



IJerusalema

Iindaba ezimnandi
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JWANISI

ULizwi waba mumuntu

1 Emathomeni koke kungakabunjwa, uLizwi bekakhona, uLizwi bekakuZimu, uLizwi bekanguZimu. ²Kusukela emathomeni uLizwi bekakuZimu. ³Ngaye kwavela koke okukhona. Akukho nokukodwa okwabunjwa ngaphandle kwakhe. ⁴ULizwi bekumthombo wokuphila, ubuphilobu baletha ukukhanya ebantwini boke. ⁵Ukukhanya kwabonakala ebumnyameni, ukukhanya okungeke kwahlulwa wubumnyama.

⁶UZimu wathumela isithunywa sakhe, ibizo laso linguJwanisi. ⁷Seza sazotjela abantu ngomkhanyo loyo, khona boke bazakwizwa ilizwi bakholwe. ⁸Sona ngokwaso besingasikukhanya, kodwana besizofakaza ngomkhanyo. ⁹Lo bekumkhanyo wamambala, umkhanyo obuzakwiza ephasinapha uzokhanyisela abantu boke.

¹⁰ULizwi bekaselakhona, iphasi laba khona ngaye, kodwana iphasi azange khelimazi. ¹¹Weza ephasini lekhabo, abantu bekhabo azange bamamukele. ¹²Kodwana abanye bamamukela bamkholwa, yeke wabapha ilungelo lokuba bantwana bakaZimu. ¹³Azange ibe bantwana bakaZimu ngokwemvelo yokubelethwa mumuntu wenyama, kodwana babelethwa nguZimu.

¹⁴ULizwi waba mumuntu, azele umusa neqiniso, wahlala phakathi kwethu. Sabona iphazimulo yakhe, iphazimulo ayamukela kuYise njengeNdodana yakhe eyodwa tere.

¹⁵UJwanisi wakhuluma ngaye. Warhuwelela wathi: “Nguye lo ebengikhuluma ngaye ngisithi uzakwiza ngemva kwami, kodwana mkhulu kunami, ngombana gade akhona ngingakabikho.”

¹⁶Ngokuzalelwa kwakhe mumusa wasibusisa soke, wasipha umusa, phezu komunye. ¹⁷UZimu wanikela umthetho ngoMosisi, kodwana umusa neqiniso kweza ngoJesu Krestu. ¹⁸Akakho noyedwa owakhe wabona uZimu, ngaphandle kweNdodana yakhe eyodwa, enguZimu, esesifubeni sakaYise, ngiyo embonakalisileko.

Ubufakazi bakaJwanisi uMbhahhadisi

(Mt. 3:1-12; Mk. 1:1-8; Lk. 3:1-18)

¹⁹Abaphathi bamaJuda ngeJerusalema bathumela

abapristi nabaLevi kuJwanisi bayombuza bona ungubani na.

²⁰UJwanisi azange abhale ukubaphendula, kodwana wakhuluma waphandlesele wathi:

“AngisinguKrestu.”

²¹Bambuza bathi: “Alo-ke ungubani na? UnguElija?”

Waphendula wathi: “Awa, angisuye.”

Bambuza godu bathi: “Umporofidi na?”

Waphendula wathi: “Awa.”

²²Bathi kuye: “Yeke sitjela bona ungubani. Kufanele sibuyisele ipendulo kilabo abasithumileko. Zitjho bona ungubani na.”

²³UJwanisi wabaphendula ngokudzubhula kumporofidi uIsaya, wathi:

“Ngilizwi lomunye orhuwelelako ebhudwini asithi:

‘Yenzelani iKosi indlela enqophileko lapha izakhamba khona!’”^a

²⁴Abazenda abathunywe baFarisi, ²⁵nje-ke bambuza uJwanisi bathi: “NawungasinguKrestu namtjhana nguElija nanyana mporofidi, alo-ke ubhabhadiselani na?”

²⁶UJwanisi waphendula wathi: “Ngibhabhadisa ngamanzi, kodwana hlangana nani kujame eningamaziko. ²⁷Uza ngemva kwami abengikafaneli nokutjhaphulula amapatlagwana wakhe.”

²⁸Koke lokhu kwenzeka eBhethaniya ngehlangothini elingepumalanga lomlambo iJordani, lapha uJwanisi gade abhabhadisa khona.

a) Isa. 40:3

IMvana kaZimu

²⁹Ngelanga elilandelako uJwanisi wabona uJesu asiza kuye, wathi: “Nasiya iMvana kaZimu, esusa isono sephasi! ³⁰Nguye ebengikhuluma ngaye nangisithi: ‘Kukhona ozako ngemva kwami, mkhulu kunami, ngombana gade akhona ngingakabikho.’ ³¹Azange khengazi bona izaba ngubani, kodwana ngize ukuzobhabhadisa ngamanzi, khona ngizamenza aziwe ebantwini bakoIsrayeli.”

³²UJwanisi wanikela ubufakazi, napu: “Ngibone uMoya arhuluka njengezuba avela ezulwini, wahlala phezu kwakhe. ³³Khonapho azange ngazi bona nguye. Kodwana uZimu ongithume bona ngibhabhadise ngamanzi, wathi kimi: ‘Uzabona uMoya arhuluka ahlala phezu komuntu, nguye obhabhadisa ngoMoya oCwengileko.’

³⁴“Ngikubonile kwenzeka, ngiyanitjela bona lo yiNdodana kaZimu.”

Abafundi bokuthoma bakaJesu

³⁵Ngelanga elilandelako godu uJwanisi bekajame lapho nabafundi bakhe ababili. ³⁶Kwathi bonyana abone uJesu adlula, wathi: “Nasiya iMvana kaZimu!”

³⁷Kwathi bona abafundi ababili bamizwe atjho njalo, bakhamba noJesu. ³⁸UJesu waphenduka, wababona bamlandela, wababuza wathi: “Nifunani na?”

Bamphendula bathi: “Rabi, uhlalaphi na?” (Kutjho bona “Mfundisi”.)

³⁹Waphendula wathi: “Yizani nizobona,” beselithambeme. Yeke bakhamba naye bayobona lapha ahlalako, bahlala lapho naye imini yoke.

⁴⁰Omunye wabo gade inguAndrisi, umfowabo likaSimoni Pitrosi. ⁴¹Khonokho wafumana umfowabo uSimoni, wamtjela wathi: “Simfumene uMesiya.” (Kutjho bona nguKrestu.) ⁴²Yeke wathatha uSimoni wamusa kuJesu.

UJesu wamqala wathi kuye: “Ibizo lakho nguSimoni, indodana kaJwanisi, uzabizwa bona unguKhefasi.” (Kuyafana noPitrosi, kutjho bona “Idwala”.)

UJesu ubiza uFulebhe noNathaniyeli

⁴³Ngelanga elilandelako uJesu wazilungisela ukuya eGaleliya. Wafumana uFulebhe wathi kuye: “Namba sikhambe!” ⁴⁴UFulebhe bekungeweBhethisayida, emzini wekhabo lika-Andrisi noPitrosi. ⁴⁵UFulebhe wafumana uNathaniyeli, wathi kuye: “Simfumene loyo uMosisi agwalileko ngaye encwadini yomthetho, ngitjho nabaporofidi abagwala ngaye. UnguJesu, indodana kaJosefe, weNazareda.”

⁴⁶UNathaniyeli wabuza wathi: “Kukhona yini okulungileko okungavela eNazareda na?”

UFulebhe waphendula wathi: “Yiza uzobona!”

⁴⁷Kwathi bonyana uJesu abone uNathaniyeli asiza kuye, wakhuluma ngaye wathi: “Nangu umIsrayeli wamambala, onganamanga.”

⁴⁸UNathaniyeli wambuza wathi: “Ungazi njani na?”

UJesu wamphendula wathi: “Ngikubone ngaphasi komuthi wamafeyi, lokha uFulebhe nakubizako.”

⁴⁹UNathaniyeli wamphendula wathi: “Mfundisi, uyiNdodana kaZimu! UyiKosi yakoIsrayeli!”

⁵⁰UJesu wathi kuye: “Ukholwa ngombana ngithe kuwe ngikubone ngaphasi komuthi wamafeyi na? Uzobona okukulu kunalokhu!” ⁵¹Wathi godu kibo:

“Kwamambala ngithi kini: Nizobona izulu livuleka, iingilozi zakaZimu zehla zenyuka phezu kweNdodana yoMuntu.”

Umtjhado ngeKana

2 Ngemva kwamalanga amabili kwaba nomtjhado eKana engeGaleliya. Unina likaJesu gade akhona, ²noJesu nabafundi bakhe gade bamenyiwe emtjhadweni. ³Kwathi bona iwayini iphele, unina likaJesu wathi kuye: “Abasenayo iwayini.”

⁴UJesu wamphendula wathi: “Ungangitjeli bona ngenzeni, isikhathi sami asikafiki.”

⁵Unina likaJesu watjela iinceku wathi: “Yenzani lokho anitjela khona.”

⁶AmaJuda anemithetho yokuhlamba, ngebangelo-ke bekukhona imijeka emithandathu, omunye ukгона ukumumatha amalitha angaphuze abe likhulu. ⁷Yeke uJesu wathi eencekwini: “Zalisani imijeka le ngamanzi.” Bayizalisa, yaphuphuma. ⁸Yeke wathi kizo: “Khelelani-ke nonikela umninimnyanya.” Bamsela amanzi, ⁹asele aphenduke iwayini, wawezwa, azange azi bona iwayini le ivelaphi. Kodwana iinceku ezakhelela amanzi zazi bonyana ibuyaphi; yeke wabiza umtjhadi. ¹⁰Wathi kuye: “Woke umuntu ukhupha iwayini emnandi qangi, kuthi abathekeli banganela ngokusela, kukhutjhwe itlwembu. Kodwana wena awukayikhuphi iwayini emnandi nanje!”

¹¹UJesu wenza umbonakaliso wakhe wokuthoma eKana engeGaleliya; lapha wabonakalisa iphazimulo yakhe, abafundi bakhe bamkholwa.

¹²Ngemva kwalokhu, uJesu nonina, abafowabo, nabafundi bakhe baya eKapernomi, bahlala lapho amalangana.



UJesu uya ngetempeleni

(Mt. 21:12-13; Mk. 11:15-17; Lk. 19:45-46)

¹³Isikhathi somnyanya wePhasika besesitjhidele, yeke uJesu waya eJerusalema. ¹⁴Lapha wafumana abantu ngetempeleni bathengisa iinkomo, izimvu, namazuba; nabatlharulula imali bahlezi eentafuleni zabo. ¹⁵Yeke wenza isibebhu ngeentambo wabaqotha boke ngetempeleni, kanye nezimvu neenkomo; wapewula iintafula zabatlharululi bemali warhatjha imali yabo. ¹⁶Watjela labo abathengisa amazuba wathi: “Wasuseni lapha! Lisani ukwenza ikumba kaBaba indawo yokuthengisela!” ¹⁷Abafundi bakhe bakhumbula bona umgwalo uthi: “Ukuzinikela kwami ekumbeni yakho, Zimu, kuvutha ngaphakathi kwami njengomlilo.”^b

¹⁸AmaJuda ambuza athi: “Ungenza mmangaliso bani khona uzasibonisa bonyana unalo ilungelo lokwenza lokhu na?”

¹⁹UJesu waphendula wathi: “Girizani itempela, ngizalakha ngamalanga amathathu.”

b) AmaRh. 69:9

²⁰Ambuza athi: “Uzalakha godu ngamalanga amathathu na? Kuthethe imiyaka ematjumi amane nesithandathu ukulakha itempela.”

²¹Kodwana itempela, uJesu agade akhuluma ngalo, mzimba wakhe. ²²Kwathi bona avuke kwabafileko, abafundi bakhe bakhumbula bona ubasitjho lokhu, bayikholwa imigwalo ecwengileko nalokho uJesu akutjhwileko.

Ilwazi lakaJesu ngomuntu

²³UJesu asesengeJerusalema ngesikhathi somnyanya wePhasika, abanengi bamkholwa nababona immangaliso ayenzako. ²⁴Kodwana uJesu azange abathembe, ngombana gade abazi boke. ²⁵Bekungakatlhogeki bona omunye angakhe amtjele ngabo, ngombana yena bekagade asazi okungehliziyweni zabo.

UJesu noNogodima

3 Bekukhona umdosiphambili wamaJuda, ibizo lakhe linguNogodima, ogade ingewebandla labaFarisi. ²Langelinye ebusuku waya kuJesu wathi kuye: “Rabi, siyazi bona umfundisi othunyelwe nguZimu. Akakho noyedwa ongenza immangaliso oyenzako le ngaphandle kobana uZimu abe naye.”

³UJesu wamphendula wathi: “Ngikutjela iqiniso ngithi: Akakho noyedwa ozabona umbuso kaZimu ngaphandle kobanyana azalwe ngobutjha.”

⁴UNogodima wambuza wathi: “Umuntu omdala angabelethwa njani kabutjha na? Kwamambala angekhe abuyele ngesiswini sakanina abelethwe kwesibili!”

⁵UJesu wamphendula wathi: “Kwamambala ngithi kuwe: Akakho noyedwa ozangena embusweni kaZimu

ngaphandle kobana abelethwe ngamanzi nangoMoya. ⁶Obelethwe mumuntu mumuntu, naloyo obelethwe nguMoya mumoya. ⁷Ningarareki ngombana ngithi kini kufanele nibelethwe ngobutjha. ⁸Umoya uvunguzela njalo ngapha ufuna ukuvunguzela ngakhona; uzwa umdumo wawo, kodwana awazi lapha uvela khona nalapha uya khona. Kunjalo kiloyo naloyo obelethwa nguMoya kaZimu.”

⁹UNogodima wabuza wathi: “Lokhu kungenzeka njani na?”

¹⁰UJesu wamphendula wathi: “Umfundisi omkhulu koIsrayeli, kodwana awukwazi lokhu na?

¹¹Kwamambala ngithi kuwe: Sikhuluma ngalokho esikwaziko, sibike lokho esikubonileko, khonapho akakho noyedwa wenu ofuna ukwamukela umlayezo wethu. ¹²Aningikholwa nanginitjelako ngokwephaseli; alo-ke nizangikholwa njani, nanginitjela ngokwezulwini na? ¹³Akakho okhe waya ezulwini ngaphandle kweNdodana yoMuntu, eyehla ezulwini yeza ephasinapha.

¹⁴“Njengombana uMosisi waphakamisa inyoka yerudze ebhudwini,^c njalo-ke neNdodana yoMuntu kufanele iphakanyiswe.^d ¹⁵Khona kuzakuthi loyo okholwa kiyo abe nepilo engapheliko. ¹⁶Ngombana uZimu walithanda kangako iphasi, wabe wanikela ngeNdodana yakhe ekukuphela kwayo, khona kuzakuthi kiloyo okholwa ngiyo angabhubhi, kodwana abe nobuphilo obungapheliko. ¹⁷Ngombana akakathumeli iNdodana yakhe bona izokwahlulela iphasi, kodwana uyithumele bona iphuluse iphasi.

¹⁸“Loyo oyikholwako, angekhe ahlulelwa; kodwana loyo ongakholwako, wahlulelwe, ngombana azange

akholwe eNdodaneni ekukuphela kwayo yakaZimu. ¹⁹Ukwahlulela kukhamba nje: Ukukhanya kwafika ephasini, kodwana abantu bakhetha ubumnyama kunomkhanyo, ngombana izenzo zabo zimbi. ²⁰Woke umuntu owenza okumbi, uwuhloyile umkhanyo, angeze abeze emkhanyweni, ngombana akafuni bona izenzo zakhe ezimbi zibonakale. ²¹Kodwana loyo owenza okuhle, uyavela emkhanyweni khona kuzabonakala bonyana izenzo zakhe zenziwe kuZimu.”

UJesu noJwanisi uMbhahhadisi

²²Ngemva kwalokhu uJesu nabafundi bakhe baya eJudiya, lapha wahlala isikhatjhana nabo abhahhadisa. ²³UJwanisi wabhahhadisa nge-Enoni, eduze neSalima, ngombana bekunamanzi amanengi endaweni leyo. Abantu bebasiya kuye, ababhahhadise. ²⁴Lokhu bekungaphambi kobanyana uJwanisi avelwe ngesikhungweni.

²⁵Abanye babafundi bakaJwanisi bathoma ukuphikisana namaJuda ngokuhlambulula. ²⁶Yeke baya kuJwanisi, bafika bathi: “Mfundisi, uyamkhumbula umuntu loya obekanawe ngaphetjheya kweJordani, loyo ogade ukhuluma ngaye na? Nje-ke, uyabhahhadisa, boke baya kuye!”

²⁷UJwanisi waphendula wathi: “Akakho ongaba nento ngaphandle kobanyana uZimu amuphe. ²⁸Nani ngokwenu nibofakazi bami bona akhange ngitjho bona nginguKrestu, kodwana ngithunywe ngaphambi kwakhe. ²⁹Umkhwenyani ngiloyo umlobokazi ingowakhe; kodwana umngani womkhwenyani, ojame eqadi kwakhe alalela, uyathaba nezwako ilizwi lomkhwenyani. Yeke ithabo lami seliphelele.

³⁰Kufanele yena akhule, mina nginciphe.

Loyo ovela ezulwini

³¹“Loyo ovela ezulwini mkhulu kinabo boke. Loyo ovela ephasinapha ngewephasinapha ukhuluma ngezephasi, kodwana loyo ovela ezulwini ungaphezu kwakho koke. ³²Ukhuluma lokho akubonileko nakuzwileko, kodwana akakho noyedwa owamukela umlayezo wakhe. ³³Kodwana loyo owamukela umlayezo wakhe ufakaza ngalokhu, bona uZimu uneqiniso. ³⁴Loyo uZimu amthumileko ukhuluma amezwi wakaZimu, ngombana uZimu umnikela uMoya wakhe ngaphandle kokurhunyeka. ³⁵UBaba uyayithanda iNdodana yakhe, unikele koke emandleni wayo. ³⁶Loyo okholwako eNdodaneni unokuphila okungapheliko; kodwana loyo ongakholwako eNdodaneni ngekhe akubona ukuphila, kodwana uzahlala ngaphasi kobukhali bakaZimu.”

UJesu nomfazi weSamariya

4 AbaFarisi bezwa bona uJesu bekazuza abafundi, abhabhadisa abanengi kunoJwanisi. ²Eqinisweni, uJesu ngokwakhe azange akhabhabhadise namunye; bekubhabhadisa abafundi bakhe. ³Yeke kwathi bona uJesu ezwe abakutjhoko, wakhamba eJudiya wabuyela eGaleliya. ⁴Nasendleleni kwafanela bona adlule eSamariya.

⁵Wafika eSamariya emzini okuthiwa yiSikhari, engasikude nesimu uJakobho ayinikela endodaneni yakhe uJosefe. ⁶Umthombo kaJakobho gade ulapho, kuthe lapha uJesu naseladiniwe likhambo, wahlala phasi eqadi komthombo, beselekuntambama.

⁷Umfazi weSamariya wazokhelela amanzi, yeke uJesu wathi kuye: “Akhe ungiphe amanzi, ngisele.”

⁸Abafundi bakhe bebasaye ngemzini ukuyothenga ukudla.

⁹Umfazi waphendula wathi: “Wena umJuda, mina ngimSamariya, alo-ke ungangibawa njani amanzi wokusela na?” AmaJuda akadlalani namaSamariya.

¹⁰UJesu waphendula wathi: “Ingathana bewazi kwaphela bona uZimu uphani, godu bengubani obawa amanzi wokusela kuwe, bewuzambawa, ubazakupha amanzi wokuphila.”

¹¹Umfazi wathi kuye: “Mnimzana! Awunalo ithunga, begodu umthombo lo uyatjhinga. Uzawafumanaphi amanzi wokuphila na?”

¹²Ngombanyana ngukhokho wethu uJakobho owasipha umthombo lo; yena namadodana wakhe nefuyo yakhe boke basela kiwo. Utjho bona wena umkhulu kunoJakobho na?”

¹³UJesu waphendula wathi: “Nanyana ngubani osela amanzi la uzakoma godu. ¹⁴Kodwana ngiloyo naloyo osela amanzi engizamupha wona angekhe abasoma godu. Amanzi engizamupha wona azaphenduka isiyalu ngaphakathi kwakhe simondle ngamanzi wokuphila okungapheliko.”

¹⁵Wathi umfazi: “Mnimzana! Ngipha amanzi layo! Yeke angekhe bengisoma godu, ngingabe ngiseza lapha ukuzokhelela amanzi.”

¹⁶UJesu wathi kuye: “Khamba uyobiza indoda yakho uze nayo.”

¹⁷Umfazi waphendula wathi: “Anginandoda.”

UJesu waphendula wathi: “Uqinisile lokha nawuthi awunandoda. ¹⁸Gade utjhade namadoda amahlanu, indoda ohlala nayo nje asingeyakho. Ungitjele iqiniso.”

¹⁹Umfazi wathi: “Ngiyabona bonyana umporofidi, Mnimzana. ²⁰Abokhokho bami bamaSamariya

bathandaza uZimu entabeni le, kodwana nina amaJuda nithi iJerusalema yindawo lapha kufanele sithandazele uZimu khona.”

²¹UJesu wathi kuye: “Ngikholwa, mfazi-ndina, sizafika isikhathi lapha abantu engekhe bamthandaza uBaba ngitjho entabeni le namtjhana kuseJerusalema.

²²Nina maSamariya animazi kwamambala loyo enimthandazako; kodwana thina amaJuda siyamazi esimthandazako, ngombana iphuluso ivela emaJudeni.

²³Kodwana isikhathi siyeza, begodu sebesifikile, lapha kuzakuthi ngamandla kaMoya kaZimu abantu bazathandaza uBaba njengombana anjalo, ngombana uBaba uthanda abamlotjha njalo. ²⁴UZimu nguMoya, yeke kungamandla kaMoya lo, bona abantu bangamthandaza njengobanyana anjalo.”

²⁵Umfazi wathi kuye: “Ngiyazi bona uMesiya, okuthiwa nguKrestu, uzakwiza; nafikako, uzasitjela koke.”

²⁶UJesu wamphendula wathi: “Nginguye, okhuluma nawe.”

²⁷Khonokho abafundi bakaJesu bafika, barareka kwamambala ukufumana uJesu akhuluma nomfazi. Kodwana akakho noyedwa owathi kuye: “Ufunani na?” namtjhana ambuze athi: “Ukhulumelani naye na?”

²⁸Yeke umfazi wasukela umjeka wakhe lapho wabuyela ngemzini, wathi ebantwini: ²⁹“Yizani nizobona umuntu ongitjele koke engakhe ngakwenza. Angaba nguKrestu na?” ³⁰Baphuma ngemzini baya kuJesu.

³¹Kusenjalo abafundi barabhela uJesu bathi: “Mfundisi, akhe ugame!”

³²Kodwana waphendula wathi: “Nginokudla engikugomako eningazi litho ngakho.”

³³Yeke abafundi bathoma ukubuzana bathi: “Kгани omunye ngabe umlethele ukudla na?”

³⁴UJesu wathi kibo: “Ukudla kwami kukwenza intando yongithumileko, nokuqeda umsebenzi anginikele wona bona ngiwenze. ³⁵Zakhe niphele nitjho bona kusele iinyanga ezine bona kuvunwe. Kodwana ngithi kini qalisisani kuhle amasimu; amabele avuthiwe alungelwe ukuvunwa! ³⁶Umuntu ovunako uyarholelwa abuthelele amabele wokuphila okungapheliko; kuthi-ke umuntu otjalileko, nomuntu ovunako bathabe boke. ³⁷Lokhu kuliqiniso, omunye uyatjala, omunye uyavuna. ³⁸Nginithume bona niyovuna esimini eningakayilimi, abanye balimile, nina nizuzwa emsebenzini wabo.”

³⁹Inengi lamaSamariya ngemzini lakholwa kuJesu, ngombana umfazi uthe: “Ungitjele koke engakwenzako.” ⁴⁰Yeke kwathi bona amaSamariya eze kuye, bamrabhela bona ahlale nabo; uJesu wahlala lapho amalanga amabili.

⁴¹Abanengi godu bakholwa ngomlayezo wakhe, ⁴²bathi emfazini: “Siyakholwa gadesi, ingasingalokho okutjhwileko, ingombana nathi ngokwethu simzwile, besiyazi bona nguye uMphulusi wephasi.”

UJesu upholisa indodana yenduna

⁴³Ngemva kobana uJesu selaqede amalanga amabili lapho, wasuka waya eGaleliya. ⁴⁴Ngombana yena ngokwakhe wathi: “Umporofidi akahlonitjhw endaweni yekhabo.” ⁴⁵Kwathi bona afike eGaleliya, abantu bamamukela, ngombana bebayile emnyanyeni wePhasika eJerusalema babona koke akwenzileko lapho.

⁴⁶Yeke uJesu wabuyela eKana ngeGaleliya, lapha wakhe waphendula amanzi wawenza iwayini.

Bekukhona induna lapho egade indodana yayo igula eKapernomi. ⁴⁷Kwathi bona izwe bonyana uJesu ubuyile eJudiya useGaleliya, yaya kuye yayombawa bona aye eKapernomi ayopholisa indodana yayo, ebesele itjhidele ukufa. ⁴⁸UJesu wathi kiyo: “Akakho noyedwa wenu okholwako ngaphandle kobana abone iimbonakaliso nemmangaliso.”

⁴⁹Induna yaphendula yathi: “Kosi, khamba nami ngaphambi kobana indodana yami ife.”

⁵⁰UJesu wathi kiyo: “Khamba, indodana yakho izaphila!”

Yawakholwa amezwi kaJesu yakhamba.

⁵¹Isendleleni isiya ekhaya, iinceku zayo zayihlangabeza ngelokuthi: “Indodana yakho ipholile.”

⁵²Wazibuza wathi: “Bekusikhathi bani, lokha indodana yami iba ngcono na?” Zamphendula zathi: “Bekuyisimbi yokuthoma, kwizolo ntambama lokha umgomani uyilisako.” ⁵³Yeke uyise wakhumbula bona sikhatheso lokha uJesu namtjelako asithi: “Indodana yakho izaphila.” Yeke yena nekumba yakhe yoke bakholwa.

⁵⁴Lo-ke mmangaliso wesibili uJesu awenzako afikile eGaleliya avela eJudiya.

UJesu upholisa eBhethesda ngeSabatha

5 Ngemva kwalokho, uJesu waya eJerusalema emnyanyeni wamaJuda. ²Hlanu kweSango leziMvu eJerusalema bekukhona ilitsha okuthiwa ngesiHebheru yiBhethesda egade linamathuri amahlanu. ³Isiqubuthu esikhulu sabantu abagulako besilele ngemathurini: iimphofu, iinrhurhubi, nabafe amahlangothi. Besilindele amanzi bona asinyikeke, ⁴ngombana njalo ingilozi yeKosi bephele ingene

ngesizibeni izamazise amanzi kuthi isigulani samathomo esingene ngapho sisinde ebulwelweni baso.⁵ Bekukhona lapho umuntu ogade agula iminyaka ematjhumi amathathu nabunane. ⁶UJesu wambona alele lapho, gade azi bona umuntu lo unesikhathi eside agula; yeke wambuza wathi: “Ufuna ukuphola na?”

⁷Isigulani samphendula sathi: “Kosi, anginaye noyedwa ongangifaka ngetsheni, lokha amanzi nazamazisiweko. Nangithi ngilinga ukungena, omunye nje ungena phambi kwami.”

⁸UJesu wathi kuye: “Sikima, uthathe umseme wakho ukhambé.” ⁹Khonokho wathatha umseme wakhe wathoma wakhamba.

Mhlana kwenzeka lokhu, bekungeSabatha. ¹⁰Yeke iinkhulu zamaJuda zatjela umuntu opholisileko zathi: “Namhlanjesi liSabatha, kurarana nomthetho wethu bona ungaphatha umseme wakho.”

¹¹Waphendula wathi: “Umuntu ongipholisileko uthe, angithathe umseme wami ngikhambé.”

¹²Bambuza bathi: “Ngubani umuntu okutjele bona wenze lokhu na?”

¹³Kodwana umuntu opholisileko azange azi bona uJesu ngubani, ngombana endaweni leyo bekukhona isiqubuthu, begodu noJesu selakhambé.

¹⁴Ngemva kwalokho uJesu wamfumana ngetempeleni wathi kuye: “Lalela, upholile kwanjesi, yeke lisa ukona, nakungasinjalo okumbi khulu kungakuvelela.”

¹⁵Yeke umuntu wakhamba wayotjela iinkhulu zamaJuda, bona uphiliswe nguJesu. ¹⁶Yeke zathoma ukuzuma uJesu, ngombana upholise ngeSabatha.

¹⁷UJesu waziphendula wathi: “UBaba wami uhlala asebenza njalo, nami kufanele ngisebenze.”

¹⁸Ukutjho njalo kwabangela iinkhulu zamaJuda bona zikhumbule ukumbulala; ingasingombana uphule umthetho weSabatha kwaphela, kodwana ngombana athe uZimu unguBaba wakhe, ngebangeli uzenze bona alingane noZimu.

Amandla weNdodana kaZimu

¹⁹Yeke uJesu waphendula wathi: “Kwamambala ngithi kini: INdodana angekhe yenza litho ngokwayo, yenza lokho ebone uYise akwenza. Okwenziwa nguYise, neNdodana iyakwenza. ²⁰Ngombana uYise uyayithanda iNdodana, uyitjengisa koke akwenzako. Uzayitjengisa ngitjho nemisebenzi emikulu kunalokhu, begodu noke nizarareka. ²¹Njengombana uYise avusa abafileko bona baphile godu, nayo iNdodana iphilisa labo ethanda bona baphile. ²²UYise ngokwakhe akahluleli muntu. Unikele iNdodana yakhe ilungelo lokwahlulela. ²³Khona kuzathi boke bahloniphe iNdodana njengombana bahlonipha uYise. Loyo ongahloniphiko iNdodana, akamhloniphi noYise oyithumileko.

²⁴“Kwamambala ngithi kini: Loyo ozwako amezwi wami nokholwako kiloyo ongithumileko unokuphila okungapheliko. Angekhe ahlulelwa, kodwana seladlulile ekufeni, usekuphileni. ²⁵Kwamambala ngithi kini: Isikhathi siyeza, iye, sesifikile, lapho abafileko bazakwizwa ilizwi leNdodana kaZimu, labo abazalizwa bazaphila. ²⁶Njengombana uYise ngokwakhe amthombo wokuphila, wenze neNdodana yakhe bona ibe mthombo wokuphila. ²⁷Uphe iNdodana ilungelo lokwahlulela, ngombana uyiNdodana yoMuntu. ²⁸Ningarareki ngalokhu; siyeza

isikhathi lapha abafileko bazalizwa ilizwi layo,
²⁹baphume ngemalibeni wabo: Labo abenza
 okulungileko, bazavuka baphile; labo abenza okumbi,
 bazavuka balahlwe.

Ubufakazi ngoJesu

³⁰“Angekhe ngenza litho ngokwami; ngahlulela
 ngapha uZimu atjho ngakhona. Yeke ukwahlulela
 ngapha uZimu atjho ngakhona kungikho, ngombana
 angilingi ukwenza engikufunako, kodwana ngenza
 kwaloyo ongithumileko.

³¹“Nangingazifakazela mina, yeke engikutjhoko
 angeze kwathatheka njengeqiniso. ³²Kodwana
 kukhona omunye ofakaza ngami, godu ngiyazi bona
 akutjhoko ngami kuliqiniso. ³³Nathumela kuJwanisi
 abazenda benu, wafika walifakazela iqiniso.

³⁴Ayisikukobanyana ngifuna ubufakazi bomuntu;
 ngitjho lokhu khona nizaphuluka. ³⁵UJwanisi
 bekanjengesibani, sivutha sikhanyisa, navuma
 isikhatjhana ukuzitika ngomkhanyo wakhe.

³⁶Kodwana ubufakazi enginabo bukhulu
 kunebukaJwanisi. Lokho engikwenzako, zizenzo
 enganikelwa nguBaba bona ngizenze, zifakazela mina
 bona uBaba ungithumile. ³⁷NoBaba ongithumileko
 ufakazela mina, azange khenizwe ilizwi lakhe
 namtjhana nibone ubuso bakhe. ³⁸Anibulungi umlayo
 wakhe ngeenhliziyweni zenu, ngombana anikholwa
 kiloyo amthumileko. ³⁹Nifunda imigwalo
 ecwengileko, ngombanyana nidlumbana bona
 nizafumana kiyo ipilo engapheliko. Yona imigwalo
 ecwengileko le ikhuluma ngami! ⁴⁰Khonapho nibhala
 ukwiza kimi khona nizafumana ubuphilo.

⁴¹“Angifuni ukudunyiswa mumuntu. ⁴²Kodwana
 ngiyazi bona nibabantu abanjani, begodu ngiyazi

bona aninathando noZimu
ngeenhliziyweni zenu.

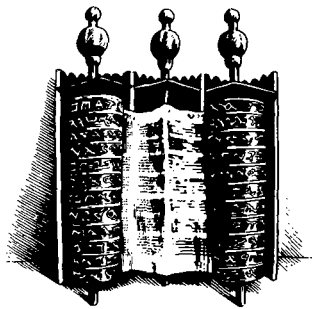
⁴³Ngize ebizweni lakaBaba,
kodwana azange
ningamukele; njeke-ke
omunye nezako ebizweni
lakhe, nizamamukela.

⁴⁴Niyathanda ukudumisana
nodwa, kodwana anilingi
ukuzuzisa idumo elivela
kuZimu. Nje-ke mina
ningangikholwa njani na?

⁴⁵Ningakhumbuli bona
ngimi ozonithwesa umlandu

phambi kwakaBaba. UMosisi, loyo enithembela
kuye, nguye ozonithwesa umlandu. ⁴⁶Nengabe
kwamambala namkholwa uMosisi, nami
nganangikholwa, ngombana wagwala ngami.

⁴⁷Kodwana njengombana anikholwa uMosisi
akugwalako, ningakholwa njani engikutjhoko na?"



Incwadi esongwako

UJesu upha iinkulungwana ezihlanu ukudla

(Mt. 14:13-21; Mk. 6:30-44; Lk. 9:10-17)

6 Ngemva kwalokho, uJesu wayamela ngaphetjheya
kwelitsha leGaleliya, lapha khunye kuthiwa lilitsha
leThibheriyasi, ²ngombana bayibona immangaliso
yakhe yokupholisa labo gade bagula. ³UJesu wanyukela
entabeni, wafika wahlala phansi nabafundi bakhe.

⁴Isikhathi somnyanya wePhasika besesitjhidele.

⁵UJesu waqala ndawo zoke, wabona isiqubuthu
esikhulu sisiza kuye, yeke wabuza uFulebhe wathi:

“Singakuthengaphi ukudla okwaneleko ukupha
abantwaba na?” ⁶Watjho lokhu alinga uFulebhe,
ngombana gade selasazi bona uzokwenza njani.



Ilitsha leGaleliya

⁷UFulebhe wamphendula wathi: “Imigadango yeempaparwana ezimakhulu amabili wesiliva angekhe zabanela, khona omunye nomunye angafumana okuncani.”

⁸Omunye wabafundi bakhe, uAndrisi, umfowabo likaSimoni Pitrosi, wathi: ⁹“Kunomsana lapha ophethe imilombo emihlanu yemigadango webhali neenhlambi ezimbili; kodwana ngineqiniso bona angekhe yabanela abantwaba.”

¹⁰UJesu wabatjela bona bahlalise abantu phasi. Bekukhona umgwegwe omnengi lapho. Yeke boke abantu bahlala phasi. Bekukhona iinkulungwana ezihlanu zamadoda. ¹¹UJesu wathatha imigadango wathokoza kuZimu wabela boke abantu egade bahlezi lapho. Wenza njalo nangeenhlambi, boke bagoma ngapha bafuna ngakhona. ¹²Ngemva kobana boke sebasuthi, wathi ebafundini bakhe: “Buthelalani iintshutshurwana eziseleko; kungalahleki litho.”

¹³Yeke bazibuthelela zoke, bazalisa iinqwebu ezilitjhumi nambili ngeentshutshurwana ezisele

emilombeni emihlanu yemigadango webhali ebegade igonywa babantu.

¹⁴Ngokubona ummangaliso lo ogade wenzwa nguJesu, abantu lapho bathi: “Kwamambala, lo mporofidi, obekufanele eze ephasinapha!” ¹⁵UJesu gade sele asazi bona bazombamba bonyana bamenze ikosi ngamandla; yeke wabuyela entabeni yedwa.

UJesu ukhamba phezu kwamanzi

(Mt. 14:22-33; Mk. 6:45-52)

¹⁶Kwathi sekurhwaqele, abafundi bakaJesu baya ngetsheni. ¹⁷Bangena ngeskepeni bayama baya ngenqanga ngeKapernomi. Bekwabasebusuku, uJesu angakezi kibo. ¹⁸Ngesikhatheso umoya omkhulu bewuvunguza uvuthela amanzi. ¹⁹Abafundi besele bathaye amakhilomitha amahlanu ukuya kwamathandathu, lokha babona uJesu akhamba ngaphezu kwamanzi, atjhidela hlanu kweskepe, bathuka kwamambala. ²⁰UJesu wathi kibo: “Ningathuki! Ngimi!” ²¹Yeke bamthatha bamusa ngeskepeni, khonokho iskepe safika endaweni lapha gade basiya khona.

Abantu bafuna uJesu

²²Ngelanga elilandelako isiqubuthu egade sihlezi ngaphetjheya kwelitsha, sakhumbula bona bokuneskepe esisodwa kwaphela lapho. Bazi bonyana uJesu azange angene ngapho nabafundi bakhe begodu bakhambe ngaphandle kwakhe. ²³Ezinye iinkepe, ezivela eThibheriyasi, zafika hlanu kwendawo lapha bekugomela khona isiqubuthu umgadango ngemva kobana iKosi uJesu ithokozile. ²⁴Kwathi bona isiqubuthu sibone bonyana uJesu bekangekho lapho,

nabafundi bakhe, sangena ngaphakathi kweenkepe
saya eKaper nomi, simfuna.

UJesu umgadango wokuphila

²⁵Kwathi bona abantu bafumane uJesu
ngaphetjheya kwelitsha, bathi kuye: “Mfundisi, ufike
nini lapha na?”

²⁶UJesu waphendula wathi: “Kwamambala ngithi
kini: Ningifuna ngombana nigome umgadango
naneliswa, ingasingombana nabona isitjengiso.

²⁷Ningasebenzeli ukudla okuphelako, endaweni
yalokho sebenzelani ukudla okuzahlala kube kuphila
okungapheliko. Lokhu kukudla iNdodana yoMuntu
ezanipha khona, ngombana uZimu, uYise, uyinikele
amandla, ubekile itshwayo lakhe kiyoyi.”

²⁸Yeke bambuza bathi: “Alo-ke singenzani na,
khona singenza okufunwa nguZimu?”

²⁹UJesu wabaphendula wathi: “UZimu ufuna bona
nikholwe kiloyo amthumileko.”

³⁰Baphendula bathi: “Ungenza isitjengiso bani
esingenza bona sikukholwe na? Ungenzani na?”

³¹Abokhokho bethu bagoma imana ngebhudwini,
njengombana imigwalo ecwengileko isithi: “Wabapha
umgadango ovela ezulwini bona bagome.”^f

³²UJesu wathi kibo: “Kwamambala ngithi kini:
Lokho uMosisi anipha khona bekungasingadango
ovela ezulwini; nguBaba ophako umgadango
wamambala ovela ezulwini. ³³Ngombana umgadango
uZimu aphisana ngawo, ngiloyo owehla ezulwini
wanikela ukuphila ephasini.”

³⁴Bathi kuye: “Kosi, sipha umgadango lo
ngamalanga.”

³⁵UJesu wathi kibo: “Ngimgadango wokuphila, loyo ozako kimi angekhe alamba; naloyo okholwako kimi angekhe oma. ³⁶Nje-ke, nginitjelile bonyana ningibonile, kodwana anikholwa. ³⁷Ngiloyo naloyo uBaba anginikela yena uzakwiza kimi. Angekhe ngajikisa namunye oza kimi. ³⁸Ngombana ngivela ezulwini, ingasibona ngenze intando yami kodwana ngenze intando yaloyo ongithumileko. ³⁹Begodu kuyintando yakhe ongithumileko bona ngingalahlekelwa ngitjho namunye kilabo anginikele bona, kodwana kufanele bonyana ngibavuse boke ngomhla wokuphela. ⁴⁰Ngombana uBaba akufunako kukobana boke ababona iNdodana bakholwe ngiyo babe nokuphila okungapheliko. Yeke ngizabavusela ekuphileni ngomhla wamaphelelo.”

⁴¹Abantu bathoma ukurhonona ngaye, ngombana uthe: “Ngimgadango ovela ezulwini.” ⁴²Yeke bathi: “Umuntu lo nguJesu indodana kaJosefe, asinguye na? Siyamazi uyise nonina. Alo-ke utjho njani gadesi bona uvela ezulwini?”

⁴³UJesu waphendula wathi: “Lisani ukurhonona hlangana nani! ⁴⁴Akakho noyedwa ongeza kimi, lokha uBaba ongithumileko nangamdoseli kimi; mina ngizamvusela ekuphileni ngomhla wokuphela. ⁴⁵Abaporofidi bagwale bona omunye nomunye uzafundiswa nguZimu,^g naloyo naloyo ozwa uBaba afunde kuye, uza kimi. ⁴⁶Lokhu akutjho bona kukhona ombonileko uBaba. Loyo ovela kuZimu nguye obone uBaba. ⁴⁷Kwamambala ngithi kini: Loyo okholwako unokuphila okungapheliko. ⁴⁸Ngimgadango wokuphila. ⁴⁹Abokhokho benu bagoma imana ebhudwini, kodwana bafa. ⁵⁰Lo

mgadango ovela ezulwini othi umuntu angawugoma angafi. ⁵¹Ngimgadango onokuphila ovela ezulwini, namtjhana ngubani owugomako, uzaphila ngokungapheliko. Umgadango engizamupha wona mzimba wami, onikelwa bonyana kuphile iphasi.”

⁵²Kwathoma ukuphikisana okushaqisako hlangana namaJuda, athi: “Umuntu lo angasipha njani umzimba wakhe bona sigome na?”

⁵³UJesu wathi kibo: “Kwamambala ngithi kini: Naningadli umzimba weNdodana yoMuntu nisele neengazi zayo, angekhe naba nokuphila. ⁵⁴Loyo ogomako umzimba wami asele neengazi zami, unokuphila okungapheliko, ngizamvusela ekuphileni ngomhla wokuphela. ⁵⁵Ngombana umzimba wami kukudla kwamambala; iingazi zami siselo osamambala. ⁵⁶Loyo ogoma umzimba wami, asele iingazi zami, uhlala ngaphakathi kwami, nami ngihlala ngaphakathi kwakhe. ⁵⁷UBaba ophilako ungithumile, ngebanga lakhe nami ngiyaphila, njaloke loyo ogoma mina uzaphila ngebanga lami. ⁵⁸Yeke, lo mgadango ovela ezulwini; awusinjengomgadango owagonywa bokhokho benu, kwathi kwamva bafa. Ogoma umgadango lo, uzaphila ngokungapheliko.”

⁵⁹UJesu watjho lokhu, nafundisako ngesinagogeni eKapernomi.

Amezwi wokuphila okungapheliko

⁶⁰Abalandeli bakhe abanengi bakwizwa lokhu, bathi: “Ifundiso le ibudisi, ngubani ongayilalela na?”

⁶¹Ngaphandle kokutjelwa uJesu wezwa bona barhonona ngalokhu, yeke wathi kibo: “Lokhu kunenza bona nikeluke ukulisa na? ⁶²Ningathini nanibona iNdodana yoMuntu inyukela lapha gade ivela khona na? ⁶³Okunikela ipilo nguMoya kaZimu;

amandla womuntu akazukwenza litho. Amezwi engiwasumayele kini anguMoya nokuphila.

⁶⁴Kodwana abanye benu abafuni ukukholwa!” UJesu wazi mathomeni bona bobani abangekhe bakholwa begodu ngubani ozomthengisa. ⁶⁵Godu wathi: “Lesi sizatho enginitjele sona bona akakho noyedwa ongeza kimi ngaphandle kobana uBaba akwenze kukgoneke bona enze njalo.”

⁶⁶Ngebanga lalokhu inengi labalandeli bakaJesu lajika azange belisakhamba naye godu. ⁶⁷Yeke wabuza abafundi bakhe abalitjhumu nambili wathi: “Nani nizafuna ukukhamba na?”

⁶⁸USimoni Pitrosi waphendula wathi: “Kosi, singaya kubani na? Nguwe onamezwi wokuphila okungapheliko. ⁶⁹Nje-ke siyakholwa besiyazi bona ungoCwengileko ovela kuZimu.”

⁷⁰UJesu waphendula wathi: “Ngakhetha nina abalitjhumu nambili, akusinjalo na? Kodwana omunye wenu ngusathana!” ⁷¹Bekakhuluma ngoJudasi, indodana kaSimoni Isikariyodi, obangomunye wabalitjhumu nambili ozomkgaphela.

UJesu nabafowabo

7 Ngemva kwalokhu uJesu waya eGaleliya; azange afune ukukhamba ngeJudiya, ngombana amaJuda afuna akumbulala. ²Isikhathi somnyanya weMihlahlana besesitjhidele. ³Yeke abafowabo likaJesu bathi kuye: “Suka endaweni le uye eJudiya, khona abalandeli bakho bazabona okwenzako. ⁴Akakho ofihla akwenzako nafuna ukwaziwa. Njengombana wenza iintwezi, iphasi loke alazi ngawe!” ⁵Ngitjho nabafowabo akhange khebamholwe.

⁶UJesu wathi kibo: “Isikhathi esifaneleko sami



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asikafiki. Namtjhana ngisiphi isikhathi sinilungele. ⁷Iphasi angekhe linihloye nina, kodwana lihloye mina, ngombana mina ngihlala ngilitjela bona izenzo zalo azikalungi. ⁸Khambani niye emnyanyeni. Angiyi mina emnyanyeni lo, ngombana isikhathi sami esifaneleko asikafiki.” ⁹Watjho lokhu, wahlala eGaleliya.

UJesu ngemnyanyeni weMihlahlana

¹⁰Ngemva kobana abafowabo sebakhambile baye ngemnyanyeni, noJesu naye waya. Nje-ke akhange aye

bamqalile, waya bukhukhutha. ¹¹Abaphathi bamaJuda bebamfuna ngemnyanyeni bathi: “Uphi?”

¹²Bekukhona itjhebetjhebe elikhulu ngaye esiqubuthwini. Abanye bathi: “Umumuntu olungileko,” abanye bathi: “Awa, udosela abantu ngerharheni.” ¹³Kodwana akakho owakhuluma ngaye etjhatjhalazini, ngombana bebasaba abaphathi bamaJuda.

¹⁴Umnyanya besele ugade usiya ngekupheleni lokha uJesu asiya ngetempeleni ayothoma ukufundisa.

¹⁵Abaphathi bamaJuda barareka kwamambala bathi: “Kwenziwa yini umuntu lo azi kangaka angakafundi na?”

¹⁶UJesu wabaphendula wathi: “Engikufundisako akusiyifundiso yami, kodwana ivela kuZimu,

ongithumileko. ¹⁷Loyo ovumako ukwenza okufunwa nguZimu, uzakwazi bona lokho engikufundisako kuvela kuZimu, namtjhana ngizikhulumela kwami.

¹⁸Umuntu ozikhulumela ngeyakhe intando, ulinga ukuzizuzela idumo yena. Kodwana loyo ofunela loyo amthumileko idumo, uneqiniso, akukho okumamanga kuye. ¹⁹UMosisi waphila wanipha umthetho, angitjho na? Kodwana akakho noyedwa kini ohlonipha umthetho. Nilingelani ukungibulala na?"

²⁰Isiqubuthu saphendula sathi: "Unomoya omumbi wena! Ngubani ofuna ukukubulala na?"

²¹UJesu waphendula wathi: "Ngenze ummangaliso owedwa, noke narareka. ²²UMosisi wanitjela bona nisokise amadodana wenu (nanyana bekungasuye uMosisi, kodwana bekubokhokho benu abakuthomako), nje-ke nisokisa umsana ngeSabatha.

²³Na, umsana asokiswe ngeSabatha khona umthetho kaMosisi ungazuphuka, alo-ke nithukuthelelani ngami ngombana ngapholisa umuntu ngeSabatha na?

²⁴Ningagwebi ngokwamehlo, kodwana gwebani ngokulungileko."

UJesu unguKrestu na?

²⁵Abanye babantu beJerusalema bathi: "Nguye umuntu lo abaphathi abafuna ukumbulala na?"

²⁶Qalani ukhulumela etjhatjhalazini, abebatjho litho kilokho! Mhlamunye kwenziwa ngombana bayamazi bona unguKrestu na? ²⁷Kodwana uKrestu nakazako, akakho ozakwazi bona ubuyaphi: Siyazi bona umuntu lo uvelaphi."

²⁸UJesu nafundisako ngetempeleni, wathi ngelizwi elikhulu: "Niyangazi na? Niyazi nalapha ngibuya khona na? Angikezi ngeyami intando. Nje-ke loyo ongithumilekho uneqiniso; nina animazi, ²⁹kodwana

mina ngiyamazi, ngombana ngibuya kuye, ungithumile.”

³⁰Yeke balinga ukumbamba, kodwana akakho noyedwa okhe wamphakamisela isandla, ngombana isikhathi sakhe besingakafiki. ³¹Kodwana abanengi besiqubuthu bamkholwa bathi: “UKrestu nezako, uzakwenza immangaliso eminengi kunomuntu lo na?”

Amabutho athunyelwa ukobamba uJesu

³²AbaFarisi bezwa isiqubuthu sirhonona ngoJesu ngeziintwezi, yeke bona nabapristi abakhulu bathumela amabutho ayobamba uJesu. ³³UJesu wathi kibo: “Ngizaba nani isikhatjhana esifitjhani, nganduba ngibuyele kiloyo ongithumileko.

³⁴Nizangifuna ningangifumani, ngombana angekhe niye lapha ngiyako.”

³⁵Abaphathi bamaJuda bathi hlangana nabo: “Uyaphi lapha esingekhe samfumana khona na? Uzaya emizini yamaGirigi, lapha kuhlala khona abantu bethu, afundise amaGirigi na? ³⁶Uthi sizamfuna singamfumani, angekhe saya lapha ayako, utjho ukuthini na?”

Imilambo yamanzi wokuphila

³⁷Ngelanga lamaphelelo neliqakathekileko lomnyanya uJesu wasikima wathi ngelizwi elikhulu: “Loyo owomileko akeze kimi azosela. ³⁸Njengombana imigwalo ecwengileko isithi: ‘Loyo okholwako kimi, imilambo yamanzi wokuphila izageleza ehliziyweni yakhe.’”^h ³⁹UJesu watjho lokhu ngoMoya oCwengileko, abakholwako nguye ebebazomamukela,

uMoya bekangakanikelwa, ngombana uJesu bekangakaphakanyiselwa ekuphazimulweni.

Ukuphikisana kwabantu ngoJesu

⁴⁰Abantu abanye hlangana nesiqubuthu bamizwa asitjho lokhu, bathi: “Umuntu lo kwamambala mporofidi!”

⁴¹Abanye bathi: “UnguKrestu!” Kodwana abanye bathi: “UKrestu angekhe avela eGaleliya! ⁴²Imigwalo ecwengileko ithi uKrestu uzaba sizukulwani sekosi uDavidi, uzabelethwa eBhethlema, emzini lapha bekuhlala uDavidi.” ⁴³Yeke kwaba khona ukwahlukana esiqubuthwini ngebanga lakaJesu. ⁴⁴Abanye bafuna ukumbamba, kodwana akakho owamphakamisela isandla.

Ukungakholwa kwabaphathi bamaJuda

⁴⁵Kwathi bona amabutho abuyele emva, abapristi abakhulu nabaFarisi bawabuza bathi: “Kubangelwe yini ningamlethi na?”

⁴⁶Amabutho aphenhula athi: “Akakho owakhe wakhuluma njengomuntu lo!”

⁴⁷AbaFarisi babuza bathi: “Nani unikhohlisile na? ⁴⁸Nakhe nambona omunye wabaphathi nanyana munye umFarisi amkholwa na? ⁴⁹Isiqubuthu asiwazi umthetho kaMosisi, singaphasi kokuthomekiswa nguZimu!”

⁵⁰Omunye wabaFarisi lapho gade inguNogodima, indoda eyakhe yayobona uJesu ngaphambilini, wathi kwabanye: ⁵¹“Ngokomthetho wethu angekhe salahla umuntu ngaphambi kobana simuzwe bona wenzeni.”

⁵²Baphendula bath : “Nawe ubuya eGaleliya na? Funda imigwalo ecwengileko uzafuna bonyana umporofidi akazange akhe avele eGaleliya.”

Umfazi obanjwe ahlobonga

8 ⁵³Yeke woke umuntu wabuyela ekhaya, ¹kodwana uJesu waya eNtabeni yeOliva. ²Kwathi ngakusasa ekuseni wabuyela ngetempeleni. Boke abantu bambunganela, wahlala phasi wathoma wabafundisa. ³Abafundisi bomthetho nabaFarisi baletha kuye umfazi owabanjwa ahlobonga, bamjamisa phambi kwabo boke. ⁴Bathi kuJesu: “Mfundisi, umfazi lo simbambe aselasdimeni yokuhlobonga.

⁵Emthethweni wekhetu uMosisi wathi umfazi onjalo kufanele akhandwe ngamatje abulawe. Alo-ke uthini na?” ⁶Batjho lokhu bathiya uJesu, khona bazambeka umlandu. Kodwana wakhothama wagwala phasi ngomuno wakhe.

⁷Basajame lapho bambuza imibuzo, wazithabulula wathi kibo: “Nanyana ngangubani omunye wenu ongazange enze isono angaphosa umfazi lo ngelitje lokuthoma.” ⁸Wakhothama godu wagwala phasi. ⁹Kwathi bona bezwe lokhu, bakhamba boke ngamunye ngamunye, abadala ntangi. UJesu wasala yedwa, nomfazi asolo ajame lapho. ¹⁰Wathabuluka godu wathi kuye: “Baphi na? Akukasali namunye ozokubeka umlandu na?”

¹¹Waphendula wathi: “Sengitjho namunye, Kosi.” Wathi uJesu: “Njeke-ke angikubeki umlandu. Ungakhamba, kodwana ungabusona godu.”ⁱ

UJesu kukhanya kwephasi

¹²UJesu wakhuluma ebaFarisini godu wathi: “Mina ngikukhanya kwephasi. Loyo ongilandelako

i) 7:53 – 8:11 *Ezinye iincwadi zokuthoma amezwi la ziwaveze kwezinye iindawo*

uzaba nokukhanya kokuphila, angekhe akhamba lapha kunzima khona.”

¹³AbaFarisi bathi kuye: “Manjesi khona, uzifakazela wena ngekwakho; okutjhoko akutjho litho.”

¹⁴UJesu waphendula wathi: “Awa! Namtjhana ngangizifakazela ngekwami, engikutjhoko kuliqiniso, ngombana ngiyazi lapha ngivela khona nalapha ngiyako. Anazi bona ngibuyaphi. ¹⁵Nina nahlulela ngokwejamo lomuntu, mina angahluleli muntu.

¹⁶Kodwana nengabe bekufanele ngenze njalo, ukwahlulela kwami bekuzoba ngokweqiniso, ngombana angisingedwa kilokhu; uBaba ongithumileko unami. ¹⁷Kugwaliwe emthethweni wenu bona na abofakazi ababili bavumelana, abakutjhoko liqiniso. ¹⁸Ngizifakazela ngokwami, noBaba ongithumileko uyangifakazela.”

¹⁹Bambuza bathi: “Ukuphi uYihlo na?”

UJesu waphendula wathi: “Mina aningazi, noBaba animazi. Ngathana beningazi mina, noBaba ngabe niyamazi naye.”

²⁰UJesu wakutjho koke lokhu afundisa ngetempeleni, ngekumbeni lapha bekubekwe iinlulu zomnikelo. Akakho noyedwa owambambako, ngombana isikhathi sakhe besingakafiki.

“Angekhe naya lapha ngiyako”

²¹Godu uJesu wathi kibo: “Ngizakhamba, nizangifuna, kodwana nizafela ezonweni zenu. Angekhe naya lapha ngiyako.”

²²Yeke abaphathi bamaJuda bathi: “Uthi angekhe saya lapha ayako. Kgani lokhu kutjho bonyana uzazibulala na?”

²³UJesu waphendula wathi: “Nina

ningebephasinapha, kodwana mina ngibuya ezulwini. Nina nivela kileliphasi, kodwana mina angisuye wephaseli. ²⁴Ngikho lokhu ngithe nizafela ezonweni zenu, naningakhokholwako bona nginguye enginguye.”

²⁵Bambuza bathi: “Ungubani wena na?”

UJesu waphendula wathi: “Nginguloyo engathi nginguye ekuthomeni. ^j ²⁶Nginakunengi engingakutjho ngani, nginganibeka umlandu ngakho. Kodwana loyo ongithumileko uneqiniso, ngitjela iphasi lokho engikuzwileko kuye kwaphela.”

²⁷Azange balemuke bona uJesu bekakhuluma nabo ngoYise. ²⁸Yeke wathi kibo: “Naniphakamisako iNdodana yoMuntu, ^k nizakwazi bona nginguye enginguye. Nje-ke nizakwazi bona angenzi litho ngokwami, kodwana ngitjho lokho uBaba angitjele bona ngikutjho. ²⁹Loyo ongithumileko unami, akakangitjhiyi ngedwa, ngombana ngenza njalo okumthokozisako.”

³⁰Abanengi abamzwako uJesu atjho lokhu, bamkholwa.

Abantu abakhululekileko neengqili

³¹Yeke uJesu wathi kilabo abamkholwako: “Nanijame efundisweni yami, nibafundi bami bamambala. ³²Nizakwazi iqiniso, iqiniso lizanitjhaphulula.”

³³Bamphendula bathi: “Siziinzukulwani zaka-Abrahama, azange khesibe ziingqili zomuntu. Alo-ke utjho ukuthini nawuthi sizatjhaphululwa na?”

³⁴UJesu wathi kibo: “Kwamambala ngithi kini: Woke owonako usigqili sesono. ³⁵Isigqili asisingesomndeni loyo isiphelani, kodwana iNdodana

j) *Namtjhana* “Ngisakhulumelani nje nani?” k) Joh. 12:32-33

ingeyalapho nanini. ³⁶Lokha iNdodana nayinikhululako kwamambala nizabe nikhululiwe. ³⁷Ngiyazi bona niziinzukulwani zaka-Abrahama. Kodwana nilinga ukungibulala, ngombana angekhe namukela ifundiso yami. ³⁸Ngikhulumile ngalokho uBaba angitjengisileko, kodwana nina nenza lokho ubaba wenu anitjele khona.”

³⁹Bamphendula bathi: “Ubaba wethu nguAbrahama.”

UJesu wabaphendula wathi: “Nengabe benibantwana baka-Abrahama, ngabe nenza lokho uAbrahama gade akwenza. ⁴⁰Koke esekhe ngakwenza bekunitjela iqiniso engilizwe kuZimu, kodwana nifuna ukungibulala. UAbrahama azange akhakwenze okufana nalokhu. ⁴¹Nenza lokho ubaba wenu akwenzileko.”

Bamphendula bathi: “Asisibantwana bokonakala, sinoBaba oyedwa, nguZimu.”

⁴²UJesu wathi kibo: “Nengabe kwamambala uZimu bekanguBaba wenu, benizangithanda, ngombana ngibuya kuZimu, nje-ke ngilapha. Angikazizeli ngeyami intando, kodwana yena ungithumile.

⁴³Nenziwa yini ningalemuki engikutjhoko na? Kungombana aniwizwa umlayezo wami.

⁴⁴Nibantwana bakayihlo uSathana, nithanda ukwenza iinkanuko zakababa wenu. Kusukela emathomeni bekambulali, azange akhabe neqiniso, ngombana akanalo iqiniso. Nakhuluma amanga, ukhuluma lokho okuyimvelo kuye, ngombana unamanga, unguyise lamanga. ⁴⁵Kodwana kwamambala ngithi kini: Nginitjela iqiniso, kungakho ningangikhulwa nje.

⁴⁶Ngubani wenu ongafakaza bona nginomlandu wesono na? Alo-ke nengabe ngikhuluma iqiniso, yeke kuyini ningakhulwa na? ⁴⁷Loyo ovela kuZimu ulalela

amezwi kaZimu. Nje-ke, nina aniveli kuZimu. Ngikho lokhu ningeze nalalela.”

UJesu noAbrahama

⁴⁸AmaJuda ambuza athi: “Kosi, besingatjho iqiniso lokha sithi umSamariya begodu unomoya omumbi na?”

⁴⁹UJesu waphendula wathi: “Anginamoya omumbi, ngihlonipha uBaba; kodwana nina niyanginyaza.

⁵⁰Angizifuneli mina idumo lami. Kodwana kukhona olifunako nohlulelako. ⁵¹Kwamambala ngithi kini: Loyo ohlonipha ifundiso yami angeze afa.”

⁵²Bathi kuye: “Kwanjesi khona sesineqiniso bona unomoya omumbi. UAbrahama wafa, nabaporofidi bafa, kodwana solo uthi loyo ohlonipha ifundiso yakho ngeze afa. ⁵³Ubaba wethu uAbrahama wafa; kodwana awutjho bona umkhulu kunoAbrahama na? Begodu nabaporofidi bafa. Alo-ke wena udlumbana bona ungubani na?”

⁵⁴UJesu waphendula wathi: “Nengabe bengingazidumisa mina, idumo lami lingaba lilize. Ongidumisako nguBaba, yena loyo enithi nguZimu.

⁵⁵Azange khenimazi, kodwana mina ngiyamazi. Ngathana bengingathi angimazi, bengingaba ngusomanga njengani. Kodwana ngiyamazi, begodu ngiyalihlonipha ilizwi lakhe. ⁵⁶Ubaba wenu uAbrahama wathaba, ngombana bekazabona isikhathi sokwiza kwami, wasibona, wathaba kwamambala.”

⁵⁷Bathi kuye: “Abewunayo neminyaka ematjhumu amahlanu yobudala, kodwana sewubone uAbrahama na?”¹

1) *Ezinye iincwadi zithi* “UAbrahama ukubonile na?”

⁵⁸UJesu waphendula wathi: “Kwamambala ngithi kini: Angakabikho uAbrahama, mina besele ngikhona.”

⁵⁹Yeke badobha amatje bona bayamkhanda, kodwa uJesu wazifihla waphuma ngetempeleni wakhamba.

UJesu uphophulula indoda eyabelethwa isiphofu

9 Kwathi uJesu asakhamba, wabona umuntu owabelethwa asiphofu. ²Abafundi bakhe bambuza bathi: “Mfundisi, sisono sakabani esibangele umuntu lo bona abe siphofu na? Ngesakhe namtjhana ngesabazali bakhe na?”

³UJesu waphendula wathi: “Ubuphofu bakhe abunandaba nezono zakhe namtjhana izono zabazali bakhe. Usiphofu khona amandla kaZimu azabonakala asebenza kuye. ⁴Ikani kusemini, kufanele sihlale solo sisebenza umsebenzi waloyo ongithumileko.

Ubusuku buyeza lapha noyedwa angekhe asebenza.

⁵Ikani ngisesephasini, ngimkhanyo wephasi.”

⁶Ngemva kobana uJesu atjho lokhu, wakhafulela equlwanini wavuba idaka ngamathe, wahlkihla idaka emehlweni wesiphofu. ⁷Wathi kiso: “Khamba uyohlamba amehlo wakho ngesizibeni seSilowama.” Ibizweli litjho bona ‘Uthunyiwe’. Yeke umuntu wakhamba, wahlamba ubuso bakhe, wabuya aselabona.

⁸Abakhelwani bakhe, nabantu abambona nakhombelako ngaphambi kwalokhu, babuza bathi: “Asuye umuntu lo ogade aphele ahlale phasi akhombele na?”

⁹Abanye bathi: “Nguye,” kodwana abanye bathi: “Awa, akasuye; uzifanela naye kwaphela.”

Yeke umuntu ngokwakhe wathi: “Nginguye.”

¹⁰Bambuza bathi: “Kubangelwa yini bona khona gadesi ubone na?”

¹¹Waphendula wathi: “Umuntu okuthiwa nguJesu wavuba idaka, walihlikihla emehlweni wami, wangitjela bona ngiye eSilowama ngiyohlamba ubuso bami. Yeke ngaya, ngithe bona ngiqede ukuhlamba, ngabona.”

¹²Bambuza bathi: “Alo-ke uphi na?”

Waphendula wathi: “Angazi.”

AbaFarisi bahlolisisa ukuphophululwa

¹³Yeke basa ebaFarisini umuntu ogade angaboni.

¹⁴Mhlana uJesu enza idaka amphophulula, bekungeSabatha. ¹⁵AbaFarisi bambuza godu umuntu lo bona waphophuluka bunjani. Wabatjela wathi: “Waninda idaka emehlwenami; ngahlamba ubuso bami, ngabona.”

¹⁶Abanye babaFarisi bathi: “Umuntu owenze lokhu akaveli kuZimu, ngombana akawuhloniphi umthetho weSabatha.”

Yeke abanye bathi: “Kungenzeka njani umuntu onezono enze immangaliso enje na?”

Kwaba khona ukuhlukana hlangana nabo.

¹⁷Yeke abaFarisi bambuza umuntu lo godu, bathi: “Uthi ukuphophulule. Alo-ke wena uthini ngaye na?”

Waphendula wathi: “Umporofidi.”

¹⁸Abaphathi bamaJuda, bebangafuni ukukholwa bona bekasiphofu manjesi selabona, kufikela bebabize abazali bakhe. ¹⁹Bababuza bathi: “Yindodana yenu le na? Nithi yabelethwa isiphofu; nje-ke kwenzeke njani bonyana ikgone ukubona na?”

²⁰Abazali bakhe baphendula bathi: “Siyazi bona yindodana yethu, besiyazi bona yabelethwa isiphofu.

²¹Kodwana asazi bonyana kuze bunjani ikgone

ukubona, godu abe asazi bona iphophululwe ngubani. Ibuzeni, ikhulile ingakgona ukuziphendulela!”

²²Abazali bayo batjho lokhu, ngombana gade basaba abaphathi bamaJuda, ngobanyana gade seabavumelene bona namtjhana ngubani okholwako bona uJesu unguKrestu uzarijwa ngesinagogeni. ²³Ngikho lokhu abazali bayo bathe: “Ikhulile, ingaziphendulela!”

²⁴Kwesibili godu bambiza umuntu owabelethwa asiphofu, bathi kuye: “Funga phambi koZimu bona uzakhuluma iqiniso! Siyazi bona umuntu lo okuphophululileko sisoni.”

²⁵Waphendula wathi: “Angazi lokha nasisoni, koke engikwaziko kukobana bengiphophele, manjesi sengibona.”

²⁶Bambuza bathi: “Ukwenzeni na? Ukuphophulule njani na?”

²⁷Waphendula wathi: “Senginitjelile, kodwana anifuni ukwizwa. Yini enifuna ukukwizwa godu na? Mhlamunye nani nifuna ukuba bafundi bakhe?”

²⁸Bamnyefula bathi: “Wena umfundi waloya; kodwana thina sibafundi bakaMosisi; ²⁹siyazi bona uZimu wakhuluma noMosisi, nebekhona ngiloya, asazi bona uvelaphi!”

³⁰Waphendula wathi: “Maye! Kwaba yinto erarako! Abe anazi bona uvelaphi, kodwana mina ungiphophulule! ³¹Siyazi bona uZimu akabalaleli abazisoni; uyabalalela abantu abamhloniphako benze nalokho akufunako bona bakwenze. ³²Solo iphasi lathoma, akakho owakhe wezwa bona kukhona ophophulule isiphofu. ³³Ngaphandle kobana umuntu lo avele kuZimu, angekhe akgone ukwenza litho.”

³⁴Bamphendula bathi: “Wabelethelwa wakhulela esonweni, begodu ulinga ukusifundisa.” Bamribha ngesinagogeni.

Ubuphofu ngokomoya

³⁵Wathi bona uJesu ezwe bonyana umuntu loyo uritjiwe esinagogeni, wamfumana wambuza wathi: “Uyakholwa eNdodaneni yoMuntu na?”

³⁶Waphendula wathi: “Ngubani loyo na? Khona ngingakholwa kuye!”

³⁷UJesu wathi kuye: “Sele umbonile, begodu ngiyo okhuluma nayo njenganje.”

³⁸Wathi: “Ngiyakholwa, Kosi!” Waguqa phambi koJesu.

³⁹UJesu wathi: “Ngize ephasinapha ukuzokwahlulela, khona kuza kuthi iimphofu zibone, kuthi labo ababonakho baphophale.”

⁴⁰Abanye abaFarisi egade balapho naye bamizwa atjho lokhu, bambuza bathi: “Utjho bona nathi siziimphofu na?”

⁴¹UJesu waphendula wathi: “Ngathana niziimphofu, bengekhe nibe nomlandu; kodwana njengombana nithi niyabona, lokhu kutjho bona solo ninomlandu.”

Umfanekiso ngomelusi

10 UJesu wathi: “Kwamambala ngithi kini: Umuntu ongangeniko esibayeni sezimvu ngesango, kodwana angena ngokweqa, sisebi, begodu ngugalajani. ²Umuntu ongena ngesango ngumelusi wezimvu. ³Umqalisango uyamvulela isango, izimvu zakhe zilizwe ilizwi lakhe, nazibizako ngamabizo wazo, azidosele ngaphandle. ⁴Kuthi bonyana angazikhuphela ngaphandle, akhambе phambi kwazo, izimvu zimlandele, ngombana ziyalazi ilizwi lakhe. ⁵Angekhe zamlandela ezingamaziko; endaweni yalokho zizabaleka emuntwini loyo, ngombana azilazi ilizwi lakhe.”

⁶UJesu wabatjela umfanekiso lo, kodwana azange bamlemuke bona uthini.

UJesu ngumelusi olungileko

⁷Yeke uJesu wathi godu: “Kwamambala ngithi kini: Ngilisango lezimvu. ⁸Boke labo abeza ngaphambi kwami zizebi nabogalajani, kodwana izimvu azange zabalalela. ⁹Mina ngilisango. Loyo ozako ngami uzaphuluka; uzangena aphume afumane amadlelo. ¹⁰Isebi sizela kwaphela ukuzokweba, ukubulala, nokurhayila. Mina ngizele bona abantu bafumane ukuphila, babe nako ngokupheleleko.

¹¹“Mina ngingumelusi olungileko, ozimiseleko ukufela izimvu zakhe. ¹²Lokha umuntu oqatjhiweko ongasuye umelusi nezimvu ingasizo zakhe, uthi angabona ipisi isiza, asukele izimvu abaleke; yeke ipisi ibambe izimvu umhlambi urhatjeke. ¹³Umuntu oqatjhiweko uyabaleka, ngombana aqatjhiwe anganandaba nezimvu. ¹⁴⁻¹⁵Mina ngingumelusi olungileko, njengombana uBaba angazi nami ngimazi, nje-ke ngiyazazi izimvu zami, nazo ziyangazi. Ngizimisele ukuzifela. ¹⁶Nginazo nezinye izimvu ezingasizo zesibayesi. Nazo kufanele ngize nazo. Zizalizwa ilizwi lami, kube umhlambi owodwa nomelusi oyedwa.

¹⁷“UBaba uyangithanda, ngombana nginikela ipilo yami, khona ngizayifumana godu. ¹⁸Akakho namunye ongangimuka ipilo yami. Ngiyinikela mina ngokuthanda kwami. Nginawo amandla wokuyinikela, nginawo amandla wokuyizuzza godu. Ngikho lokhu uBaba athe ngikwenze.”

¹⁹Ngebanga lamezwi la kwaba khona godu ukwahlukana hlangana namaJuda. ²⁰Abanengi bawo

gade basithi: “Unomoya omumbi! Uyahlanya! Nimplalelani na?”

²¹Kodwana abanye bebasithi: “Umuntu onomoya omumbi ngekhe akhulume nje! Umoya omumbi ungaphophulula njani abantu na?”

UJesu uyaninwa

²²Bekusebusika lokha, kumnyanya wokuHlanjululwa kweTempela eJerusalema. ²³UJesu bekakhamba ngeMathurini kaSolomoni ngetempeleni.

²⁴Kwathi abantu nebambunganelako, bambuza bathi: “Phuma eqinisweni, utjho bona unguKrestu na?”

²⁵UJesu waphendula wathi: “Sengitjhwi, kodwana aningikholwa. Engikwenzako ebizweni lakaBaba ngiko okungifakazelako. ²⁶Kodwana angekhe nakholwa, ngombana anisizo izimvu zami.

²⁷Izimvu zami zizwa ilizwi lami. Ngiyazazi, ziyangilandela. ²⁸Ngizipha ipilo engapheliko, angekhe zafa. Akakho ongazihluthula kimi. ²⁹Lokho uBaba angiphe khona kukhulu kunakho koke, akakho ongazihluthula kuBaba. ³⁰Mina noBaba simunye.”

³¹Godu abantu badobha amatje bona bayamkhanda. ³²UJesu wathi kibo: “Ngenze okunengi okuhle phambi kwenu, uBaba angabele khona bona ngikwenze; ngiyiphi-ke into enifuna ukungikhandela khona na?”

³³Bamphendula bathi: “Asifuni ukukukhandela izenzo ezihle. Kodwana ngombana uyahlambalaza! Umumuntu kwaphela, kodwana ulinga ukuzenza uZimu!”

³⁴UJesu waphendula wathi: “Kugwaliwe emthethweni bona uZimu wathi: ‘Nibozi.’”

³⁵Siyazi bona okukhulunywa migwalo ecwengileko

kuliqiniso elingapheliko. Abantwabo uZimu ubabiza bonyana bozimu, ngitjho abantwabo umlayezo wakhe owathunyelwa kibo. ³⁶UBaba wangikhetha wangithumela ephasini, njeke-ke ningatjho njani bona ngiyahlambalaza na? Ingombana ngithe ngiyiNdodana kaZimu na? ³⁷Ningangikholwa-ke, nengabe angenzi lokho uBaba afuna bona ngikwenze. ³⁸Kodwana nangikwenzako ningangikholwa mina, okunganani-ke kholwani izenzo zami, khona nizakwazi-ke kwaphela bona uBaba ukimi nami ngikuye.”

³⁹Kambe godu balinga ukumbamba uJesu, kodwana waphunyuka ezandleni zabo.

⁴⁰Yeke uJesu wabuyela godu emva, wayama umlambo iJordani, waya endaweni lapha uJwanisi gade abhabhadisela khona, wahlala lapho. ⁴¹Abantu abanengi beza kuye bathi: “UJwanisi azange akhenze isitjengiso, kodwana koke akutjhwileko ngomuntu lo, liqiniso.” ⁴²Boke abantu lapho bamkholwa uJesu.

Ukufa kwakaLazaro

11 Umuntu okuthiwa nguLazaro, obegade ahlala eBhethaniya, bekagula. IBhethaniya mumuzi lapha gade kuhlala uMariya nodadwabo uMarta. ²UMariya lo ngiloyo owathela iKosi ngamakha eenyaweni wazisula ngeenhluthu zakhe; bekungumfowabo uLazaro ogade agula. ³Abodadwabo bathumela umlayezo kuJesu bathi: “Kosi, umngani wakho othandekako uyagula.”

⁴Kwathi bona uJesu akwizwe lokho, wathi: “Isiphetho sokugulokhu ayizikuba kukufa kwakaLazaro; ukugulokhu kuzoletha iphazimulo kuZimu. Ngendlela le-ke iNdodana kaZimu izadunyiswa.”

⁵UJesu bekamthanda uMarta, nodadwabo, noLazaro. ⁶Kwathi bona ezwe bonyana uLazaro uyagula, wahlala lapha gade akhona amalanga amanye amabili godu. ⁷Yeke wathi ebafundini: “Asikhambeni sibuyele eJudiya.”

⁸Abafundi bamphendula bathi: “Mfundisi, isikhatjhana esifitjhani esidlulileko abantu gade bafuna ukukukhanda ngamatje, alo-ke ubhincela ukubuyela emva godu na?”

⁹UJesu wathi: “Ilanga linama-awara alitjhumi nambili, akusinjalo na? Loyo okhamba emini kanobha, akazukhutjwa awe, ngombana uyawubona umkhanyo wephaseli. ¹⁰Kodwana nakhamba ebusuku uyakhutjwa, ngombana akanawo umkhanyo.”

¹¹UJesu watjho lokhu, godu wangezelela wathi: “Umngani wethu uLazaro ulele, kodwana ngizakhamba ngomvusa.”

¹²Abafundi bamphendula bathi: “Kosi, nengabe ulele, uzaphola.”

¹³UJesu bekasitjho bona uLazaro utlhogekile. Kodwana bebadlumbana bona utjho ukulala ubuthongo. ¹⁴Yeke uJesu wabatjela pha wathi: “ULazaro ufile. ¹⁵Kodwana ngebanga lenu ngithabile, ngombana bengingasinaye, khona nizakholwa. Asikhambeni siye kuye.”

¹⁶UTomasi, obizwa bona Liphahla, wathi ebafundini: “Asikhambeni nomfundisi, khona sizakufa naye!”

UJesu ukuvuka nokuphila

¹⁷Kwathi bona uJesu afike, wafumana uLazaro selanamalanga amane abulungiwe. ¹⁸IBhethaniya beyingaphasi kwamakhilomitha amathathu ukusuka eJerusalema. ¹⁹AmaJuda amanengi eza azobona

uMarta noMariya ukuzobadunduzela ngokufa komfowabo.

²⁰Kwathi bona uMarta ezwe bona uJesu uyeza, wakhamba wayomhlangabeza, kodwana uMariya wahlala ngendlini. ²¹UMarta wathi kuJesu: “Kosi, ngathana gade ulapha, umfowethu ngangakafi!

²²Kodwana ngiyazi bona uZimu uzakupha namtjhana yini oyibawako.”

²³UJesu wathi kuye: “Umfowenu uzavuka aphile.”

²⁴Waphendula wathi: “Ngiyazi uzavuka aphile godu ngomhla wokuphela.”

²⁵UJesu wathi kuye: “Ngingukuvuka nokuphila. Loyo ongikholwako uzaphila, ngitjho namtjhana angafa. ²⁶Naloyo ophilako akholwe kimi angekhe afa nanini. Uyakukholwa lokhu na?”

²⁷Waphendula wathi: “Iye, Kosi! Ngiyakholwa bona unguKrestu, iNdodana kaZimu, obekufanele ize ephasini.”

UJesu uyalila

²⁸Ngemva kobana uMarta atjho lokhu, wabuyela emva wayobiza udadwabo uMariya ngasese wathi:

“Umfundisi ufikile, uyakufuna.” ²⁹Kuthi bona uMariya ezwe lokhu, wasuka msinyana waya kuye.

³⁰UJesu bekangakafiki ngemzini, kodwana bekasesendaweni lapha uMarta amhlangabeze khona.

³¹Abantu agade bangendlini noMariya, bamdunduzela, bamlandela nebambona aphuma. Babona sengathi uya elibeni uyolila khona.

³²UMariya wafika lapha kunoJesu, kwathi khonokho bonyana ambone, waguqa phambi kwakhe wathi: “Kosi, ngathana gade ulapha, umfowethu ngangakafi!”

³³UJesu wambona alila, begodu wabona bonyana nabantu gade banaye balila kangangani nabo; ihliziyo yakhe yakgwatheka, wadana kwamambala. ³⁴Wabuza wathi: “Nimbulungephi na?”

Bamphendula bathi: “Kosi, yiza uzobona.”

³⁵UJesu walila iinyembezi. ³⁶Abantu bathi: “Qalani bona ubamthanda kangangani!”

³⁷Kodwana abanye babo bathi: “Waphophulula isiphofu, akusinjalo na? Alo-ke ubangekhe avikele uLazaro bona angafi na?”

ULazaro uvuswa ekufeni

³⁸UJesu adane khulu godu, waya elibeni, egade lilirharha ligutjuzwe ngelitje emnyango.

³⁹UJesu wathi: “Susani ilitje!”

UMarta, udadwabo lomufi, waphendula wathi: “Kosi, kuzaba nephunga elimbi, selanamalanga amane abulungiwe!”

⁴⁰UJesu wathi kuye: “Azange ngikutjele bona uzabona iphazimulo kaZimu nawukholwako na?”

⁴¹Balisusa ilitje. UJesu waqala phezulu wathi: “Ngiyakuthokoza, Baba, ngombana ungilalele.

⁴²Ngiyazi bona ungilalela njalo. Kodwana lokhu ngikutjho ngebanga labantu abajame lapha, khona bazakholwa bona ungithumile.” ⁴³Kwathi bona atjho lokhu, wabiza ngelizwi elikhulu wathi: “Lazaro, phuma!” ⁴⁴Waphuma izandla zakhe neenyawo zakhe ziphuthelwe ngezambatho zeliba, netjhila elimhlophe ebusweni. UJesu wabatjela bona bamtjhaphulule bamlise akhambe.

Basongela uJesu

(Mt. 26:1-5; Mk. 14:1-2; Lk. 22:1-2)

⁴⁵Abantu abanengi ebebazothekela uMariya babona

uJesu akwenzileko, bamkholwa. ⁴⁶Kodwana abanye babuyela ebaFarisini bayobatjela bona uJesu wenzeni. ⁴⁷Yeke abaFarisi nabapristi abakhulu bahlangana nebandla bathi: “Sizakwenza njani na? Qalani yoke immangaliso umuntu lo ayenzako! ⁴⁸Nasingamlisa enze nje, umuntu woke uzamkholwa, begodu abaphathi bamaRoma bazathatha igadango barhayile itempela lethu netjhaba lethu!”

⁴⁹Omunye wabo, ibizo lakhe linguKhayifasi, obegade amupristi omkhulu unyaka loyo, wathi: “Niziindlhayela kangangani! ⁵⁰Aniboni bonyana kungcono kufe umuntu oyedwa afele abantu kunobanyana kurhayilwe itjhaba loke na?”

⁵¹Eqinisweni, ubangatjho lokhu ngokwakhe; ngombana ampristi omkhulu unyaka loyo, bekaporofida bona uJesu uzokufa, afele itjhaba lamaJuda, ⁵²ingasilona kwaphela, kodwana abuthelele ndawonye abantwana abarhatjhekileko bakaZimu.

⁵³Kusukela khona mhlokho abaphathi bamaJuda benza amaqhinga wokubulala uJesu. ⁵⁴Yeke uJesu azange abasakhamba umathanda eJudiya, kodwana wasuka waya endaweni ehlanu kwebhudu, endaweni okuthiwa yiEfrayimi, lapha ahlala khona nabafundi bakhe.

⁵⁵Isikhathi somnyanya wePhasika besetitjhidele, abantu abanengi baya eJerusalema, bayohlanjululwa ngaphambi komnyanya. ⁵⁶Bebafuna uJesu njengombana bebahlangana ngetempeleni, babuzana bathi: “Nibone njani? Kwamambala angekhe eza emnyanyeni, uzakwiza na?” ⁵⁷Abapristi abakhulu, nabaFarisi benza isimemezelo bona loyo owaziko bona uJesu ukuphi, kufanele abike, khona bazambamba.

UJesu uzeswa ngamafutha eBhethaniya

(Mt. 26:6-13; Mk. 14:3-9)

12 Besekusele amalanga amathandathu ngaphambi kwePhasika uJesu waya eBhethaniya, koLazaro, umuntu amvusako ekufeni. ²Bamlungisela ukudla,



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uMarta wasiza ukuphakulula; uLazaro waba ngomunye ogade ahlezi noJesu etafuleni.

³Yeke uMariya wathatha isithaba selitha lamafutha abizako wenadi, wawazesa eenyaweni zakaJesu, wasula ngeenhluthu zakhe. Iphunga elinuka kamnandi lamafutha lazala ikumba yoke. ⁴Omunye wabafundi bakaJesu uJudasi Isikariyodi, loyo ogade azomthengisa, wathi:

⁵“Kungebanga lani amafutha la angakathengiswa ngamakhulu amathathu

weempaparwana zesiliva, kuthi imali le yabelwe abadududu na?” ⁶Wakutjho lokhu ingasibona uzwela abadududu, kodwana gade asisebi, njengombana gade amlondisikhwama nje bephele ebe okungaphakathi.

⁷Kodwana uJesu wathi: “Mlise! Alondele amafutha la ilanga lokubulungwa kwami. ⁸Abadududu nizahlala njalo ninabo, kodwana mina angekhe nihlale ninami.”

Basongela uLazaro

⁹Abantu abanengi bezwa bona uJesu useBhethaniya, yeke baya lapho, ingasingebanga

laka Jesu kwaphela, kodwana bebefuna ukubona no Lazaro, u Jesu amvusa ekufeni. ¹⁰Yeke abapristi abakhulu baluka amano wokubulala u Lazaro, ¹¹ngombana ngebanga lakhe amaJuda amanengi gade abanina akholwa u Jesu.

*UJesu ungena eJerusalema
ngedumo*

(Mt. 21:1-11; Mk. 11:1-11;
Lk. 19:28-40)

¹²Ngelanga elilandelako isiqubuthu ebesiza emnyanyeni wePhasika sezwa bona uJesu uza eJerusalema.

¹³Yeke sathatha amahlahla womuthi wepato saphuma sayohlangabeza uJesu, sarhuwelela, sathi:

“Dumisani uZimu!

Zimu,

mbusise ozako ngebizo lakho!”

Zimu,

busisa iKosi yako Israyeli!”

¹⁴UJesu wafumana udumbana wamkhwela, njengombana imigwalo ecwengileko isithi:

¹⁵“Ungesabi, muzi weZiyoni!

Nasi iKosi yakho isiza,

ikhwele udumbana osemutjha.”^o

¹⁶Abafundi bakhe azange bakuzwisise lokhu emathomeni; kodwana kwathi bona uJesu avuselwe ephazimulweni, bakhumbula bona imigwalo



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ecwengileko yatjho lokhu ngaye nokobana lokhu bakwenzele yena.

¹⁷Abantu egade bano Jesu, lokha nabiza uLazaro bona aphume ngelibeni amvuse ekufeni, bararekela okwenzekileko. ¹⁸Ngikho lokhu isiqubuthu samhlangabeza, ngombana sezwa bona wenze ummangaliso lo. ¹⁹Yeke abaFarisi bathi komunye nomunye: “Niyabona bonyana asiphumeleli nakancancani na? Qalani, iphasi lokeli liyamlandela!”

AmaGirigi athile afuna uJesu

²⁰AmaGirigi athile gade ahlanguana nalabo egade baye eJerusalema ukuyolotjha emnyanyeni. ²¹Baya kuFulebhe, obekavela eBhethisayida engeGaleliya, bathi: “Kosi, sibawa ukubona uJesu.”

²²UFulebhe wayotjela uAndrisi, bobabili baya kuJesu. ²³UJesu wabaphendula wathi: “Isikhathi sesifikile bona iNdodana yoMuntu imukele iphazimulo ekulu. ²⁴Kwamambala ngithi kini: Na ithoro yekoroyi iwela equlwanini ingafi, ihlala injalo. Kodwana nengabe iyafa, ihloma iinthelo ezinengi. ²⁵Loyo othanda ipilo yakhe, izomlahlekela; loyo ohloya ipilo yakhe ephasineli, uzaphila ukuphila okungapheliko. ²⁶Loyo oyinceku yami, akangilande, khona kuzathi inceku yami ibe lapho ngikhona. Begodu uBaba uzamdumisa umuntu oyinceku yami.

UJesu ukhuluma ngokufa kwakhe

²⁷“Khona gadesi ihliziyo yami itshwenyekile, ngingathini na? Kgani ngithi: ‘Baba, ngiphuluse, ungikhuphe esikhathinesi?’ Kodwana ngeza ngesizatho lesi bona ngehlelewe sikhathesi sobudisi. ²⁸Baba, yenza bona ibizo lakho lidunyiswe!”

Yeke kwezwakala ilizwi ezulwini lisithi:
 “Sengilidumisile; ngisazakulidumisa godu.”

²⁹Isiqubuthu besijame lapho salizwa ilizwi, abanye baso bathi beliduma, lokha abanye basithi: “Ingilozikhuluma naye!”

³⁰Kodwana uJesu wathi kibo: “Ilizweli alikhulumi ngebanga lami, kodwana likhuluma ngebanga lenu.

³¹Kwanjesi sekusikhathi bona iphaseli ligwetjwe; gadesi umphathi wephaseli uzakwehliswa.

³²Nangiphakanyiswako ephasinapha, ngizadosela woke umuntu kimi.” ³³Wakutjho lokho abonisa indlela azokufa ngayo.

³⁴Isiqubuthu saphendula sathi: “Umthetho uthi, uKrestu uzaphila ngokungapheliko. Alo-ke ungatjho njani bona iNdodana yoMuntu kufanele iphakanyiswe na? Ngubani iNdondana yoMuntu le na?”

³⁵UJesu waphendula wathi: “Umkhanyo usazakuba nani isikhatjhana nje. Khambani nisesenomkhanyo, khona ubunzima bungazukwiza phezu kwenu; ngombana loyo okhamba lapha kunzima, akazi bona uyaphi. ³⁶Kholwani emkhanyweni, ikani nisesenawo, khona nizaba babantu bomkhanyo.”

Ukungakholwa kwamaJuda

Kwathi bona uJesu atjho lokhu, wakhamba wayozifihla. ³⁷Namtjhana wenza yoke immangaliso phambi kwabo, azange bamkholwe. ³⁸Khona kuzathi lokho okwatjhiwo mporofidi uIsaya kuzaliseke nakasithi:

“Kosi, ngubani owakholwa umlayezo
 esawutjhumayelako na?

IKosi yawaveza kubani amandla wayo na?”^p

³⁹Nje-ke azange bakholwa, ngombana uIsaya wathi godu:

⁴⁰“UZimu uphophaze amehlo wabo, wathundubaza imikhumbulo yabo, khona amehlo wabo angazubona, nemikhumbulo yabo ingalemuki, khona bangazutjhugulukela ngakimi, bona ngibapholise, kutjho uZimu.”^q

⁴¹UIsaya watjho lokhu akhuluma ngoJesu, ngombana sekhe wayibona iphazimulo yakhe.

⁴²Nanyana kunjalo, abaphathi bamaJuda abanengi bakholwa kuJesu; kodwana ngebanga labaFarisi azange bakhulume ngaye pha, khona angazurijwa ngesinagogeni. ⁴³Ngombana bebathanda ukudunyiswa babantu kunokudunyiswa nguZimu.

Abantu bayogwetjwa ngamezwi kaJesu

⁴⁴UJesu wathi ngelizwi elikhulu: “Loyo okholwa kimi, akakholwa kimi kwaphela, kodwana ukholwa nakilo yo ongithumileko. ⁴⁵Loyo ongibonako, ubona naloyo ongithumileko. ⁴⁶Ngize ephasinapha njengomkhanyo, khona kuzakuthi woke okholwa kimi angahlali lapha kunzima. ⁴⁷Nanyana ngubani ozwako umlayezo wami angawulondi, angekhe ngamgweba. Angikazeli ukugweba iphaseli, kodwana ngizele ukuliphulusa. ⁴⁸Loyo ongininako angamukeli umlayezo wami, ukhona ozamgweba. Amezwi engiwakhulumileko azamgweba ngomhla wokuphela!

⁴⁹Lokhu kuliqiniso, ngombana azange ngikhulume ngamandla wami, kodwana uBaba ongithumileko nguye ongitjele bona ngithini ngikhulumeni.

⁵⁰Ngiyazi bona ikulumo le iletha ukuphila

okungapheliko. Yeke engikutjhoko-ke, ngengikutjelwe nguBaba bona ngikutjho.”

UJesu uhlamba iinyawo zabafundi bakhe

13 Besele kulilanga ngaphambi komnyanya wePhasika. UJesu bekasazi bona isikhathi sakhe sesifikile sokutjhiya iphaseli aye kuYise.

Bekabathanda njalo labo abasephasinapha egade ingebakhe, wabathanda kufikela emaphelelweni.

²UJesu nabafundi bakhe gade basesilalelweni, uSathana beselafake uJudasi, indodana kaSimoni Isikariyodi, umoya bona ithengise uJesu. ³UJesu wazi bona uYise umnikele amandla apheleleko; bekasazi bona ubuya kuZimu begodu uya kuZimu.

⁴Yeke wasikima etafuleni, wahlubula isambatho sakhe, wazisonga ngethawula edinini. ⁵Wathela amanzi ngesitjeni wathoma ukuhlamba iinyawo zabafundi bakhe, wazomisa ngethawula egade isedinini lakhe. ⁶Weza kuSimoni Pitrosi, owathi kuye: “Uzohlamba iinyawo zami, Kosi, na?”

⁷UJesu waphendula wathi: “Okwagadesi awukazi engikwenzako, kodwana uzalemuka muva.”

⁸UPitrosi wathi: “Angekhe walokotha nanini uhlambe iinyawo zami!”

UJesu wamphendula wathi: “Nangingekhe ngahlamba iinyawo zakho, angekhe usaba nobudlelwano nami.”

⁹USimoni Pitrosi waphendula wathi: “Kosi, yeke unghlambi iinyawo zami kwaphela, kodwana hlamba nezandla zami nehloko yami!”

¹⁰UJesu wathi: “Namtjhana ngubani oseke wahlamba umzimba, uhlanzekile, abekusafuneki bona ahlambe, ngaphandle kweenyawo zakhe; noke nihlanzekile ngaphandle koyedwa.” ¹¹UJesu gade

aselasazi bona ngubani ozomthengisa; ngikho lokhu wathi: “Nina noke nihlanzekile ngaphandle koyedwa.”

¹²Ngemva kobana uJesu ahlambe iinyawo zabo, wambatha isambatho sakhe wabuyela endaweni yakhe etafuleni. UJesu wababuza wathi: “Niyalemuka yini engikwenzileko na? ¹³Ningibiza: ‘Mfundisi’, namtjhana: ‘Kosi’, kulungile bona nenze njalo, ngombana ngilokho engingikho. ¹⁴Mina, iKosi yenu noMfundisi wenu, ngihlambile iinyawo zenu. Yeke nina kufanele nihlambe inyawo zomunye nomunye. ¹⁵Nginenzelele isitjengiso, khona nizakwenza lokho enginenzeleko. ¹⁶Kwamambala ngithi kini: Asikho isigqili esikhulu kunekosi yaso, akakho umzenda omkhulu kunaloyo omthumileko. ¹⁷Njengombana senazi iqinisweli, nizabusiwa nanikwenzako.

¹⁸“Angikhulumi ngani noke; ngiyabazi labo engibakhethileko. Kodwana imigwalo ecwengileko kufanele izaliseke, ithi: ‘Umuntu owagoma nami ungiphekgukele.’” ¹⁹Nginitjela lokhu ngaphambi kobana kwenzeke, khona kuzakuthi nekwenzekako, nizakholwa bona ‘nginguye enginguye’.

²⁰Kwamambala ngithi: Loyo owamukela engimthumileko wamukela mina; naloyo owamukela mina, wamukela loyo ongithumileko.”

UJesu ubonisa ngokukgatjhelwa kwakhe

(Mt. 26:20-25; Mk. 14:17-21; Lk. 22:21-23)

²¹Kwathi ngemva kobana uJesu atjho lokhu, bekatshwenyeke khulu wathi: “Kwamambala ngithi kini: Omunye wenu uzongikgaphela emanabeni.”

²²Abafundi baqalana, barareka bona utjho bani.

²³Omunye wabafundi, uJesu gade amthanda, bekahlezi

eqadi kwakhe. ²⁴USimoni Pitrosi wamkhweba wathi: “Mbuze bona ukhuluma ngobani.”

²⁵Yeke umfundi loyo watjhidela kuJesu, wabuza wathi: “Ngubani loyo, Kosi, na?”

²⁶UJesu waphendula wathi: “Ngiloyo engizatjheba umgadango ngemhluzini ngimnikele.” Yeke wathatha itshedlwana yomgadango wayitjheba, wayinikela uJudasi, indodana kaSimoni Isikariyodi. ²⁷Kwathi msinyana bona uJudasi athathe umgadango, uSathana wangena kuye. UJesu wathi kuye: “Kwenze msinyana ofuna ukukwenza.” ²⁸Akakho noyedwa wabo obekasetafuleni ogade asazi bona uJesu bekakutjhwelani lokhu kuye. ²⁹Njengombana uJudasi gade amlondisikhwama semali, abanye abafundi badlumbana bona uJesu umthume ayothenga abakufunela umnyanya, namtjhana aphe abadududu.

³⁰UJudasi wawuthatha umgadango waphumela ngaphandle khonokho, bekusebusuku.

Umlayo omutjha

³¹Kwathi bona uJudasi akhambe, uJesu wathi: “Kwanjesi-ke iNdodana yoMuntu seyinikelwe iphazimulo, nephazimulo kaZimu ibonakaliswe ngayo.

³²Njengombana iphazimulo kaZimu ibonakaliswe ngayo, yeke uZimu uzabonakalisa iphazimulo yeNdodana yoMuntu kuye, begodu lokho uzakwenza msinyane. ³³Bantwabami, angizuba nani isikhathi eside khulu. Nizangifuna; kodwana senginitjela khona lokho engakutjela abaphathi bamaJuda: ‘Angeze naya lapha ngiyako.’ ³⁴Khona nje nginipha umlayo omutjha ngithi: Thandanani. Njengombana gade nginithanda, nje-ke nani nifanele ukuthandana.

³⁵Nanithandanako, boke abantu bazakwazi bona nibafundi bami.”

UJesu ubonisa ukuphikwa nguPitrosi

(Mt. 26:31-35; Mk. 14:27-31; Lk. 22:31-34)

³⁶USimoni Pitrosi wambuza wathi: “Kosi! Uyaphi na?”

UJesu wamphendula wathi: “Angekhe wangilandela lapha ngiyako khona nje, kodwana lokhuya uzangilandela.”

³⁷UPitrosi wamphendula wathi: “Kosi, kungani ngingakulandeli khona nje na? Sengikubhincele ukufa ngebanga lakho.”

³⁸UJesu waphendula wathi: “Uqinisile bona sewulungele ukungifela na? Kwamambala ngithi kuwe: Ngaphambi kobana umkukurumbu ulile, uzabe sele ungiphike kathathu bona awungazi.”

UJesu uyindlela eya kuBaba

14 UJesu wathi kibo: “Ningatshwenyeki nidane.

Kholwani kuZimu, nikholwe nakimi. ²Kukhona iinkumba ezinengi ekhaya likaBaba, ngiyakhamba ngonilungisela indawo. Bengekhe nganitjela lokhu khathana bekungasinjalo. ³Kuzathi nesele ngikhambile ngonilungisela indawo, ngizabuya ngizonithatha, khona nizaba lapho ngikhona.

⁴Niyayazi indlela enqophe lapha ngiya khona.”

⁵UTomasi wathi kuye: “Kosi, asazi lapha uya khona, alo-ke singayazi njani indlela eya lapho na?”

⁶UJesu wamphendula wathi: “Mina ngiyindlela, neqiniso, nokuphila; akakho noyedwa ozakuya kuBaba ngaphandle kwami. ⁷Njengombana seningazi, nizamazi noBaba; kusukela khona gadesi niyamazi, begodu nimbonile.”

⁸UFulebhe wathi kuye: “Kosi, sibonisa uBaba; ngikho kwaphela esikufunako.”

⁹UJesu waphendula wathi: “Isikhathi eside benginani noke, kodwana, Fulebhe, awungazi na? Loyo ongibonileko mina, ubone uBaba. Utjho njani bona: ‘Sikhombisa uBaba’ na? ¹⁰Fulebhe, awukholwa bona ngikuBaba noBaba ukimi na?” UJesu wathi ebfundini bakhe: “Amezwi engiwakhulumileko kini akabuyi kimi. Kodwana uBaba ohlezi kimi wenza umsebenzi wakhe. ¹¹Ngikhulwani nangithi ngikuBaba noBaba ukimi. Nekungasinjalo, kholwani ngezinto engizenzako. ¹²Kwamambala ngithi kini: Loyo okholwa kimi, uzakwenza lokho engikwenzako, iye, uzakwenza ngitjho izinto ezikulu kunalezi, ngombana ngiya kuBaba. ¹³Ngizakwenza koke enikubawako ngebizo lami, khona iphazimulo kaBaba izabonakala ngeNdodana. ¹⁴Nanibawa nanyana yini ngebizo lami, ngizakwenza.

Isithembiso ngoMoya oCwengileko

¹⁵“Naningithandako, nizayenza imilayo yami. ¹⁶Ngizabawa uBaba, uzanipha omunye uMsizi, ozohlala nani ngokungapheliko, ¹⁷ngitjho loyo onguMoya weqiniso. Iphasi angekhe lamamukela, ngombana angekhe lambona, namtjhana lamazi. Kodwana nina niyamazi, ngombana uhlala nani, begodu ukini.

¹⁸“Nangikhambako, angekhe nasala ninodwa; ngizabuya ngize kini. ¹⁹Ngemva kwesikhatjhana iphasi ngekhe lisangibona, kodwana nina nizangibona; ngombana mina ngiyaphila, nani niyophila. ²⁰Kothi mhlana ilangelo lifikako, nizakwazi bona ngikuBaba nani nikimi, njengombana nami ngikini.

²¹“Loyo owamukela imilayo yami ayenze, uyangithanda. UBaba uzathanda loyo ongithandako, nami ngizamthanda ngizibonakalise kuye.”

²²UJudasi, ingasi uJudasi Isikariyodi, wathi: “Kosi,

kungenzeka njani uzibonakalise kithi ingasi ephasini na?”

²³UJesu wamphendula wathi: “Loyo ongithandako uzahlonipha ifundiso yami. UBaba uzamthanda, mina noBaba sizeza kuye sihlale naye. ²⁴Loyo ongangithandiko, akahloniphi nefundiso yami. Nefundiso eniyizwileko ayiveli kimi, kodwana ibuya kuBaba ongithumileko.

²⁵“Nganitjela lokhu ngisesenani. ²⁶UMsizi, uMoya oCwengileko, uBaba azamthumela ngebizo lami, uzanifundisa yoke into anenze nikhumbule koke lokho enginitjele khona.

²⁷“Ukuthula ngikutjhiya nani. Ukuthula kwami ngininikela khona. Angininikeli khona njengombana iphasi lisenza. Iinhliziyu zenu azingatshwenyeki zidane, zesabe. ²⁸Ningizwile ngisithi kini: ‘Ngiyakhamba, kodwana ngizabuya.’ Ngathana beningithanda, benizothaba bona ngiya kuBaba, ngombana yena mkhulu kunami. ²⁹Nginitjelile lokhu ngaphambi kobana kwenzeke, khona kuzakuthi nekwenzekako, nizakholwa. ³⁰Angisakwazi ukukhuluma nani isikhathi eside, ngombana umbusi wephaseli selasiza. Akanawo amandla kimi. ³¹Kodwana iphasi lifanele ukwazi bona ngiyamthanda uBaba; ngikho lokhu ngenza koke njengombana asitjho kimi.

“Nambani, sikhambe endaweni le.

UJesu usidiribe samambala

15 “Mina ngisidiribe samambala, uBaba mlimi. ²Ususa kimi yoke ipande engatheliko, kuthi leyo naleyo ipande ethelako ayithene, khona izathela khulu. ³Senihlambululiwe ngefundiso engininikele yona. ⁴Hlalani nihlanganele nami, nami ngizahlala ngihlanganele nani. Ipande angekhe yathela



*“Mina ngisidiribe, nina
niziimpande. Loyo ohlala
kimi, nami ngihlala kuye
uzathela khulu . . .”*
(Jwan. 15:5)

ngokwayo; ingathela lokha ihlezi esidiribeni sayo. Kunjalo-ke nani ngekhe nathela neningakahlali kimi.

⁵“Mina ngisidiribe, nina niziimpande. Loyo ohlala kimi, nami ngihlala kuye, uzathela khulu, ngombana angekhe nenze litho ngaphandle kwami. ⁶Loyo ongahlali kimi, uzalahlwa njengepande ome; iimpande ezinjalo ziyabuthelwa ziphoswe ngemlilweni, zitjhiswe. ⁷Nanihlala kimi namezwi wami ahlala kini, yeke nizabawa nanyana yini enikufunako, nizakufumana. ⁸Iphazimulo kaBaba ibonakazwa kuthela kwenu, khona nizaba bafundi bami. ⁹Nginithanda, njengombana uBaba angithanda; hlalani ethandweni lami. ¹⁰Nanihlonipha imilayo yami, nizahlala ethandweni lami, njengombana nami ngihlonipha imilayo kaBaba ngihlala ethandweni lakhe.

¹¹“Nginitjele lokhu khona ukuthaba kwami kungaba kini, nokuthaba kwenu kuphelele. ¹²Umlayo

wami ngilo: Thandanani, njengombana nginithanda. ¹³Ithando elikhulu umuntu angaba nalo kunikela ipilo yakhe ngebanga labangani bakhe. ¹⁴Nibangani bami, nanenza lokho engikutjhoko. ¹⁵Anginibizi godu bona niziinceku, ngombana inceku ayazi bona ikosi yayo yenzani. Endaweni yalokho nginibiza bona nibangani, ngombana nginitjele koke engikuzwileko kuBaba. ¹⁶Azange ningikhethe; mina ngikhethe nina nganikhethe bona niyothela iinthelo ezinengi, iinthelo lezo ezihlalako. Yeke uBaba uzanipha namtjhana yini eniyibawako ngebizo lami. ¹⁷Yeke-ke lokhu ngikho enginitjela khona: 'Thandanani.'

Nizahloywa ephasinapha

¹⁸'Nengabe niyahloywa babantu bephasinapha, yazini bona bahloye mina qangi. ¹⁹Nengabe ningebephasi, yeke iphasi lizanithanda njengabalo. Kodwana nginikhethe kilo iphaseli, anisingebalo; ngikho iphasi linihloyileko nje. ²⁰Khumbulani enganitjelako: 'Asikho isigqili esikhulu kunekosi yaso.' Nebazuma mina, nani bazonizuma. Nengabe bahlonipha ifundiso yami, bazayihlonipha neyenu godu. ²¹Kodwana bazakwenza zoke iintwezi kini ngombana ningebami; nangombana bangamazi ongithumileko. ²²Ngathana azange ngakhuluma nabo, ngabanganawo umlandu; njengombana kunje abasenayo inxanxabe esonweni sabo. ²³Loyo ongihloyileko uhloya noBaba godu. ²⁴Ingathana azange ngenze hlangana nabo iimmangaliso ezingazange zenziwe mumuntu omunye, bebangekhe babe nomlandu wesono. Kodwana gadesi sebabonile engikwenzileko, bangihloyile mina noBaba. ²⁵Lokhu bekufanele bona kwenzeke, khona kuzakuthi okugwaliweko emthethweni wabo kuzaliseke:

'Bangihloye ngaphandle kwesizathu nesincani.'^s

²⁶“UMsizi uzakwiza, uMoya weqiniso ovela kuBaba. Ngizamthumela kini avela kuBaba, azofakaza ngami. ²⁷Nani godu nizafakaza ngami, ngombana gade ninami kusukela emathomeni.

16 ¹“Nginitjele lokhu, khona ningazulahla ikolo. ²Nizaqothwa ngemasinagogeni, sizafika isikhathi lapha namtjhana ngubani onibulalako azadlumbana bona usebenzela uZimu. ³Abantu bazakwenza lokho kini, ngombana bangamazi uBaba, nami bangangazi. ⁴Kodwana nginitjela lokhu, khona kuzakuthi isikhathi nasifikako bona benze lokhu, nikhumbule bona nganitjela.

Umsebenzi kaMoya oCwengileko

“Azange khenginitjele lokhu emathomeni, ngombana gade nginani. ⁵Nje-ke kwanjesi ngiya kuye ongithumileko, kodwana akakho noyedwa ongibuzako bona ngiyaphi. ⁶Yeke njengombana senginitjelile, iinhliziyu zenu zidanile. ⁷Kodwana kwamambala ngithi kini: Kuzaba ngcono kini bona ngikhambe, ngombana nengingakhambiko, uMsizi angekhe eza kini. Kodwana nengikhambako, ngizamthumela kini. ⁸Begodu nekafikako, uzakhanyisela abantu bephaseli bona kuyini isono, nokulungileko, nokugwetjwa: ⁹Isono kukobana bangakholwa kimi; ¹⁰okulungileko kukobana ngiye kuBaba, ningabe nisangibona godu; ¹¹ukugwetjwa kukobana umbusi wephaseli selagwetjiwe.

¹²“Ngisenokunengi engifuna ukunitjela khona, kodwana angekhe nikhone ukukuthwala kwanjesi. ¹³Yeke, kuzakuthi lokha uMoya weqiniso asiza,

s) AmaRh. 35:19; 69:4

uzanidosela kilo loke iqiniso. Ngombana awuzukhuluma ngentando yakhe, kodwana uzakhuluma ngalokho akuzwako, uzanitjela ngalokho okuzako. ¹⁴Uyophakamisa iphazimulo yami, ngombanyana uzothatha engikutjhoko, anitjele khona. ¹⁵Koke uBaba anakho, ngekwami, ngikho lokhu ngithe uMoya uzathatha lokho engimtjela khona anitjele khona.

Ubudani nethabo

¹⁶“Ngemva kwesikhatjhana angekhe benisangibona, bekuthi msinyazana ngemva kwalokho ningibone godu.”

¹⁷Abanye babafundi bakhe babuzana bathi: “Kutjho ukuthini lokhu na? Usitjela bona ngemva kwesikhatjhana angekhe besisambona, begodu uti ngemva kwesikhatjhana sizambona, uti godu: ‘Kungombana ngiya kuBaba.’ ¹⁸Kutjho ukuthini ukuthi isikhatjhana na? Asazi bona ukhuluma ngani!”

¹⁹UJesu wazi bona bafuna ukumbuza, yeke wathi kibo: “Ngithe ngemva kwesikhatjhana angekhe benisangibona, ngemva kwesikhatjhana nizangibona. Ngikho lokhu enibuzana ngakho hlangana nani na?”

²⁰Kwamambala ngithi kini: Nizalila nihlihlitheke, kodwana iphasi lizathaba; nina nizadana, kodwana ukudana kwenu kuzaphendulelwa ekuthabeni.

²¹Umfazi nesele atjhidele ukubeletha, uyadana, ngombana isikhathi sakhe sokuza kobuhlungu sesifikile; kodwana kuthi umntwana nesele abelethwe uyabukhohlwa ubuhlungu, ngombana selathabile bona umntwana selabelethwe ephasini. ²²Kunjalo-ke nangani: Kwanjesi nidanile, kodwana ngizanibona godu, iinhliziyu zenu zizele ithabo, ithabelo elingekhe lathathwa mumuntu kini.

²³“Mhlana kufika ilangelo, angekhe nangibuza

litho. Kwamambala ngithi kini: UBaba uzanipha namtjhana yini enimbawa yona ngebizo lami.

²⁴Kufikela manjesi anikabawi litho ebizweni lami. Bawani nizaphiwa, khona kuzazala ithabo lenu.

“Ngilahlule iphasi”

²⁵“Ngisumayela kini ngemifanekiso. Kodwana sizafika isikhathi lapha ngingazusumayela ngemifanekiso, kodwana ngizasumayela ngidarhise ngoBaba. ²⁶Mhlana umhla loyo ufikako, nizambawa ebizweni lami, angitjho bona ngiyonibawela mina kuBaba. ²⁷Ngombana uBaba ngekwakhe uyanithanda. Unithanda ngombana nani niyangithanda begodu nikholiwe bona ngivela kuZimu. ²⁸Ngavela kuBaba, ngisiza ephasinapha; kwanjesi sengilitjhiya iphaseli, ngiyakhamba ngiya kuBaba.”

²⁹Yeke abafundi bakhe bathi kuye: “Kwanjesi sewukhuluma udarhise, ungenzi imifanekiso. ³⁰Siyazi kwanjesi bonyana wazi koke, awufuni omunye ongakubuza imibuzo. Lokhu kusenza sikholwe bona ubuya kuZimu.”

³¹UJesu wabaphendula wathi: “Niyakholwa kwanjesi na? ³²Isikhathi siyeza, sebesilapha, lapha noke nje nizarhatjheka, omunye nomunye aye kwakhe, ngizasala ngingedwa tere. Kodwana angisingedwa, ngombana uBaba unami. ³³Nginitjele lokhu, khona nizaba nokuthula ngokuhlanganela nami. Ephasinapha nizatlayiseka, kodwana yibani nesibindi! Ngilahlule iphaseli!”

UJesu uthandazela abafundi bakhe

17 Kuthe bona uJesu aqede ukukhuluma lokhu, waqala phezulu ezulwini wathi: “Baba, isikhathi sesifikile. Nikela iphazimulo eNdodaneni

yakho, khona iNdodana izanikela iphazimulo kuwe. ²Ngombana uyinikele amandla kiwo wo ke umuntu, khona izanikela ukuphila okungapheliko kilabo boke obaphe yona. ³Ukuphila okungapheliko kutjho ukwazi mZimu isibili, nokwazi uJesu Krestu, omthumileko. ⁴Ngiyibonakalisile iphazimulo yakho ephasini; ngiwuqedile umsebenzi onginikele wona bona ngiwenze. ⁵Kwanjesi-ke, Baba, ngipha iphazimulo leyo egade nginayo, iphasi lingakabunjwa.

⁶“Ngikwazisile ebantwini onginikele bona ephasini. Bebavele ingebakho wabanikela mina. Balihloniphile ilizwi lakho. ⁷Nje-ke bayazi bona koke ongiphe khona kuvela kuwe. ⁸Ngibaphe umlayezo onginikele wona, bawamukela; bayazi bona liqiniso bonyana ngivela kuwe, bayakholwa bona ungithumile.

⁹“Ngiyabathandazela. Angithandazeli iphasi, kodwana ngithandazela labo ongiphe bona, ngombana ngebakho. ¹⁰Koke enginakho ngekwakho, koke onakho ngekwami; nephazimulo yami ibonakaliswe ngabo. ¹¹Kwanjesi sengiza kuwe; angisesekho ephasini, kodwana bona basesephasini. Baba oCwengileko, balonde baphulukile ngamandla webizo lakho, ibizo owangipha lona, khona bazaba munye njengami nawe. ¹²Kwathi ngisenabo, ngabalonda baphulukile ngamandla webizo lakho, ibizo owangipha lona. ¹³Ngabavikela, akakho noyedwa wabo owalahlekako, ngaphandle kwaloyo obekufanele bona alahleke, khona kuzazaliseka imigwalo ecwengileko. ¹³Kwanjesi sengisiza kuwe, ngisumayela lokhu ngisesephasinapha, khona bazaba nethabo lami ngeenhliziyweni zabo ngokupheleleko.

t) *Ezinye iincwadi zithi* “labo ongiphe bona”

¹⁴Ngibadlulisele umlayezo wakho, iphasi labahloya, ngombana akhange barhuluphela iphasi, njengombana nami ngingasingewephasi. ¹⁵Angikubawi bona ubasuse ephasinapha, kodwana ngibawa bona ubaphuluse kosilapheleko.” ¹⁶Njengombana nami ngingasingewephasi, nabo abasingebephasi.

¹⁷Bacwengise ngeqiniso; ilizwi lakho liliqiniso.

¹⁸Ngibathumele ephasini, njengombana ungithumele ephasini. ¹⁹Ngebanga labo ngiyazinikela kuwe ngingocwengileko, khona kuzakuthi nabo babe ngebakho ngeqiniso.

²⁰“Angithandazeli bona kwaphela, kodwana ngithandazela nalabo abangikholwako ngebanga lomlayezo wabo. ²¹Ngithandazela bona babe munye. Baba! Sengathi bangaba kithi, njengombana nawe ukimi nami ngikuwe. Sengathi bangaba munye, khona iphasi lizakholwa bona ungithumile.

²²Ngibanikele iphazimulo efanako naleyo onginikele yona, khona bazaba munye, njengombana mina nawe simunye: ²³Mina ngikibo, wena ukimi, khona bazaba munye ngokupheleleko, khona iphasi lizakwazi bona ungithumile, begodu uyabathanda, njengombana ungithanda mina.

²⁴“Baba, ungiphe bona, ngithanda bona babe nami lapha ngikhona, khona bazabona iphazimulo yami, iphazimulo ongiphe yona; ngombana wangithanda, iphasi lingakabunjwa. ²⁵Baba olungileko! Iphasi alikwazi, kodwana mina ngiyakwazi, nalaba bayazi bona ungithumile. ²⁶Ngikwazisile kibo, ngizasolo ngiraga ngokwenza njalo, khona kuzakuthi ithando onalo kimi libe nakibo, khona nami ngingaba kibo.”

u) *Namtjhana* “kokusilapheleko”

Ukubotjhwa kwakaJesu

(Mt. 26:47-56; Mk. 14:43-50; Lk. 22:47-53)

18 Ngemva kobana uJesu selathandazile, wakhamba nabafundi bakhe, wayamela ngaphetjheya komlanjana iKedroni. Bekukhona isimu lapho, uJesu nabafundi bakhe bangena kiyoyi. ²UJudasi owamthengisako, naye gade ayazi indawo leyo, ngombana iinkhathi ezinengi uJesu gade ahlanganela khona nabafundi bakhe. ³Yeke uJudasi waya esimini, akhamba namabutho weRoma, nabanye abaqali betempela, abathunywe bapristi abakhulu nabaFarisi; bebahlomile baphethe iimbani namakhuni avuthako. ⁴UJesu gade selasazi koke okuzokwenzeka kuye, waya kibo wababuza wathi: “Ngubani loyo enimfunako na?”

⁵Bamphendula bathi: “UJesu weNazareda.”

Wathi kibo: “Nginguye.”

UJudasi owamkgaphelako, gade ajame lapho nabo.

⁶Lokha uJesu nasithi kibo: “Nginguye,” babuyela sinyovana baduleka phasi. ⁷UJesu wababuza godu wathi: “Ngubani enimfunako na?”

Baphendula bathi: “UJesu weNazareda.”

⁸UJesu wabaphendula wathi: “Senginitjelile bona nginguye, yeke nengabe nifuna mina, abanyaba abakhambe-ke.” ⁹Wasumayela lokhu, khona kuzakuthi akutjhwileko kuzazaliseka: “Baba, angikalahllekelwa nangoyedwa kilabo ongiphe bona.”

¹⁰USimoni Pitrosi, ogade anesabula, wayirhwatjhula wasusa indlebe yangesigomeni yesigqili sompristi omkhulu. Ibizoyi lesigqili gade kunguMalkusi. ¹¹UJesu wathi kuPitrosi: “Buyisela isabula yakho endaweni yayo! Udlumbana bonyana

angizuyisela ikapho yokutlayiseka engiyinikelwe nguBaba na?"

UJesu phambi koAnasi

¹²Yeke amabutho weRoma nabaphathi bawo, nabaqali bamaJuda babamba uJesu, bambopha, ¹³bamusa qangi kuAnasi, ogade anguyisezala likaKhayifasi, obamupristi omkhulu unyaka loyo. ¹⁴Nguye uKhayifasi owaluleka abaphathi bamaJuda bonyana kungcono kufe umuntu yedwa afele boke abantu.

UPitrosi ulandula uJesu

(Mt. 26:69-70; Mk. 14:66-68; Lk. 22:55-57)

¹⁵USimoni Pitrosi nomunye umfundi balandela uJesu. Omunye umfundi loyo gade aziwa khulu mpriisti omkhulu, yeke waya noJesu ngesirhodlweni sompriisti omkhulu. ¹⁶UPitrosi wasala ngaphandle esangweni. Kwathi naloyo omunye umfundi wabuyela ngaphandle, wakhuluma nomntazana esangweni, wangena-ke kanye noPitrosi. ¹⁷Umntazana osesangweni wathi kuPitrosi: "Nawe awusingomunye wabafundi bomuntu loya na?"

UPitrosi wamphendula wathi: "Awa, angisinguye."

¹⁸Gade kuqanda, yeke iinceku, nabaqali, gade baphembe imbawula bayiragelele, basotha. Yeke uPitrosi waya kibo wajama nabo, naye wazothisa.

Umpristi omkhulu ubuza uJesu

(Mt. 26:59-66; Mk. 14:55-64; Lk. 22:66-71)

¹⁹Umpristi omkhulu wabuza uJesu ngabafundi bakhe nangefundiso yakhe. ²⁰UJesu waphendula wathi: "Bephele ngisumayele etatawuleni kiwo woke

umuntu. Zoke iimfundiso zami bephele zenzelwe ngesinagogeni nangetempeleni, lapha boke abantu bahlanganela khona. Azange khengitjho litho ngasese. ²¹Alo-ke mina ungibuzelani na? Buza abantu abangizwileko. Babuze bonyana ngibatjeleni, bayazi engikutjhwileko.”

²²Bona uJesu atjho lokhu, omunye wabaqali lapho wamwahla ngepama wathi kuye: “Ukhuluma njani, nawukhuluma nje nompristi omkhulu na?”

²³UJesu waphendula wathi: “Nengabe kukhona okumbi engikukhulumileko, tjela woke umuntu lapha bona yini. Kodwana nengabe engikutjhwileko kulungile, alo-ke ungibethelani na?”

²⁴Yeke uAnasi wamthumela asolo abotjhiwe kuKhayifasi, umpristi omkhulu.

UPitrosi ulandula uJesu godu

(Mt. 26:71-75; Mk. 14:69-72; Lk. 22:58-62)

²⁵UPitrosi besolo ajame azothisa. Yeke abanye bathi kuye: “Awusingomunye wabafundi bomuntu loya na?”

Kodwana uPitrosi walandula wathi: “Awa, angisinguye.”

²⁶Omunye weenceku zompristi omkhulu, obekasihlobo somuntu uPitrosi amsusa indlebe, warhuwelela wathi: “Azange khengikubone naye esimini na?”

²⁷Godu uPitrosi wathi: “Awa, angimazi.”

Khonokho umkukurumbu walila.

UJesu ulethwa phambi koPilato

(Mt. 27:1-2, 11-14; Mk. 15:1-5; Lk. 23:1-5)

²⁸Ekuseni ngondi, uJesu wasuswa ngendlini yakaKhayifasi, wasiwa ngendlini yombusi. Abaphathi

bamaJuda azange bangene ngendlini yombusi, ngombana bebefuna ukuhlala bahlanzekile, khona bazakgona ukugoma iPhasika. ²⁹Yeke uPilato waya ngaphandle kibo wababuza wathi: “Umuntu lo nimthwesa umlandu ngani na?”

³⁰Ipendulo yabo yathi: “Besingekhe samletha kuwe ingathana azange enze umlandu.”

³¹UPilato wathi kibo: “Yeke nina ngokwenu mthatheni nomlinga ngokomthetho wenu.”

Baphendula bathi: “Asikavunyelwa ukubulala umuntu.” ³²Lokhu kwenzeka khona kuzozaliseka amezwi wakaJesu, amezwi abonisa ngawo indlela azokufa ngayo.

³³UPilato wabuyela ngendlini, wayobiza uJesu wambuza wathi: “UyikosamaJuda na?”

³⁴UJesu waphendula wathi: “Umbuzo lo uvela kuwe, namtjhana uzwe ngabanye abakutjele ngami na?”

³⁵UPilato waphendula wathi: “Udlumbana bona ngiliJuda na? Babantu bekhenu nabapristi abakhulu abakuthumele kimi. Wenzeni na?”

³⁶UJesu wathi: “Umbuso wami awusiwo wephaseli; nengabe umbuso wami bewungewephaseli, abalandeli bami gade bazakulwa bavimbele bona nginikelwe ebaphathini bamaJuda. Umbuso wami awusiwo wephaseli.”

³⁷Yeke uPilato wambuza wathi: “Alo-ke uyikosi na?”

UJesu waphendula wathi: “Utjho khona, ngiyiKosi. Ngabelethwa ngeza ephasinapha ngezela ukukhuluma ngeqiniso. Loyo ongoweqiniso uyangilalela.”

³⁸UPilato wambuza wathi: “Alo-ke liyini iqiniso na?”

UJesu wahlulelwa ukufa

(Mt. 27:15-31; Mk. 15:6-20; Lk. 23:13-25)

Yeke uPilato wabuyela ngaphandle ebantwini wafika wathi kibo: “Angisifumani isizatho sokumthwesa umlandu. ³⁹Kodwana ngesiko eninalo, phele njalo nginithukululele isibotjhwa ngesikhathi sePhasika. Nifuna bona nginithukululele ikosamaJuda na?”

⁴⁰Bamphendula ngetjhada elikhulu bathi: “Awa, ingasiyena! Sifuna uBharabhasi!” UBharabhasi bekasigebengu.

19 Yeke uPilato walayela bona uJesu abethwe. ²Amabutho aluka ikatha yameva amthwesa yona; ambesa iphuraphura esingabomvu. ³Eza kuye athi: “Ngwenyama! KosamaJuda!” Afika amwahla.

⁴UPilato waya godu wathi esiqubuthwini: “Qalani, ngizamletha ngaphandlapha kini, khona nizabona bonyana angisifumani isizatho sokumbeka umlandu.” ⁵Yeke uJesu waphuma, athwele ikatha yameva nephuraphura esingabomvu. UPilato wathi kiso: “Qalani! Nangu umuntu lo!”

⁶Kwathi bona abapristi abakhulu nabaqali betempela bambone, barhuwelela bathi: “Mbethele! Mbethele esiphambanweni!”

UPilato wathi kibo: “Mthatheni nina nimbethele, angisiboni isizatho sokumthwesa umlandu.”

⁷Isiqubuthu saphendula sathi: “Sinawo umthetho othi kufanele afe, ngombana uthi uyiNdodana kaZimu.”

⁸Kwathi bona uPilato ezwe lokhu, wathuka khulu gadesi. ⁹Wabuyela godu ngendlini, wathi kuJesu: “Ubuyaphi na?”

Kodwana uJesu akhange amphendule. ¹⁰UPilato

wathi kuye: “Awukhulumi kimi na? Khumbula bona nginawo amandla wokukuthukulula newokukubethela esiphambanweni.”

¹¹UJesu waphendula wathi: “Unawo amandla kimi, ngombana unikelwe wona nguZimu. Yeke umuntu loyo onginikele kuwe unomlandu obudisi wesono.”

¹²Kwathi bona uPilato ezwe lokhu, walinga ukufumana indlela yokuthukulula uJesu. Kodwana isiqubuthu sarhuwelela sathi: “Nawungamthukulula, kungatjho bona awusimngani wakaKhesari! Loyo ozitjhaya sakosi, urarana noKhesari!”

¹³Kwathi bona uPilato ezwe amezwi la, wakhuphela uJesu ngaphandle, wahlala esihlalweni somgwebi endaweni okuthiwa ‘iGandelwe ngaMatje’, okuthiwa ngesiHebheru ‘yiGabhatha’. ¹⁴Kwasele kusemini, kulilanga ngaphambi kwePhasika, uPilato wathi ebantwini: “Nasi ikosi yenu!”

¹⁵Barhuwelela bathi: “Msuse! Msuse! Mbethele esiphambanweni!”

UPilato wababuza wathi: “Nifuna bona ngibethele ikosi yenu na?”

Abapristi abakhulu bathi: “Ikosi esinayo nguKhesari kwaphela!”

¹⁶Yeke uPilato wabanikela uJesu bona bambethele esiphambanweni.

UJesu ubethelwa esiphambanweni

(Mt. 27:32-44; Mk. 15:21-32; Lk. 23:26-43)

Bamthatha uJesu bakhamba naye. ¹⁷Waphuma atjathe isiphambano sakhe. Wafika ‘eNdaweni yeKhakhayi’, njengombana gade ibizwa. NgesiHebheru kuthiwa ‘yiGolgotha’. ¹⁸Lapho bafika bambethela khona; bambethela namanye amadoda amabili, enye ngesigomeni enye ngesinxeleni, aphahla



Amabutho weRoma

uJesu phakathi. ¹⁹UPilato wagwala isaziso, wasiphanyeka esiphambanweni sigwalwe nje: “UJesu weNazareda, ikosamaJuda.” ²⁰Abantu abanengi basifunda, ngombana indawo lapha uJesu gade abethelwe khona beyingasikude nemzini. Isaziso besigwalwe ngesiHebheru, ngesiLathini, nangesiGirigi. ²¹Umpristi omkhulu wathi kuPilato: “Ungagwali uthi: ‘IkosamaJuda,’ ungaphalane uthi: ‘Uthe uyikosamaJuda.’”

²²UPilato waphendula wathi: “Lokho engikugwalileko ngikugwalile.”

²³Ngemva kobana amabutho selambethele uJesu,

athatha izambatho zakhe azahlukanisa iinqhema ezine, isiqhema esisodwa saba ngesoyedwa. Athatha nephuraphura yakhe, enganamthungo, eyalukiweko.

²⁴Amabutho athi kwelinye nelinye: “Singayidabuli; asithukuleni bona ngubani ozayithatha na.” Lokhu kwenzeka khona kuzazaliseka imigwalo ecwengileko ethi:

“Bahlukaniselana izambatho zami hlangana nabo. Bathukula ngephuraphura yami.”^v

Lokhu ngilokho amabutho akwenzileko.

²⁵Ogade ajame hlanu kwesiphambano bekungunina likaJesu, nodadwabo likanina, uMariya umkaKlopasi, noMariya Marhdalina. ²⁶UJesu wambona unina, nomfundi egade amthanda bajame lapho; yeke wathi kunina: “Mma, naso indodana yakho.”

²⁷Yeke wathi emfundini: “Nango ummakho.” Kusuka lapho umfundi wamthatha unina likaJesu wamusa emzini wakhe.

Ukufa kwakaJesu

(Mt. 27:45-56; Mk. 15:33-41; Lk. 23:44-49)

²⁸UJesu besele asazi bona koke sekuphethekile, khona kuzazaliseka imigwalo ecwengileko, wathi: “Ngomile.”^w

²⁹Bekukhona isitja lapho, sizele iwayini emunyu bafaka isimunyo ngakiyo, basihlomela elithini lehisopi, balisa emlonyeni wakhe. ³⁰UJesu wayisela iwayini emunyu, wathi: “Sekuphelile!”

Wakhothamisa ihloko, wafa.

UJesu ugwazwa ehlangothini

³¹Yeke abaphathi bamaJuda babawa uPilato bona

abavumele baphule imilenze yamadoda agade abethelweko, behlise nemizimba yawo eemphambanweni. Babawa lokhu ngombana gade ingeLesihlanu, bebangafuni bona imizimba ihlale eemphambanweni ngeSabatha, ngombana iSabatha elilandelako gade ingeliqakathelileko. ³²Yeke amabutho akhamba ayophula imilenze yendoda yokuthoma godu nelandelako egade ibethelwe noJesu. ³³Kodwana bathi sebakhe kuJesu bafumana bona selafile, yeke azange basaphula imilenze yakhe. ³⁴Omunye wamabutho wagwaza uJesu ngomkhonto ehlangothini, khonokho kwaphuma iingazi namanzi. ³⁵Loyo owabona lokhu kusenzeka wafakaza ngakho, khona nani nizakholwa, bona akufakazileko liqiniso, begodu uyazi bona ufakaza iqiniso. ³⁶Lokhu kwenzeka khona kuzazaliseka imigwalo ecwengileko ethi: "Alikho nalinye ithambo lakhe elizaphuka."^x ³⁷Kukhona omunye umgwalo ocwengileko othi: "Abantu bazamqala loyo abamgwazileko."^y

Ukubulungwa kwakaJesu

(Mt. 27:57-61; Mk. 15:42-47; Lk. 23:50-56)

³⁸Ngemva kwalokho, uJosefe ogade avele emzini weArimathiya, wabawa isidumbu sakaJesu kuPilato. UJosefe gade kumlandeli wakaJesu, ngasese, ngombana gade asaba abaphathi bamaJuda. UPilato wamvumela, yeke uJosefe wakhamba wayosithatha. ³⁹UNogodima, oweza qangi ebusuku ukuzobona uJesu, waphekelela uJosefe, baphethe amakhilogramu amatjhumi amathathu wamakha avanganiswa nemire nomarobazibukhali. ⁴⁰Amadoda amabili la awuthatha umzimba kaJesu awuphuthela ngetjhila lelineni

awuzesa ngamakha njengendlela yesiko lamaJuda alungiselela ngayo ukuyobulunga isidumbu.

⁴¹Endaweni lapho uJesu bekabethelwe khona esiphambanweni bekukhona isimu, ngesiminapho bekukhona ithuna elitjha elingazange khelibulungele.

⁴²Njengombana bekulilanga ngaphambi kweSabatha, nethuna kungilo eliseduze, babulunga umzimba kaJesu lapho.

Ithuna elinganalitho ngaphakathi

(Mt. 28:1-8; Mk. 16:1-8; Lk. 24:1-12)

20 Ekuseni ngeSonto, kusesenzima ngondi, uMariya Marhdalina waya ethuneni, wafumana ilitje ligediwe ebelivale umnyango wethuna. ²Wabaleka waya kuSimoni Pitrosi nemfundini ogade athandwa nguJesu, wafika wabatjela wathi: “IKosi bayithethe ngethuneni, asazi bona bayibulungephi!”

³Yeke uPitrosi nomfundi baya ethuneni. ⁴Bobabili njalo gade bagijima, kodwana umfundi lo watjhiya uPitrosi ngebelo wafika ethuneni maqangi. ⁵Wahlola wabona itjhila ebebamphuthele ngalo, akhange angene. ⁶Ngemva kwakhe kwalandela uSimoni Pitrosi, walunga poro ngethuneni. Wabona itjhila ebebamphuthele ngalo lilele lapho, ⁷netjhila bebambophe ngalo ehloko, lilodwa lisongiwe. ⁸Yeke umfundi lo, owafika ethuneni qangi, naye wangena; wabona, wakholwa. ⁹Kodwana azange balemuke umgwalo ocwengileko othi kufanele avuke kwabafileko. ¹⁰Yeke abafundi babuyela emva.

UJesu uziveza kuMariya Marhdalina

(Mt. 28:9-10; Mk. 16:9-11)

¹¹UMariya bekajame ethuneni alila; asalila njalo,

wahlola ngethuneni. ¹²Wabona iingilozi ezimbili lapho zimbethe okumhlophe, zihlezi lapho bekunomzimba kaJesu, enye ngehlokweni enye ngeenyaweni.

¹³Zambuza wathi: “Mma, ulilelani na?”

Waphendula wathi: “Bathethe iKosi yami, angazi bona bayisephi!”

¹⁴Watjhuguluka waqala wabona uJesu ajame lapho; kodwana akhange azi bona nguJesu. ¹⁵UJesu wambuza wathi: “Mma, ulilelani na? Ngubani omfunako na?”

Wadlumbana bona mlimisimu, yeke wathi kuye: “Nengabe umthethe, Mnimzana, ngitjela lapha umuse khona ngizakuya ngomthatha.”

¹⁶UJesu wathi kuye: “Mariya!”

Mariya watjhidela kuye, wathi ngesiHebheru: “Rabhoni!” Kutjho bona: “Mfundisi”

¹⁷UJesu wamtjela wathi: “Ungangikgwathi, ngombana angikayi kuBaba. Kodwana khamba uye kubomntanthu ubatjele bona ngibuyela kuBaba onguBaba wabo nabo, uZimu wami onguZimu wabo nabo.”

¹⁸Yeke uMariya Marhdalina wakhamba wayotjela abafundi bona uyibonile iKosi, watjho nokobana itheni kuye.

UJesu uzibonakaza ebafundini bakhe

(Mt. 28:16-20; Mk. 16:14-18; Lk. 24:36-49)

¹⁹Kusihlwa ngalo iSontwelo, abafundi bebahlangene bavale amabadi, ngombana bebasaba abaphathi bamaJuda. Yeke uJesu weza wazojama hlangana nabo. Wathi: “Ukuthula akube nani!”

²⁰Ngemva kobana atjho lokho, wabatjengisa izandla zakhe nehlangothi lakhe. Abafundi bathaba kwamambala ukubona iKosi. ²¹UJesu wathi kibo

godu: “Ukuthula akube nani! Njengombana uBaba angithumileko, yeke nami ngiyanithuma.” ²²Yeke wabaphefumulela wathi: “Yamukelani uMoya oCwengileko. ²³Nanilibalela izono zabantu, bayalitjalelwa; nangingalibaleliki, abakalitjalelwa.”

UJesu noTomasi

²⁴Omunye wabafundi abalitjhumi nambili, uTomasi, obizwa bona Liphahla, bekangasinabo lokha uJesu nafikako. ²⁵Yeke abafundi abanye bamtjela bathi: “Siyibonile iKosi!”

UTomasi wathi kibo: “Ngaphandle kobana ngibone amanxeba wempikiri ezandleni zayo, ngifake umuno wami emanxebeni layo, nesandla sami ehlangothini layo, angeze ngakholwa.”

²⁶Ngemva kweveke abafundi bahlangana godu ngendlini bazivalela, noTomasi gade anabo. Amabadi gade ahluthulelwe, kodwana uJesu weza wajama hlangana nabo wathi: “Ukuthula akube nani!” ²⁷Yeke wathi kuTomasi: “Faka umuno wakho lapha, uqale izandla zami; uthabulule isandla sakho usifake ehlangothini lami. Ulise ukuzaza, ukholwe.”

²⁸UTomasi wamphendula wathi: “Kosi yami! Zimu wami!”

²⁹UJesu wathi kuye: “Uyakholwa ngombana uyangibona na? Banetjhu du kangangani abakholwa bangakaboni!”

Isizatho sencwadi le

³⁰Phambi kwabafundi bakhe uJesu wenza immangaliso eminye eminengi engakagwalwa encwadini le. ³¹Kodwana le igwalwe khona nizakholwa bona uJesu nguKrestu, iNdodana kaZimu, nithi ngokukholwa kuye nibe nokuphila.

UJesu uzibonakaza ebafundini abalikhomba

21 Ngemva kwalokho, uJesu wazibonakaza godu ebafundini bakhe etsheni leThibheriyasi.

Kwakhamba nje-ke: ²USimoni Pitrosi, noTomasi, obizwa bona Liphahla, noNathaniyeli, ovela eKana eseGaleliya, namadodana kaZebediya, nabanye abafundi ababili bakaJesu bebandawonye. ³USimoni Pitrosi wathi kwabanye: “Ngothiya iinhlambi.”

Baphendula bathi: “Sizokhamba nawe.” Bakhamba ngeskepe, kodwana ubusukobo boke akhange khebabambe litho. ⁴Kuthi nakuphuma ilanga, uJesu wajama ebuzisamo bamanzi, kodwana abafundi azange bazi bona nguJesu. ⁵Yeke wababuza wathi: “Bomnakwethu, anikabambi litho na?”

Bamphendula bathi: “Asikabambi litho.”

⁶Wathi kibo: “Phoselani izika lenu ngesigomeni seskepe, nizabamba.” Yeke baphosela izika, babhalelwa kulidosa ngapha gade libambe ngakhona.

⁷Umfundi loyo gade athandwa nguJesu wathi kuPitrosi: “YiKosi!” Kwathi uPitrosi bona ezwe bonyana yiKosi, wambatha isambatho sakhe, ngombana gade selahlubule, weqela ngemanzini.

⁸Abanye abafundi, baya ngeskepe, balidosa izika elizele iinhlambi. Bebangasikude nehlabathi, bebamamitha alikhulu kudana. ⁹Kwathi bona behle ngeskepeni, babona umlilo wamaladle kukhona phezu kwawo ihlambi nomgadango. ¹⁰Yeke uJesu wathi kibo: “Lethani iinhlambi enizibambileko.”

¹¹USimoni Pitrosi wakhwela wadosela izika ehlabathini lizele iinhlambi ezikulu, ebagele zilikhulu namatjumi amahlanu nantathu sezizoke; ngitjho namtjhana gade zizinengi kangako kodwana azange

lirathuke, izika. ¹²UJesu wathi kibo: “Yizani nizogoma.” Akakho noyedwa wabafundi awakhe walokotha ukumbuza bona: “Ungubani na?” ngombana gade basazi bona yiKosi. ¹³Yeke uJesu wathatha umgadango neenhlambi wabapha.

¹⁴Lokhu-ke gade esele ingekwesithathu uJesu azibonakaza ebfundini ngemva kobana selavukile kwabafleko.

UJesu noPitrosi

¹⁵Ngemva kobanyana sebadlile, uJesu wathi kuSimoni Pitrosi: “Simoni kaJwanisi, ungithanda ngaphezu kwabo boke laba na?”

USimoni waphendula wathi: “Iye, Kosi, uyazi bona ngiyakuthanda.”

UJesu wathi kuye: “Yondla izimvana zami.”

¹⁶Kwesibili uJesu wathi kuye: “Simoni kaJwanisi, uyangithanda na?”

USimoni waphendula wathi: “Iye, Kosi, uyazi bona ngiyakuthanda.”

UJesu wathi kuye: “Lusa izimvu zami.”

¹⁷Kwesithathu uJesu wathi kuye: “Simoni kaJwanisi, uyangithanda na?”

UPitrosi wadabuka, ngombana uJesu gade bekambuza kwesithathu wathi: “Uyangithanda na?” Wathi kuJesu: “Kosi, wazi koke; uyazi bona ngiyakuthanda!”

UJesu wathi kuye: “Yondla izimvu zami.

¹⁸Kwamambala ngithi kuwe: Nawusemutjha bephele ubhince uye namtjhana kukuphi lapha uthanda khona. Kodwana nasele uluphele, uzathabulula izandla zakho omunye akwembese akuse lapha ungafuni ukuya khona.” ¹⁹Ngokutjho lokhu, uJesu bekatjengisa indlela uPitrosi azakufa ngayo alethe

iphazimulo kuZimu. Yeke uJesu wathi kuye:
 “Ngilandela!”

UJesu nomfundi ogade amthanda

²⁰UPitrosi watjhuguluka wabona ngemva kwakhe umfundi, ogade athandwa nguJesu. Ngiloyo obekazigudle ngoJesu mhlana badla lamaphelelo kusihlwa wabuza kuJesu bona ngubani ozomthengisa na. ²¹Kwathi bona uPitrosi ambone, wabuza uJesu wathi: “Kosi, uthini ngomuntu lo na?”

²²UJesu wamphendula wathi: “Nangifuna bona aphile kufikela mhlana ngibuyako, kukutshwenya ngani lokho na? Wena yiza ungilandele!”

²³Yeke iindaba zarhatjheka hlangana nabalandeli bakaJesu bona umfundi lo angekhe afa. Kodwana uJesu akhange atjho bona akazukufa, wathi: “Nangifuna bona aphile kufikela mhlana ngibuyako, kukutshwenya ngani na?”

²⁴Nguye umfundi lo owasumayela ngezintwezi, bewazigwala phasi; besiyazi bona, akutjhwileko liqiniso.

Isiphetho

²⁵Nje-ke, zinengi ezinye izinto uJesu azenzako. Ngathana bezigwalwe phasi ngakhunye ngakhunye, ngiyabona iphasi loke belingekhe lakgona ukubulunga iincwadi ebezingagwalwa.