakunathisa?’
³⁸Sakubona nini uyisihambi sakungenisa na, kumbe uswela izambatho sakugqokisa?’
³⁹Sakubona nini ugula kumbe usentolongweni seza sazakubona na?’

⁴⁰“INkosi izaphendula ithi, ‘Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi loba yini elayenzela loba ngomncinyane kanganani walaba abazalwane bami, lakwenzela mina.’

⁴¹“INkosi izakuthi kulabo abasekhohlo kwayo, ‘Xekani kimi lina elithukiweyo liye emlilweni wanininini owalungiselwa uSathane lezingilosi zakhe.’
⁴²Ngokuba ngangilambile, kalingiphanga lutho lokudla, ngangomile kalingiphanga lutho lokunatha,

⁴³ngangiyisihambi kalingingenisanga, ngangiswela izambatho.’

kalingigqokisanga, ngangigula njalo ngisentolongweni kalizange lingidinge.’

⁴⁴“Labo bazaphendula bathi, ‘Nkosi, sakubona nini ulambile kumbe womile kumbe uyisihambi kumbe ungelazigqoko kumbe ugula noma usentolongweni asaze sakunceda na?’

⁴⁵“Izaphendula ithi, ‘Ngiqinisile ngithi, loba kuyini elingakwenzelanga oyedwa nje omncinyane kulabo bonke walaba, kalikwenzelanga mina.’

⁴⁶“Bazasuka baye ekujezisweni kwaphakade, kodwa abalungileyo baye ekuphileni okungapheliyo.”

Icebo Elibi NgoJesu

26 UJesu eseqedile ukukhuluma zonke lezi izinto, wathi kubafundi bakhe, ²“Njengoba lisazi, sekusele izinsuku ezimbili ukuba iPhasika lifike – njalo iNdodana yoMuntu izanikelwa ukuba ibethelwe.”

³Kwathi abaphristi abakhulu labadala babantu baqoqana esigodlweni somkhulukhulu wabaphristi obizo lakhe lalinguKhayifasi, ⁴baceba ukubopha uJesu ngobuqili bambulale. ⁵Bathi, “Kakungabi ngesikhathi seDili funa kube lesiyaluyalu ebantwini.”

UJesu Uyagcotshwa EBhethani

⁶Kwathi uJesu eseBhethani endlini yendoda eyayithiwa nguSimoni uMlephero, ⁷kweza kuye owesifazana ephethe umfuma wamakha adula kakhulu wawathela ekhanda likaJesu owayeyeme etifuleni.

⁸Abafundi bathi bekubona lokho bacasuka. Bathi, bebuza, “Adlaliselwani kanje na?” ⁹Amakha la abengathengiswa ngemali epezulu leyomali iphiwe abampofu.”

¹⁰UJesu esekunanzelele lokhu wathi kubo, “Limkhathazelani owesifazana lo na? Wenze into enhle kimi. ¹¹Abampofu lizahlala lilabo kokuphela, kodwa kalisoze libe lami kokuphela. ¹²Uthe ethululela amakha la emzimbeni wami ubesenzela ukungilungiselela ukungcwatshwa. ¹³Ngiqinisile ngithi langaphi lapho okuzatshunyayelwa ivangeli leli emhlabeni wonke, lokhu akwenzileyo kuzakhunjulwa, kube yisikhumbuzo ngaye.”

UJudasi Uvuma Ukunikela UJesu

¹⁴Kwathi omunye wabaliTshumi lambili – lowo owayethiwa nguJudasi Isikariyothi – waya kubaphristi abakhulu ¹⁵wabuza wathi, “Lizangiphani uma ngimnikela kini?” Base bembalela izinhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu. ¹⁶Kusukela khonapho uJudasi wadinga ithuba lokuba amnikele.

Isidlo SeNkosi

¹⁷Ngosuku lokuqala lweDili leSinkwa Esingelamvubelo abafundi beza kuJesu bambuza bathi, “Ufuna sikulungisele ngaphi ukuthi udlele khona iPhasika na?”

¹⁸Waphendula wathi, “Ngenani edolobheni komunye umuntu limtshela lithi, ‘UMfundisi uthi: Isikhathi sami esimisiweyo sesiseduze. Ngizakudla iPhasika labafundi bami endlini yakho.’ ” ¹⁹Yikho abafundi benza njengokulayelwa kwabo nguJesu balungisa iPhasika.

²⁰Kwathi kusihlwa uJesu wayehlezi eyeme etifuleni elabaliTshumi lambili.

²¹Kwathi besidla wathi, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi omunye wenu uzanginikela.”

²²Badana kakhulu basebesithi kuye ngamunye, “Ngeqiniso kakusimi, Nkosi, kambe?”

²³UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lowo otshebe kanye lami emganwini uzanginikela. ²⁴INdodana yoMuntu kwenzakala kuyo njengoba kulotshiwe ngayo. Kodwa maye kulowomuntu ozanikela iNdodana yoMuntu! Bekungaba ngcono kuye ngabe wayengazalwanga.”

²⁵Wasesithi uJudasi, lowo owayezamnikela, “Kambe sibili, kungaba yimi na, Rabi?”

UJesu waphendula wathi, “Yebo, nguwe okutshoyo.”

²⁶Bathi besadla uJesu wathatha isinkwa wabonga, wasihlephula wasipha abafundi bakhe esithi, “Thathani lidle; lokhu kungumzimba wami.”

²⁷Wasethatha inkomitshi wabonga, waseyedlulisela kubo esithi, “Nathani kuyo lonke. ²⁸Leli ligazi lami lesivumelwano elichithelwe abanengi ukuthethelelwa kwezono.

²⁹Ngiyalithshela angisayikuphinda ngisinate lesisithelo sevini kusukela manje kuze kube yilolosuku lapho engizalinatha kabutsha lani embusweni kaBaba.”

³⁰Bathi sebehlebele ihubo baphuma baya eNtabeni yama-Oliva.

UJesu Ubonisa Ngokuphika KukaPhethro

³¹UJesu wasebatshela wathi, “Ngabona lobu ubusuku lizakwenyela ngami,

ngokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi:

“ ‘Ngizatshaya umelusi kuthi izimvu zomhlambi zichitheke.’

³²Kodwa nxa sengivukile ngizalandulela eGalile.”

³³UPhethro waphendula wathi, “Loba bonke bangaze benyele ngenxa yakho, mina kimi kungazake kwenzeke.”

³⁴UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngilithshela iqiniso ukuthi ngabonalobu ubusuku, iqhude lingakakhali uzangiphika kathathu.”

³⁵Kodwa uPhethro wala wagomela wathi, “Loba kungaze kube ngizakufa lawe, ngeke lanini ngikuphike.” Abanye abafundi bonke labo batsho khonokho.

EGetsemane

³⁶UJesu wasehamba labafundi bakhe endaweni eyayithiwa yiGetsemane, wasesithi kubo, “Hlalani lapha, mina ngisaya laphayana ukuyakhuleka.”

³⁷Wathatha uPhethro lamadodana womabili kaZebedi wahamba labo, waseqalisa ukuhlulukelwa lokukhathazeka. ³⁸Wasesithi kubo, “Umphefumulo wami ugajelwa lusizi kuze kuthi ngife. Hlalani lapha lilinde lami.”

³⁹Wahamba ibanganyana, wasezilahlaphansi wathi mbo ngobuso wakhuleka wathi, “Baba, uma kungenzeka, sengathi inkomitshi le ingasuswa kimi. Kodwa akungabi ngokuthanda kwami, kodwa kube ngokuthanda kwakho.”

⁴⁰Wasebuya kubafundi bakhe wabafica sebelele. Wabuza uPhethro wathi, “Lina madoda kambe kulehlule ukulinda kanye lami okwehora elilodwa nje? ⁴¹Lindani likhuleke ukuze lingaweli ekulingweni. Umoya uyathanda kodwa umzimba ubuthakathaka.”

⁴²Wahamba njalo okwesibili wakhuleka wathi, “Baba, nxa kungenzeka ukuthi inkomitshi le isuswe ngaphandle kokuthi ngiyinate, kayenziwe intando yakho.”

⁴³Wathi esebuya wabafica njalo sebelele, ngokuba amehlo abo ayenzima. ⁴⁴Ngakho wasebatshiya waphinda

wahamba njalo wayakhuleka okwesithathu ephinda into yinye.

⁴⁵Wasebuyela kubafundi wathi kubo, “Lilele, liyaphumula na? Khangelani, isikhathi sesisondele, iNdodana yoMuntu isizanikelwa ezandleni zezoni. ⁴⁶Phakamani sihambe! Nangu usesiza onginkelayo.”

Ukubotshwa KukaJesu

⁴⁷Wathi esakhuluma, uJudasi, omunye wabaliTshumi Lambili wafika. Wayehamba lexuku elikhulu lihlomile ngezinkemba lezinduku lithunywe ngabaphristi abakhulu labadala babantu. ⁴⁸Omnikelayo wayelungisile labo isiboniso wathi: “Lowo engizamanga nguye; mbopheni.” ⁴⁹UJudasi wahle waya kuye wathi, “Sabona, Rabi!” wamanga.

⁵⁰UJesu waphendula wathi, “Mfowethu, yenza lokho okulandileyo.”

Asesondela amadoda, amdumela uJesu ambopha. ⁵¹Khonapho omunye wabaphelekezeli bakaJesu wakhokha inkemba yakhe wagalela inceku yomphristi ophezulu wayiquma indlebe.

⁵²UJesu wathi kuye, “Buyisela inkemba yakho endaweni yayo, ngoba bonke abakhokha inkemba bazakufa ngenkemba. ⁵³Ucabanga ukuthi ngingaze ngacela kuBaba, masinyane nje angiphe amaviyo alitshumi lambili ezingilosi? ⁵⁴Kodwa phela ibingagcwaliseka kanjani imiBhalo ethi kumele kwenzeke ngale indlela na?”

⁵⁵Khonapho uJesu wathi exukwini labantu, “Kanti ngikhokhela umvukela yini lize lihlome ngezinkemba lezinduku ukuzangibamba na? Izinsuku zonke ngangihlala emagumeni ethempeli ngifundisa, kodwa kalingibophanga.

⁵⁶Kodwa lokhu kwenzeke ukuze kugcwaliseke imibhalo yabaphrofethi.”

Khonapho abafundi bonke bamtshiya babaleka.

Phambi KweSanihedrini (Umphekathi)

⁵⁷Labo abambophayo uJesu bamusa kuKhayifasi, umphristi ophezulu, lapho okwasekubuthene khona abafundisi bomthetho labadala.

⁵⁸Kodwa uPhethro wayemlandela ehambela kude waze wayangena egumeni lomphristi ophezulu. Wangena wahlala phansi lamanxusa efuna ukubona okwakuzakwenzakala.

⁵⁹Abaphristi abakhulu leSanihedrini yonke babedinga ubufakazi bamanga ngoJesu ukuze bambulale. ⁶⁰Kodwa babuswela, lanxa abanengi ofakazi bamanga bavela.

Ekucineni ababili beza phambili ⁶¹bathi, “Umfokazi lo wathi, ‘Ngilamandla okulidiliza ithempeli likaNkulunkulu ngiphinde ngilakhe kutsha ngezinsuku ezintathu.’”

⁶²Umphesti ophezulu wathi lothu wathi kuJesu, “Kawuphenduli kanti na? Kuyini kanti lokhu okufakazwa yila madoda ngawe na?”

⁶³Kodwa uJesu wala elokhu ethule.

Umphesti ophezulu wathi kuye, “Ngiyakulaya, ngimfunga uNkulunkulu ophilayo ngithi: Sitshela ingabe unguKhristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu.”

⁶⁴“Yebo,” kuphendula uJesu. “Kunjengoba usitsho. Kodwa ngithi kini lonke: Ngesikhathi esizayo lizayibona iNdodana yoMuntu ihlezi kwesokunene sikaMninimandla isehla ngamayezi ezulwini.”

⁶⁵Khonapho umphesti ophezulu waklebula izigqoko zakhe wathi, “Usehlambazile! Sisafunelani abanye ofakazi na? Khangelani, manje likuzwile ukuhlambaza. ⁶⁶Lithini ngakho?”

Baphendula bathi, “Ufanele ukufa.”

⁶⁷ Basebemkhafulela emehlweni njalo bammuhluza ngenqindi. Abanye bammakala ⁶⁸ bathi, “Phrofetha kithi, Khristu. Ngubani okutshayileyo?”

UPhethro Ulandula UJesu

⁶⁹ UPhethro wayehlezi phandle egumeni, kwasekusiza kuye intombazana eyincekukazi yathi kuye, “Lawe njalo wawuloJesu waseGalile.”

⁷⁰ Kodwa walandula phambi kwabo bonke. Wathi, “Angikwazi lokho okhuluma ngakho.”

⁷¹ Wasesuka ephuma entubeni lapho abonwa khona ngenye intombazana eyathi ebantwini khonapho, “Umfokazi lo wayeloJesu waseNazaretha.”

⁷² Walandula njalo efunga esithi, “Kangiyazi indoda leyo!”

⁷³ Ngemva kwesikhatshana labo ababemi khonapho baya kuPhethro bathi, “Ngeqiniso ungomunye wabo, ngoba indlela okhuluma ngayo iyakuceba.”

⁷⁴ Wasekhihliza iziqalekiso phezu kwakhe wafunga kubo wathi, “Angimazi mina lowomuntu!” Masinyane iqhude lakhala. ⁷⁵ UPhethro waselikhumbula ilizwi elakhulunywa nguJesu esithi: “Iqhude lingakakhali uzangilandula kathathu.” Waphumela ngaphandle wakhala kabuhlungu.

UJudasi Uyazibophela

27 Ekuseni ngovivi bonke abaphristi

abakhulu labadala babantu benza isinqumo sokumbulala uJesu.

² Bambopha bamqhuba bamnikela kuPhilathu umbusi.

³ Kwathi uJudasi, owayemnikele, esebona ukuthi uJesu wayeselahlwe, wadabuka ngokuzisola, wabuyisela izinhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi

amathathu kubaphristi abakhulu labadala. ⁴ Wathi, “Ngenze isono, ngokuba nginikele igazi elingelacala.”

Baphendula bathi, “Silani lalokho thina? Lokho kungumlandu wakho.”

⁵ Ngakho uJudasi wayiphosela ethempelini leyomali wahamba. Wasuka lapho wayazibophela.

⁶ Abaphristi abakhulu bazidobha izinhlamvu zemali lezo bathi, “Kungaphandle komthetho ukufaka imali le emnikelweni ngoba yimali yegazi.” ⁷ Ngakho basebemisa ukuyisebenzisa ukuthenga isiqinti sombumbi sibe yindawo yamangcwaba abantu bezizweni. ⁸ Yikho yabizwa ngokuthi yiNsimu yeGazi kuze kube manje. ⁹ Kwasekugcwaliseka okwakhulunywa nguJeremiya umphrofethi ukuthi: “Bathatha izinhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu, intengo eyamiswa ngaye ngabantu bako-Israyeli, ¹⁰ bazisebenzisa ukuthenga insimu yombumbi, njengokulaywa kwami yiNkosi.”

UJesu Ephambi KukaPhilathu

¹¹ Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wamiswa phambi kombusi, umbusi wasebuza wathi, “Uyinkosi yamaJuda na?”

“Yebo, kunjengoba usitsho,”

kuphendula uJesu.

¹² Wayesithi nxa ethonisiswa ngabaphristi abakhulu labadala angaze aphenhula. ¹³ UPhilathu wasembuza wathi, “Awubuzwa yini ubufakazi abakwethesa bona?” ¹⁴ Kodwa uJesu wathula, kazaphendula lamlandu munye – wammangalisa kakhulu umbusi.

¹⁵ Kwakungumkhuba wakhe umbusi ukuthi ngeDili akhulule isibotshwa esikhethwe lixuku labantu.

¹⁶ Ngalesosikhathi kwakulesibotshwa esasigange kubi, sithiwa nguBharaba.

¹⁷ Kuthe abantu seabuthene uPhilathu wababuza wathi, “Nguwuphi elifuna ngilikhululele yena na: uBharaba, loba uJesu othiwa nguKhristu?” ¹⁸ Ngokuba wayesazi ukuthi abaJuda bamletha kuye uJesu ngenxa yomona.

¹⁹ Kwathi uPhilathu esahlezi esihlalweni sakhe sokwahlulela umkakhe wamthumela leli ilizwi wathi:

“Ungayingeni indaba yomuntu lowo ongelacala, ngokuba lamuhla ngihluphekile kakhulu ngaye emaphutsheni.”

²⁰ Kodwa abaphristi abakhulu labadala bakhuthaza abantu ukuthi bacele uBharaba, bathi uJesu kabulawe.

²¹ Wabuza umbusi wathi, “Nguwuphi kulaba ababili elifuna ngilikhululele yena na?”

Baphendula bathi, “UBharaba.”

²² “Ngenzeni, pho, ngoJesu othiwa nguKhristu?” wabuza uPhilathu. Bonke bamphendula bathi, “Mbethele!”

²³ “Yindaba? Woneni?” wabuza uPhilathu.

Kodwa bavungama ngamandla bathi, “Mbethele!”

²⁴ Kwathi uPhilathu esebona ukuthi akuselamanceda, kwasekuzavuka isiyaluyalu, wathatha amanzi wageza izandla zakhe phambi kwexuku wathi, “Angilacala ngegazi lalumuntu. Ngumlandu wenu!”

²⁵ Bonke abantu bamphendula bathi, “Yekela igazi lakhe libe phezu kwethu laphezu kwabantwabethu!”

²⁶ Wasebakhululela uBharaba. Wathi uJesu katshaywe, wasemnikeza ukuba abethelwe.

Amabutho Ahoza UJesu

²⁷ Amabutho ombusi asemthatha uJesu amngenisa ePhrithoriamu, inkundla

yombusi, wabuthanelwa liviyo lonke lamabutho. ²⁸ Bamkhumula izigqoko zakhe bamgqokisa ijazi elibomvu,

²⁹ basebeseluka umqhele wameva bamethesa wona. Bamphathisa intonga kwesokunene sakhe baguqa phambi kwakhe bamhoza. Bathi, “Bayethe, Nkosi yamaJuda!” ³⁰ Bamkhafulela, bamthathela leyontonga bamtshaya baphindaphinda ekhanda.

³¹ Sebemhozile, bamhlubula ijazi bamgqokisa ezakhe. Basebemqhuba besiya mbethela.

Ukubethelwa Kwakhe

³² Bathi sebephumela ngaphandle bahlangana lendoda yaseKhureni, ethiwa nguSimoni, bayicindezela ukuthi ithwale isiphambano. ³³ Bafika endaweni ethiwa kuseGoligotha (okutsho ukuthi Indawo yoKhakhayi). ³⁴ Khonapho uJesu bamupha iwayini ukuba anathe, lixutshwe kanye lenyongo; kodwa wonela ukulinambitha wasesala ukulinatha. ³⁵ Kwathi sebembethele behlukaniselana izigqoko zakhe ngokwenza inkatho. ³⁶ Bahlala phansi bamlinda khonapho. ³⁷ Ngaphezu kwekhanda lakhe babeka umbhalo wecala lakhe usithi: LO NGUJESU, INKOSI YAMAJUDA. ³⁸ Izigebengu ezimbili zabethelwa kanye laye, omunye ngasekunene kwakhe, omunye ngasekhohlo. ³⁹ Labo ababesedlula lapho babemthuka, benikina amakhanda besithi, ⁴⁰ “Wena ozadiliza ithempeli ulakhe ngezinsuku ezintathu, zisindise! Yehla esiphambanweni uma uyindodana kaNkulunkulu!”

⁴¹ Ngokunjalo abaphristi abakhulu, labafundisi bomthetho kanye labadala bamhoza. ⁴² Bathi, “Wasindisa abanye, kodwa uyehluleka ukuzisindisa yena! UyiNkosi yako-Israyeli! Kehle manje esiphambanweni ukuze simkholwe.

⁴³ Uthembele kuNkulunkulu.

UNkulunkulu kamlamlele phela manje nxa emfuna, ngoba wathi, ‘NgiyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.’”

⁴⁴Ngaleyondlela izigebengu ezazibethelwe kanye laye lazo zambhaceka ngenhlamba.

Ukufa KukaJesu

⁴⁵ Kusukela ngehora lesithupha kusiya kwelesificamunye umnyama wembesa lonke ilizwe. ⁴⁶ Ngehora lesificamunye uJesu wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu wathi, “Eloyi, Eloyi, lamasabakthani?” – okutsho ukuthi, “Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu wami, kungani usungidelile na?”

⁴⁷ Kwathi abanye kwababemi lapho bekuzwa lokho bathi, “Ubiza u-Elija.”

⁴⁸ Masinyane omunye wabo wagijima wathatha isipontshi. Wasicwilisa phakathi kweviniga yewayini, wasixhuma oluthini wasidlulisela kuJesu ukuthi anathe.

⁴⁹ Abanengi bathi, “Myekele. Ake sibone ingabe u-Elija uzakuza azomsindisa.”

⁵⁰ UJesu esephindile ukumemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, umoya wakhe waphuma.

⁵¹ Kusonaleso isikhathi ikhetheni lethempeli laqhekezeka kabili kusukela phezulu kusiya phansi. Umhlaba wamazama lamatshe aqhekezeka.

⁵² Amathuna avuleka, izidumbu zabanengi abantu abangcwele abafayo zavuswa baphila. ⁵³ Baphuma emathuneni, kwathi ngemuva kokuvuka kukaJesu baya edolobheni elingcwele bavela ebantwini abanengi.

⁵⁴ Kwathi ukuba induna yekhulu kanye lalabo eyayilinde uJesu labo bebona ukuzamazama komhlaba kanye lakho konke okwakwenzakele, besaba kakhulu, bababaza bathi, “Ngeqiniso ube eyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu!”

⁵⁵ Kwakulabesifazana abanengi bebonela bucwala. Babelandele uJesu besuka eGalile ukuthi banakekele iziswelo zakhe. ⁵⁶ Phakathi kwabo kwakuloMariya Magadalena, loMariya unina kaJakhobe loJose kanye lonina wamadodana kaZebedi.

Ukungwatshwa KukaJesu

⁵⁷ Kwathi ilanga selithambeka, kwafika indoda enothileyo yase-Arimathiya, ithiwa nguJosefa, yena owayesemgumfundi kaJesu. ⁵⁸ Waya kuPhilathu wayacela isidumbu sikaJesu, uPhilathu walaya ukuba kasiphiwe.

⁵⁹ UJosefa wasithatha isidumbu wasigoqela ngelembu elihlanzekileyo lelineni, ⁶⁰ wayasibeka ethuneni lakhe elitsha ayeligubhe edwaleni. Wagiqela ilitsha elikhulu emlonyeni wethuna wasehamba. ⁶¹ UMariya Magadalena lomunye uMariya babehezi khonapho malungana lethuna.

Abalindi Ethuneni

⁶² Ngosuku olulandelayo, oluza ngemuva koSuku Lokulungisela, abaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi baya kuPhilathu. ⁶³ Bathi, “Nkosi, siyakhumbula ukuthi wathi esaphila umkhohlisi loyana wathi, ‘Ngemuva kwezinsuku ezintathu ngizavuka.’”

⁶⁴ Ngakho yenza ukuthi ithuna lilindwe kuze kube lusuku lwesithathu. Engxenye abafundi bakhe bangeza bantshontshe isidumbu, batshele abantu ukuthi uvukile kwabafuleyo. Inkohliso le ingabambi kakhulu kuleyakuqala.”

⁶⁵ UPhilathu waphendula wathi, “Thathani abalindi. Hambani liyovikela ithuna njengokubona kwenu. ⁶⁶ Base behamba bayalilinda baqinisa ngokubeka uphawu phezu kwelitshe njalo bamisa abalindi.

Ukuvuka Ekufeni

28 Ngemva kweSabatha, ekuseni

ngovivi ngosuku lokuqala lweviki, uMariya Magadalena lomunye uMariya baya ethuneni besiyakhangela.

² Kwaba lokuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba ngoba ingilosi yeNkosi yehla ivela ezulwini, yaya ethuneni yaligiqela eceleni ilitshe yahlala phezu kwalo.

³ Ukubonakala kwayo kwakunjengombane, lezigqoko zayo zimhlophe nke njengongqoqwane.

⁴ Abalindi bayesaba baze bathuthumela baba njengabafileyo.

⁵ Ingilosi yathi kwabesifazana, “Lingesabi, ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi lidinga uJesu owabethelwayo. ⁶ Kakho lapha; usevukile njengoba watsho. Wozani libone indawo abelele kuyo.

⁷ Selizahamba masinyane liyotshela abafundi bakhe lithi: ‘Usevukile kwabafileyo, usehamba phambi kwenu ukuya eGalile. Kulapho elizambona khona. Mina sengilitshelile manje.’ ”

⁸ Yikho abesifazana basebesuka ngokuphangisa ethuneni, besesaba kodwa begcwele intokozo, bagijima ukuyakwazisa abafundi. ⁹ Khonokho uJesu wahlangana labo. Wathi, “Salibonani.” Beza kuye, bamnamathela ngezandla ezinyaweni zakhe bamkhonza. ¹⁰ UJesu wasesithi kubo, “Lingesabi. Hambani liyotshela abafowethu ukuthi baye eGalile; kulapho abazangibona khona.”

Umbiko Wabalindi

¹¹ Kwathi abesifazana sebehambile besendleleni abanye babalindi bangena edolobheni bayabika kubaphristi abakhulu ngakho konke okwakwenzakele. ¹² Kwathi abaphristi abakhulu sebehlangene labadala babopha icebo bafumbathisa abalindi

imali ezwayo, ¹³ babatshela bathi, “Libokuthi, ‘Abafundi bakhe beza ebusuku bamntshontsha thina silele.’

¹⁴ Uma leli ilizwi lifika kumbusi, sizamsuthisa lani lingangeni enkathazweni.” ¹⁵ Yikho amabutho ayithatha imali enza njengokulaywa kwawo. Yikho indaba le seyandiswa yakhula phakathi kwabaJuda kuze kube lamuhla.

Umlayo Omkhulu

¹⁶ Abafundi abalitshumi lambili basuka baya eGalile baqonda entabeni uJesu ayethe baye kuyo. ¹⁷ Bathi ukumbona bamkhonza; kodwa abanye bathandabuza. ¹⁸ UJesu weza kubo wathi, “Wonke amandla ezulwini lasemhlabeni aphiwe mina. ¹⁹ Ngakho hambani lenze abafundi ezizweni zonke, libabhaphathize ebizweni likaBaba, leleNdodana lelikaMoya oNgcwele,

²⁰ njalo libafundise ukulalela konke engililaye ngakho. Ngempela ngilani kokuphela, kuze kube sekucineni kwesikhathi.”