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The *Holy Bible Aionian Edition* ® is the world's first Bible *un-translation*! What is an *un-translation*? Bibles are translated into each of our languages from the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Koine Greek. Occasionally, the best word translation cannot be found and these words are transliterated letter by letter. Four well known transliterations are *Christ*, *baptism*, *angel*, and *apostle*. The meaning is then preserved more accurately through context and a dictionary. The Aionian Bible un-translates and instead transliterates eleven additional Aionian Glossary words to help us better understand God's love for individuals and all mankind, and the nature of afterlife destinies.

The first three words are *aiōn*, *aiōnios*, and *aïdios*, typically translated as *eternal* and also *world* or *eon*. The Aionian Bible is named after an alternative spelling of *aiōnios*. Consider that researchers question if *aiōn* and *aiōnios* actually mean *eternal*. Translating *aiōn* as *eternal* in Matthew 28:20 makes no sense, as all agree. The Greek word for *eternal* is *aïdios*, used in Romans 1:20 about God and in Jude 6 about demon imprisonment. Yet what about *aiōnios* in John 3:16? Certainly we do not question whether salvation is eternal! However, *aiōnios* means something much more wonderful than infinite time! Ancient Greeks used *aiōn* to mean *eon* or *age*. They also used the adjective *aiōnios* to mean *entirety*, such as *complete* or even *consummate*, but never infinite time. Read Dr. Heleen Keizer and Ramelli and Konstan for proofs. So *aiōnios* is the perfect description of God's Word which has *everything* we need for life and godliness! And the *aiōnios* life promised in John 3:16 is not simply a ticket to eternal life in the future, but the invitation through faith to the *consummate* life beginning now!

The next seven words are *Sheol*, *Hadēs*, *Geenna*, *Tartaroō*, *Abyssos*, and *Limnē Pyr*. These words are often translated as *Hell*, the place of eternal punishment. However, *Hell* is ill-defined when compared with the Hebrew and Greek. For example, *Sheol* is the abode of deceased believers and unbelievers and should never be translated as *Hell*. *Hadēs* is a temporary place of punishment, Revelation 20:13-14. *Geenna* is the Valley of Hinnom, Jerusalem's refuse dump, a temporal judgment for sin. *Tartaroō* is a prison for demons, mentioned once in 2 Peter 2:4. *Abyssos* is a temporary prison for the Beast and Satan. Translators are also inconsistent because *Hell* is used by the King James Version 54 times, the New International Version 14 times, and the World English Bible zero times. Finally, *Limnē Pyr* is the Lake of Fire, yet Matthew 25:41 explains that these fires are prepared for the Devil and his angels. So there is reason to review our conclusions about the destinies of redeemed mankind and fallen angels.

The eleventh word, *eleēsē*, reveals the grand conclusion of grace in Romans 11:32. Please understand these eleven words. The original translation is unaltered and a highlighted note is added to 64 Old Testament and 200 New Testament verses. To help parallel study and Strong's Concordance use, apocryphal text is removed and most variant verse numbering is mapped to the English standard. We thank our sources at eBible.org, Crosswire.org, unbound.Biola.edu, Bible4u.net, and NHEB.net. The Aionian Bible is copyrighted with creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0, allowing 100% freedom to copy and print, if respecting source copyrights. Check the Reader's Guide and read at AionianBible.org, with Android, and with TOR network. Why purple? King Jesus' Word is royal and purple is the color of royalty! All profits are given to CoolCup.org.

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UJesu wathi, “Baba, baxolele, ngoba kabakwazi abakwenzayo.”
Njalo basebesabelana izigqoko zakhe ngokutshaya inkatho.
ULukha 23:34

UMathewu

1 Umbhalo wosendo lukaJesu Khristu indodana
kaDavida, indodana ka-Abhrahama: **2** U-
Abhrahama wayenguyise ka-Isaka, u-Isaka uyise
kaJakhobe, uJakhobe uyise kaJuda labafowabo,
3 uJuda uyise kaPherezi loZera, unina
owayenguThamari, uPherezi uyise kaHezironi,
uHezironi uyise kaRamu, **4** uRamu uyise ka-
Aminadabi, u-Aminadabi uyise kaNashoni,
uNahishoni uyise kaSalimoni, **5** uSalimoni uyise
kaBhowazi, unina owayenguRahabi, uBhowazi
uyise ka-Obhedi, unina owayenguRuthe,
u-Obhedi uyise kaJese, **6** uJese uyise
wenkosi uDavida. UDavida wayenguyise
kaSolomoni, unina owayeke waba ngumka-
Uriya, **7** uSolomoni uyise kaRehobhowami,
uRehobhowami uyise ka-Abhija, u-Abhija
uyise ka-Asa, **8** u-Asa uyise kaJehoshafathi,
uJehoshafathi uyise kaJehoramu, uJehoramu
uyise ka-Uziya, **9** u-Uziya uyise kaJothamu,
uJothamu uyise ka-Ahazi, u-Ahazi uyise
kaHezekhiya, **10** uHezekhiya uyise kaManase,
uManase uyise ka-Amoni, u-Amoni uyise
kaJosiya, **11** uJosiya owayenguyise kaJekhoniya
labafowabo ngesikhathi bethunjwe eBhabhiloni.
12 Emva kokuthunjwa eBhabhiloni: uJekhoniya
wayenguyise kaSheyalithiyeli, uSheyalithiyeli
uyise kaZerubhabheli, **13** uZerubhabheli uyise
ka-Abhiyudi, u-Abhiyudi uyise ka-Eliyakhimu,
u-Eliyakhimu uyise ka-Azori, **14** u-Azori uyise
kaZadokhi, uZadokhi uyise ka-Akhimu, u-
Akhimu uyise ka-Elihudi, **15** u-Elihudi uyise
ka-Eliyazari, u-Eliyazari uyise kaMathani,
uMathani uyise kaJakhobe, **16** uJakhobe
uyise kaJosefa, umkaMariya, owazala uJesu
obizwa ngokuthi nguKhristu. **17** Ngokunjalo-ke,
kwakulezizukulwane ezilitshumi lane sezizonke
kusukela ku-Abhrahama kusiya kuDavida,
ezilitshumi lane kusukela kuDavida kusiya
ekuthunjweni yiBhabhiloni njalo ezilitshumi
lane kusukela ekuthunjweni kusiya kuKhristu.
18 UJesu Khristu wazalwa kanje: Unina uMariya
wayethembise ukuthi uzakwendela kuJosefa
kodwa kwathi bengakahlangani wabonakala
esezithwele kwenziwe ngoMoya oNgcwele.
19 Ngoba umkakhe uJosefa wayeyindoda
elungileyo emthethweni, njalo engafuni
ukumyangisa ebantwini, wacabanga ukumala
ngasese. **20** Uthe esekucabangile lokhu, kwafika
kuye ingilosi yeNkosi ephutsheni yathi, "Josefa
ndodana kaDavida, ungesabi ukuthatha uMariya
ukuba abe ngumkakho ngoba lokhu akhulelwe
ngakho kuvela kuMoya oNgcwele. **21** Uzabeletha
indodana ozayetha ibizo uthi nguJesu ngoba
uzasindisa abantu bakhe ezonweni zabo." **22**
Konke lokhu kwenzakala ukuze kugcwaliseke
okwatshiwo yiNkosi ngomphrofethi ukuthi: **23**
"Intombi egcweleyo izakhulelwa izale indodana,
bayibize ngokuthi ngu-Emanuweli" (okutsho
ukuthi, "uNkulunkulu ulathi"). **24** UJosefa
esevukile ebuthongweni wenza lokho ingilosi
yeNkosi eyayimlaye khona, wamthatha uMariya
waba ngumkakhe. **25** Kodwa kazange embathe
laye waze wabeletha indodana. Wayetha ibizo
wathi nguJesu.

2 UJesu esezelwe eBhethilehema laseJudiya
ngesikhathi sokubusa kwenkosi uHerodi,
kwafika eJerusalema iZazi zivela empumalanga,
2 zabuza zathi, "Ungaphi lowo ozalelwe ukuba
yinkosi yamaJuda na? Sibone inkanyezi yakhe
empumalanga ngakho size ukuzamkhonza."
3 Kwathi inkosi uHerodi isikuzwile lokhu
yakhathazeka, kanye leJerusalema lonke. **4**
Kwathi esebizele ndawonye abaphristi abakhulu
bonke labafundisi bomthetho, wababuza
ukuthi uKhristu wayezazalelwa ngaphi. **5**
Baphendula bathi, "EBhethilehema laseJudiya,
ngoba lokhu yikho okwalotshwa ngumphrofethi
ukuthi: **6** 'Kodwa wena Bhethilehema,
elizweni lakoJuda, kawumncinyane kulabo
bonke ababusi bakoJuda; ngoba kuzavela
umbusi kuwe, ozakuba ngumelusi wabantu
bami bako-Israyeli.'" **7** UHerodi wasezibiza
iZazi ngasese wadingisisa kuzo isikhathi
inkanyezi eyaphuma ngaso ngqe. **8** Wabathuma
eBhethilehema wathi, "Hambani liyemdinga
umntwana. Lingamfumana lingazise masinyane
ukuze lami ngihambe ngiyemkhonza." **9**
Sezizwile okwatshiwo yinkosi, zasuka zahamba,
inkanyezi leyo ezaziyibonile empumalanga
yahamba phambi kwazo yaze yayakuma

lapho umntwana ayekhona. 10 Zathi ziyibona
inkanyezi zagcwala intokozo. 11 Zangena
endlini zambona umntwana lonina uMariya,
zakhothama zamkhonza. Zasezivula impahla
zazo eziligugu zamkhunga ngezipho zegolide
lempepha lemure. 12 Kwathi ngoba zixwayisiwe
ephutsheni ukuthi zingabuyeli kuHerodi,
zaqonda elizweni lakibo ngenye indlela. 13
Kwathi sezihambile, ingilosi yeNkosi yabonakala
kuJosefa ngephupho. Yathi, "Vuka uthathe
umntwana lonina libalekele eGibhithe. Lihlale
khonale ngize ngilitshele ngoba uHerodi
uzamdinga umntwana efuna ukumbulala."
14 Ngakho wavuka wathatha umntwana
lonina ebusuku waya eGibhithe 15 lapho
abahlala khona uHerodi waze wafa. Ngakho
kwagcwaliseka lokho iNkosi eyayikutshilo
ngomphrofethi ukuthi, "Indodana yami
ngayikhupha eGibhithe." 16 Kwathi ukuba
uHerodi ananzelele ukuthi iZazi zazimphicile
wazonda kakhulu, wasekhupha umlayo wokuthi
kubulawe bonke abantwana abangabafana
eBhethilehema lasemangweni wonke oseduze,
bonke ababeleminyaka emibili kusehla,
kuhambelana lesikhathi leso ayesitshelwe
yiZazi. 17 Ngakho lokho okwakutshiwo
ngumphrofethi uJeremiya kwagcwaliseka
ukuthi: 18 "Ilizwi lizwakala eRama, ukukhala
lesililo esikhulu, uRasheli ekhalela abantwana
bakhe njalo wala ukududuzwa, ngoba
kabasekho." 19 UHerodi esefile, ingilosi
yeNkosi yabonakala ngephupho kuJosefa
eseGibhithe 20 yathi, "Sukuma uthathe
umntwana lonina liye elizweni lako-Israyeli
ngoba labo ababefuna ukubulala umntwana
sebefile." 21 Ngakho wasukuma wathatha
umntwana lonina waya elizweni lako-Israyeli.
22 Kodwa wathi ngokuzwa ukuthi u-Akhelasi
wayebusa eJudiya esikhundleni sikayise uHerodi
wesaba ukuya khona. Kwathi esexwayisiwe
ephutsheni wahamba wayahlala eGalile, 23
edolobheni elalithiwa yiNazaretha. Ngalokho
kwagcwaliseka okwatshiwo ngabaphrofethi
ukuthi: Uzabizwa ngokuthi ngoweNazaretha.

3 Ngalesosikhathi kwafika uJohane
uMbhaphathizi etshumayela enkangala
yaseJudiya 2 esithi, "Phendukani ngoba umbuso
wezulu ususondele." 3 Nguye lo okwakhulunywa
ngaye ngumphrofethi u-Isaya kwathiwa: "Ilizwi
lomemezayo enkangala lithi, 'Lungiselani
iNkosi indlela, yenzani izindlela zayo ziqonde.'"
4 Izigqoko zikaJohane zazenziwe ngoboya
bekamela, elebhanti lesikhumba okhalweni
lwakhe. Ukudla kwakhe kwakuzintethe
loluju lwenyosi zeganga. 5 Abantu baphuma
baya kuye bevela eJerusalema lakulo lonke
elaseJudiya lemangweni wonke waseJodani. 6
Bevuma izono zabo, babhaphathizwa nguye
emfuleni uJodani. 7 Kodwa wathi ebona
abaFarisi labaSadusi abanengi besiza lapho
ayebhaphathizela khona wathi kubo, "Lina
nzalo yezinyoka! Lilimukiswe ngubani ukuthi
libalekele ulaka oluzayo na? 8 Thelani
izithelo ezihambelana lokuphenduka. 9 Njalo
lingacabangi ukuthi lingazitshela ukuthi, 'Silo-
Abhrahama ongubaba wethu.' Mina ngilitshela
ukuthi kuwonala amatshe uNkulunkulu
angamenzela u-Abhrahama abantwana. 10
Ihloka selivele selisezimpandeni zezihlahla
njalo zonke izihlahla ezingatheli izithelo
ezinhle zizaganyulwa, ziphoselwe emlilweni. 11
Mina ngilibhaphathiza ngamanzi okutshengisa
ukuphenduka. Kodwa ngemva kwami kuza
olamandla kulami njalo kakungilinganga
ukuthwala amanyathela akhe. Uzalibhaphathiza
ngoMoya oNgcwele langomlilo. 12 Isitsha sakhe
sokwela sisesandleni sakhe njalo uzathanyela
isiza sakhe, abuthele amabele akhe wonke
esiphaleni, kuthi amakhoba awatshise ngomlilo
ongacitshekiyo." 13 UJesu weza eJodani evela
eGalile ukuba abhaphathizwe nguJohane. 14
Kodwa uJohane wazama ukwenqaba ngokuthi,
"Yimi engidinga ukubhaphathizwa nguwe, kanti
pho ungeza njani kimi?" 15 UJesu waphendula
wathi, "Yekela kube njalo okwakhathesi ngoba
kufanele ukuba sikwenze lokhu ukuze sigcwalise
konke ukulunga." Ngakho uJohane wasevuma.
16 Masinyane nje uJesu eqeda kubhaphathizwa
waphuma emanzini. Khonokho nje izulu
lavuleka, wasebona uMoya kaNkulunkulu
usehla njengejuba njalo usehlela phezu kwakhe.
17 Ilizwi elavela ezulwini lathi, "Lo yiNdodana

yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza kakhulu
ngayo.”

4 UJesu wasekhokhelwa nguMoya
wamusa enkangala ukuthi ayelingwa
nguSathane. **2** Emva kokuzila ukudla
okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku
obungamatshumi amane wayeselambile. **3**
Umlingi weza kuye wathi, “Nxa uyiNdodana
kaNkulunkulu tshela amatshe la aphenduke
abe yisinkwa.” **4** UJesu waphendula wathi,
“Kulotshiwe ukuthi: ‘Umuntu kayikuphila
ngesinkwa kuphela kodwa ngelizwi lonke
eliphuma emlonyeni kaNkulunkulu.’” **5**
USathane wasemthatha wamusa emzini
ongcwele, wamisa engqongweni yethempeli. **6**
Wathi kuye, “Nxa uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu,
ziphosele phansi. Njengoba kulotshiwe
ukuthi: ‘Uzalaya izingilosi zakhe ngawe,
zikuqage ngezandla zazo, ukuze ungatshayeki
ngonyawo lwakho elitsheni.’” **7** UJesu
wamphendula wathi, “Kulotshiwe ukuthi,
‘Ungayilingi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho.’” **8**
Waphinda njalo uSathane wamusa entabeni
ephakemeyo kakhulu, wamtshengisa yonke
imibuso yomhlaba lokucwebezela kwayo.
9 Wathi, “Ngizakunika konke lokhu nxa
ungangikhothamela, ungikhonze.” **10** UJesu
wathi kuye, “Suka kimi Sathane! Ngoba
kulotshiwe ukuthi: ‘Khonza iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho njalo usebenzele yena yedwa.’” **11**
USathane wasemtshiya, izingilosi zabuya
zazomkhonza. **12** UJesu wathi esizwa ukuthi
uJohane wayesevalelwe entolongweni, wabuyela
eGalile. **13** Wasuka eNazaretha wayahlala
eKhaphenawume eyayisokhunjini lomfula
emangweni wakoZebhuluni lakoNafithali, **14**
ukugcwalisa lokho okwatshiwo ngomphrofethi
u-Isaya ukuthi: **15** “Lizwe likaZebhuluni lelizwe
likaNafithali, iNdlela eya oLwandle, phetsheya
kweJodani, iGalile yabeZizweni, **16** abantu
ababehlezi emnyameni sebebone ukukhanya
okukhulu; kulabo abahlezi elizweni lethunzi
lokufa, ukukhanya sekufikile.” **17** Kusukela
ngalesosikhathi uJesu waqalisa ukutshumayela
esithi, “Phendukani ngoba umbuso wezulu
ususondele.” **18** Kwathi uJesu ehamba okhunjini
loLwandle lwaseGalile wabona izelamani
ezimbili, uSimoni owayethiwa nguPhethro
lomfowabo u-Andreya. Babephosela umambule
olwandle ngoba bengabagoli benhlanzi. **19**
UJesu wathi, “Wozani lingilandele, ngizalenza
abagoli babantu.” **20** Masinyane nje batshiya
omambule babo bamlandela. **21** Esuka lapho
wabona ezinye izelamani ezimbili, uJakhobe
indodana kaZebhediya lomfowabo uJohane.
Babephakathi kwesikepe loyise uZebhediya,
belungisa omambule babo. UJesu wababiza,
22 baphanga batshiya isikepe kanye loyise
bamlandela. **23** UJesu wahamba kulolonke iGalile
efundisa emasinagogweni abo, etshumayela
izindaba ezinhle zombuso, esilisa zonke
izifo lemikhuhlane ebantwini. **24** Udumo
lwakhe lwagcwala kulolonke elase-Asiriya,
abantu baletha kuye bonke ababegula belezifo
ezehlukeneyo, labo ababesebuhlungwini
obukhulu, ababephethwe ngamadimoni,
ababelezithuthwane lababeyizilima, bonke
wabasilisa. **25** Amaxuku amakhulu ayevela
eGalile, eDekhapholisi, eJerusalema, eJudiya
lasemangweni ongaphetsheya kweJodani
amlandela.

5 Kwathi ebona amaxuku wakhwela entabeni
wahlala phansi. Abafundi bakhe beza
kuye. **2** Waseqalisa ukubafundisa esithi:
3 “Babusisiwe abampofu emoyeni ngoba
umbuso wezulu ungowabo. **4** Babusisiwe
labo abakhalayo ngoba bazakududuzwa. **5**
Babusisiwe abathobekileyo ngoba bazakuba
zindlalifa zomhlaba. **6** Babusisiwe labo
abalambela labomela ukulunga ngoba
bazakusuthiswa. **7** Babusisiwe abalesihawu
ngoba bazakuhawukelwa. **8** Babusisiwe
abahlanzekileyo enhliziyweni ngoba bazabona
uNkulunkulu. **9** Babusisiwe abagcina ukuthula
ngoba bazathiwa ngamadodana kaNkulunkulu.
10 Babusisiwe abahlukunyezwayo ngenxa
yokulunga, ngoba umbuso wezulu ungowabo.
11 Libusisiwe lina nxa abantu belithuka,
belihlukumeza njalo beligcona ngobubi bonke
ngenxa yami. **12** Thokozani lijabule ngoba
mkhulu umvuzo wenu ezulwini, njengoba
bahlukunyezwa ngaleyondlela abaphrofethi

ababephambi kwenu." 13 "Lina lilitswayi
lomhlaba. Kodwa nxa itswayi lingalahlekelwa
yibumunyu balo, lingavuselelwa njani
na? Kaliselamsebenzi ngaphandle kokuthi
lichithelwe phandle linyathelwe ngabantu.
14 Lina liyikukhanya kwezwe. Idolobho
elakhelwe entabeni kalisitheki. 15 Njalo
abantu kabalumathisi isibane basibeke
ngaphansi kwesitsha. Kodwa basibeka phezu
koluthi lwaso ukuze sikhanyisele bonke
abasendlini. 16 Ngokunjalo, yenzani ukukhanya
kwenu kukhanye phambi kwabantu ukuze
babone izenzo zenu ezinhle baze badumise
uYihlo osezulwini." 17 "Lingacabangi ukuthi
ngilande ukuzadiliza uMthetho kumbe
abaPhrofethi. Kangilandanga ukuzediliza
kodwa ukuzogcwalisisa. 18 Ngilitshela iqiniso
ukuthi kuze kunyamalale izulu lomhlaba
kakuyikususwa lutho eMthethweni, loba
libadlana kumbe lichatshana elilotshiweyo, kuze
kupheleliswe konke. 19 Loba ngubani owephula
owodwa nje wale imilayo emincinyane,
afundise abanye ukwenzanjalo uzathiwa
mncinyane embusweni wezulu kodwa loba
ngubani olandela njalo afundise imilayo le
njengokuba, uzathiwa mkhulu embusweni
wezulu. 20 Ngakho ngiyalitshela ukuthi
ngaphandle kokuthi ukulunga kwenu kwedlule
okwabaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho, ngempela
kalizukuwungena umbuso wezulu." 21 "Lezwa
ukuthi kwathiwa kwabasendulo, 'Ungabulali;
lowo obulalayo uzakwahlulelwa.' 22 Kodwa
ngilitshela ngithi loba ngubani ozondela
umfowabo loba udadewabo uzakwahlulelwa
emthethwandaba. Njalo lowo othi kumfowabo
loba kudadewabo, 'Raca,' okutsho ukuthi
'Silimandini,' uzathonisiswa emphakathini.
Njalo lowo othi, 'Wena siwula!' uzakuba
sengozini yomlilo wesihogo. (Geenna g1067)
23 Ngakho-ke, nxa uletha isipho sakho e-
alithareni ubusukhumbula ukuthi umfowenu
kumbe udadewenu ulesikhwili lawe, 24
tshiya khonapho isipho sakho phambi kwe-
alithari. Qala uyebuyisana laye umfowenu
kumbe udadewenu andubana ubuye uzonikela
umnikelo wakho. 25 Phangisa uqedelane
lalowo okumangalelayo lisahamba lisiya
emthethwandaba funa akunikele kumahluleli
ozakunikela kumlindijele ukuthi akuphosele
entolongweni. 26 Ngilitshela iqiniso, kawusoze
uphume uze uhlawule kanye lohlamvana
lokucina lwemali." 27 "Lezwa ukuthi kwathiwa,
'Ungaphingi.' 28 Kodwa ngilitshela ukuthi
lowo okhangela owesifazane amfise usephinge
laye enhliziyweni yakhe. 29 Nxa ilihlo lakho
lokunene likwenzisa isono, likopole, ulikhuphe
ulilahlele khatshana. Kungcono kuwe ukuthi
ulahlekelwe ngesisodwa isitho somzimba wakho
kulokuthi umzimba wakho wonke uphoselwe
esihogweni somlilo. (Geenna g1067) 30 Njalo nxa
isandla sakho sokunene sikwenzisa isono,
siqume usiphosele khatshana. Kungcono kuwe
ukuthi ulahlekelwe ngesisodwa isitho somzimba
wakho kulokuthi umzimba wakho wonke uye
esihogweni somlilo." (Geenna g1067) 31 "Kwathiwa,
'Lowo owehlukana lomkakhe kamuphe
incwadi yokuquma umtshado.' 32 Kodwa mina
ngilitshela ngithi lowo ohlukana lomkakhe,
ngaphandle kokuba ehlobongile, umenza
afebe, njalo lowo othatha umfazi ohlukene
lomkakhe uyaphinga." 33 "Njalo selezwa ukuthi
kwathiwa kwabendulo, 'Ungephuli isifungo
sakho kodwa gcwalisa izifungo zakho ozenzileyo
eNkosini.' 34 Kodwa mina ngithi, lingafungi loba
sokutheni, kumbe ngezulu ngoba liyisihlalo
sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu; 35 loba ngomhlaba
ngoba uyisinyathelo sakhe loba ngeJerusalema
ngoba lidolobho leNkosi enkulu. 36 Njalo
ungafungi ngekhanda lakho ngoba ungeke
wenze lalunye unwele lube mhlophe kumbe
lube mnyama. 37 Okumele likutsho yikuthi
'Yebo' kumbe 'Hatshi'; okunye okungasilokhu
kuvela komubi." 38 "Selezwa ukuthi kwathiwa,
'Ilihlo ngelihlo njalo izinyo ngezinyo.' 39 Kodwa
mina ngiyalitshela ngithi, lingamelani lomuntu
omubi. Nxa omunye angakutshaya esihlathini
sokunene, muphe njalo esinye isihlathi. 40 Njalo
nxa omunye efuna ukukumangalela ukuze
akuthathele isigqoko sakho, myekele athathe
lejazi lakho njalo. 41 Nxa omunye ekubamba
ngamandla ukuthi uhambe ikhilomitha
elilodwa, hamba laye abe mabili. 42 Muphe
lowo ocela kuwe njalo ungamfulatheli lowo
ofuna ukweboleka kuwe." 43 "Selezwa ukuthi

kwathiwa, ‘Thanda umakhelwane wakho,
uzonde isitha sakho.’ 44 Kodwa mina ngilitshela
ukuthi, thandani izitha zenu, libakhulekele labo
abalihlukuluzayo, 45 ukuze libe ngamadodana
kaYihlo osezulwini. Wenza ilanga lakhe
liphume kwababi labalungileyo njalo anise
izulu kwabalungileyo lakwabangalunganga.
46 Nxa lithanda labo abalithandayo kuphela,
lizazuza mvuzo bani na? Kabenzi njalo na
labathelisi? 47 Nxa libingelela abafowenu
bodwa, kuyini elikwenzayo okwedlula abanye
na? Kabenzi lokho labahedeni na? 48 Ngakho
wobani ngabapheleleyo njengalokhu uYihlo
osezulwini ephelele.”

6 “Qaphelani ukuthi lingenzi izenzo zokulunga
phambi kwabantu ukuze balibone. Nxa
lisenza njalo kaliyikuba lomvuzo ovela kuYihlo
ezulwini. 2 Ngakho nxa lisipha abaswelayo,
lingamemezeli indawo yonke njengokwenziwa
ngabazenzisi emasinagogweni lasezitaladini
ukuze badunyiswe ngabantu. Ngilitshela
iqiniso, sebewemukele owabo umvuzo
ngokugcweleyo. 3 Kodwa nxa lina lisipha
abaswelayo isandla senu sokhohlo kasingakwazi
lokho esikwenzayo esokunene, 4 ukuze ukupha
kwenu kube sensitha. Ngakho uYihlo obona
okwenziwa ensitha uzalipha umvuzo wenu.”
5 “Nxa likhuleka lingabi njengabazenzisi
ngoba bona bathanda ukukhuleka bemi
emasinagogweni lasemakhoneni ezitalada
ukuze babonwe ngabantu. Ngilitshela
iqiniso ukuthi sebewutholile owabo umvuzo
ngokugcweleyo. 6 Nxa likhuleka, ngenani
ezindlini zenu, livale iminyango beselikhuleka
kuYihlo ongabonakaliyo. Ngakho uYihlo obona
okwenziwa ensitha uzalipha umvuzo wenu.
7 Njalo nxa likhuleka lingenzi ubugabazi,
linqongoloza njengabahedeni ngoba bacabanga
ukuthi bazezwakala ngenxa yamazwi abo
amanengi. 8 Lingabi njengabo ngoba uYihlo
uyakwazi elikuswelayo loba lingakakuceli
kuye.” 9 “Kumele likhuleke kanje: ‘Baba wethu
osezulwini, kalidunyiswe ibizo lakho, 10 umbuso
wakho kawuze, intando yakho kayenziwe
emhlabeni njengalokhu isenziwa ezulwini. 11
Siphe lamuhla isinkwa sethu sansukuzonke.
12 Njalo usithethelele izono zethu, njengoba
lathi sibathethelela abasonelayo. 13 Njalo
ungasingenisi ekulingweni, kodwa usisindise
komubi.’ 14 Ngoba nxa libathethelela
abayabe belonile, uYihlo osezulwini laye
uzalithethelela. 15 Kodwa nxa lingabathetheleli
abantu izono zabo, uYihlo kayikulithethelela
lani izono zenu.” 16 “Lapho lizila ukudla,
lingabonakali linyukubele njengalokhu
okwenziwa ngabazenzisi ngoba bakhangeleka
bedanile ebusweni babo ukuze abantu babone
ukuthi bazilile. Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi
sebewutholile owabo umvuzo ngokugcweleyo.
17 Kodwa lina nxa lizila, gcobani amafutha
emakhanda enu, ligeze ubuso benu, 18 ukuze
kungabonakali ebantwini ukuthi lizilile, kodwa
kuYihlo kuphela ongabonakaliyo njalo yena
obona okwenziwa ensitha uzalipha umvuzo
wenu.” 19 “Lingazibutheleli inotho emhlabeni
lapho okubhubhisa khona inondo lokuthomba
njalo lapho okugqekeza khona amasela. 20
Kodwa zibutheleleni inotho ezulwini lapho
kungabhujiswa khona linondo lokuthomba
njalo lapho okungagqekezi khona amasela. 21
Ngoba lapho okulenotho yakho khona kulapho
inhliziyo yakho ezakuba khona. 22 Ilihlo
liyisibane somzimba. Nxa amehlo akho elungile
umzimba wakho wonke uzagcwala ukukhanya.
23 Kodwa nxa amehlo akho engahlambulukanga
umzimba wakho wonke uzagcwala ubumnyama.
Nxa ukukhanya okungaphakathi kwakho
kungumnyama, pho mkhulu kanganani
lowomnyama! 24 Kakulanceku engakhonza
amakhosi amabili. Funa izonde enye kodwa
ithande enye, kumbe izinikele kwenye yeyise
enye. Lingezake likhonze uNkulunkulu lemali.”
25 “Ngakho ngiyalitshela ukuthi lingakhathazeki
ngokuphila kwenu, ukuthi lizakudlani loba
lizanathani; kumbe ngemizimba yenu,
ukuthi lizagqokani. Impilo kayiqakathekanga
ukwedlula ukudla na, lomzimba ukwedlula
izigqoko na? 26 Khangelani izinyoni zasemoyeni;
kazihlanyeli, kazivuni kumbe ukubuthela
eziphaleni kodwa uYihlo osezulwini uyazipha
ukudla. Lina kaliqakathekanga ukwedlula zona
na? 27 Ngubani kini othi ngokukhathazeka
angezelele ihola elilodwa empilweni yakhe na?

28 Kanti lizihluphelani ngezigqoko na? Ake
libone ukuthi amaluba eganga akhula njani.
Kawasebenzi njalo aweluki. 29 Kodwa ngilitshela
ukuthi laye uSolomoni ekucwebezeleni kwakhe
kazange acece njengawo. 30 Nxa kuyiyo indlela
uNkulunkulu ahlobisa ngayo utshani beganga,
obukhona namuhla kodwa kusasa sebuphoselwa
emlilweni, pho lina kazukuligqokisa ngcono
yini, lina bokukholwa okuncinyane? 31 Ngakho
lingazihluphi lisithi, 'Sizakudlani?' kumbe
'Sizanathani?' loba 'Sizavunulani na?' 32
Ngoba abezizweni bagijimela zonke lezizinto
kodwa uYihlo osezulwini uyakwazi ukuthi
liyazidinga. 33 Kodwa funani kuqala umbuso
wakhe lokulunga kwakhe, kuzakuthi-ke zonke
lezizinto liziphiwe lazo. 34 Ngakho lingazihluphi
ngelakusasa ngoba ikusasa lizazinqinekela
lona. Usuku lunye ngalunye lulenhlupho zalo
oluzaneleyo."

7 "Lingahluleli funa lani lahlulelwe. 2 Ngoba
ngaleyondlela elahlulela ngayo abanye lani
lizakwahlulelwa ngayo, langalesosilinganiso
elisisebenzisayo lani lizalinganiselwa ngaso. 3
Kungani ukhangela uvava lokhuni oluselihlweni
lomfowenu unganqinekeli ukhuni olukwelakho
ilihlo na? 4 Ungatsho kanjani kumfowenu
ukuthi, 'Wothi ngikukhuphe uvava oluselihlweni
lakho,' wena ulokhu ulokhuni kwelakho
ilihlo? 5 Wena mzenzisi, qala ukhuphe
ukhuni oluselihlweni lakho ukuze ubone
kuhle nxa usukhupha uvava oluselihlweni
lomfowenu. 6 Linganiki izinja okungcwele,
lingaphoseli imiceciso ezingulubeni, ngoba
lingakwenza lokhu zizayinyathela ngezinyawo
ziphinde ziphenduke ziyidabudabule." 7
"Celani lizaphiwa; dingani lizafumana; qoqodani
lizavulelwa. 8 Ngoba wonke ocelayo uyaphiwa;
odingayo uyafumana; lalowo oqoqodayo
uzavulelwa umnyango. 9 Ngubani kini bobaba
okuthi nxa indodana yakhe icela isinkwa ayiphe
ilitshe na? 10 Loba ithi icela inhlanzi yena
ayiphe inyoka? 11 Nxa lina elibabi likwazi
ukupha abantwabenu izipho ezilungileyo, pho
uYihlo osezulwini uzabapha kangakanani izipho
ezinhle labo abacela kuye! 12 Kuzozonke
izinto, yenzani kwabanye lokho elifuna
bakwenze kini, ngoba lokhu yikho okugoqela
uMthetho labaPhrofethi." 13 "Ngenani ngesango
elincinyane ngoba isango elikhulu lendlela
ebanzi iholela ekubhujisweni njalo abanengi
bangena ngalo. 14 Kodwa isango elincinyane
lendlela yalo encinyane iholela ekuphileni, njalo
balutshwana abayifumanayo." 15 "Qaphelani
abaphrofethi bamanga abeza kini bezigqokise
isikhumba semvu kodwa ngaphakathi bezimpisi
ezifohlozayo. 16 Lizabazi ngezithelo zabo.
Abantu bayawakha na amavini esihlahleni
sameva kumbe amakhiwane edolofiyeni na? 17
Kanjalo-ke, sonke isihlahla esihle sithela izithelo
ezinhle kodwa isihlahla esibi sithela ezimbi. 18
Isihlahla esihle ngeke sithele izithelo ezimbi
njalo lesihlahla esibi kasingethele izithelo
ezinhle. 19 Zonke izihlahla ezingatheli izithelo
ezinhle ziyaganyulwa ziphoselwe emlilweni.
20 Ngakho-ke, lizabazi ngezithelo zabo." 21
"Kakusibo bonke abathi kimi, 'Nkosi, Nkosi'
abazangena embusweni wezulu, kodwa ngulowo
kuphela owenza intando kaBaba osezulwini. 22
Abanengi bazakuthi kimi ngalolosuku, 'Nkosi,
Nkosi, kasiphrofithanga ngebizo lakho, njalo
ngebizo lakho sakhupha amadimoni, senza
lezimangaliso na?' 23 Lapho-ke, ngizabatshela
kakuhle ngithi, 'Ngivele kangilazi. Sudulukani
kimi, lina benzi bobubi!'" 24 "Ngakho lowo
owezwayo amazwi ami la awenze unjengendoda
ehlakaniphileyo eyakhela indlu yayo edwaleni.
25 Latheleka izulu, izifula zagcwala, wavunguza
umoya watshaya phezu kwaleyondlu; kodwa
kayiwanga ngoba yayigxiliswe isisekelo sayo
edwaleni. 26 Kodwa lowo owezwayo amazwi ami
la angawenzi unjengendoda eyisiwula eyakhela
indlu yayo etshebetshebeni. 27 Latheleka izulu,
izifula zagcwala, umoya wavunguza watshaya
phezu kwendlu leyo yawa yabhidlika." 28
UJesu eseqedile ukukhuluma lezizinto, amaxuku
abantu amangaliswa yikufundisa kwakhe, 29
ngoba wafundisa njengomuntu olamandla,
hatshi njengabafundisi babo bomthetho.

8 Kwathi esehlile entabeni amaxuku abantu
amlandela. 2 Indoda eyayilobulephero
yeza yaguqa phambi kwakhe yathi, "Nkosi
nxa uthanda ungangenza ngihlambuluke."

3 UJesu welula isandla sakhe wayithinta
wathi, “Ngiyathanda, hlambuluka!” Masinyane
nje yasila ebulepherweni bayo. 4 UJesu
wasesithi kuyo, “Zwana, ungatsheli muntu
ngalokhu. Kodwa hamba uyeziveza kumphristi,
unikele ngesipho esamiswa nguMosi
njengobufakazi ebantwini.” 5 UJesu esengenile
eKhaphenawume, kwafika kuye induna yekhulu
izocela uncedo. 6 Yathi, “Nkosi, inceku
yami ilele phansi endlini, yome umhlubulo,
isebuhlungwini obukhulu.” 7 UJesu wathi kuyo,
“Ngizakuza ngizeyisilisa.” 8 Induna yekhulu
yaphendula yathi, “Kakungilinganang a ukuthi
ungeza ungene ngaphansi kophahla lwami.
Kodwa tshono ilizwi nje kuphela, inceku yami
izasila. 9 Ngoba mina ngokwami ngingumuntu
ongaphansi komthetho, ngilamabutho
angaphansi kwami. Lo ngimtshela ngithi,
‘Hamba,’ ahambe; ngithi kuloyana, ‘Buya,’
lakanye abuye. Ngithi encekwini yami, ‘Yenza
lokhu,’ ikwenze.” 10 UJesu wathi ekuzwa
lokhu wamangala wathi kulabo ababemlandela,
“Ngilitshela iqiniso, kangikamboni loyedwa ko-
Israyeli olokukholwa okukhulu kangaka. 11
Ngithi kini abanengi bazavela empumalanga
lentshonalanga, bahlale edilini lo-Abhrahama,
lo-Isaka loJakhobe embusweni wezulu. 12
Kodwa abanini bombuso bazaxotshelwa
phandle emnyameni lapho okuzakuba
khona ukukhala lokugedla kwamazinyo.” 13
UJesu wasesithi enduneni yekhulu, “Hamba!
Kuzakwenziwa njengalokhu ukholwa ukuthi
kuzakwenziwa.” Inceku yayo yahle yasila
ngalesosikhathi. 14 Kwathi lapho uJesu
esengenile endlini kaPhethro, wabona
uninazala kaPhethro elele embhedeni ephethwe
ngumkhuhlane woqhuqho. 15 Wamthinta
esandleni umkhuhlane wahle waphuma kuye,
wavuka waqala ukumphakela. 16 Sekuntambama
abanengi ababelamadimoni balethwa kuye
wayikhupha imimoya ngelizwi njalo wasilisa
bonke abagulayo. 17 Lokhu kwakugcwalisa
okwakhulunywa ngomphrofethi u-Isaya ukuthi:
“Wathatha ubuthakathaka bethu wathwala izifo
zethu.” 18 Wathi uJesu ebona amaxuku abantu
abanengi bembuthanele, wathi akuchaphelwe
ngaphetsheya ngakuleliyana icele lechibi. 19
Kwasekusiza kuye umfundisi womthetho wathi,
“Mfundisi, ngizakulandela ungaze uye ngaphi.”
20 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Amakhanka
alemilindi lezinyoni zemoyeni zilezidleke,
kodwa iNdodana yoMuntu kayilandawo
yokufihla ikhanda layo.” 21 Omunye umfundi
wathi kuye, “Nkosi, akuthi ngiqale ngihambe
ngiyengcwaba ubaba.” 22 Kodwa uJesu
wamtshela wathi, “Ngilandela, uyekele abafileyo
bangcwabe abafileyo babo.” 23 UJesu wasengena
esikepeni abafundi bakhe bamlandela. 24
Masinyane nje kwaphakama isiphepho
esesabekayo echibini, amagagasi atshaya phezu
kwesikepe. Kodwa uJesu wayelele. 25 Abafundi
bahamba bayamvusa besithi, “Nkosi, sihlenge,
Sesigalula!” 26 Waphendula wathi, “Lina
bokukholwa okuncinyane, kungani lisesaba
kangaka?” Wasephakama wawukhuza umoya
kanye lamagagasi, kwasekuthula cwaka. 27
Amadoda amangala abuza athi, “Ngumuntu bani
lo? Oze alalelwe ngumoya kanye lamagagasi!”
28 Wathi ekufikeni kwakhe ngakwelinye icele
emangweni wamaGadarini wahlangabezwa
ngamadoda amabili ayelamadimoni eqhamuka
emathuneni. Ayelodlakela, kungasadluli
muntu ngaleyondlela. 29 Amemeza athi,
“Ufunani kithi, Ndodana kaNkulunkulu? Uze
lapha ukuzasihlupha singakafiki isikhathi
esimisiweyo na?” 30 Bucwala kwawo umhlambi
omkhulu wengulube wawusidla. 31 Amadimoni
amncenga uJesu athi, “Nxa usikhupha,
sithumele emhlambini wengulube.” 32
Wathi kuwo, “Hambani!” Aphuma ayangena
engulubeni, umhlambi wonke waphaphatheka
waqonda eliweni wangena echibini, wafela
emanzini. 33 Labo ababezelusile baphaphatheka
baqonda edolobheni bayabika konke lokhu,
besitsho lalokho okwenzakala kulawomadoda
ayelamadimoni. 34 Khonapho idolobho
lonke laphuma ukuyahlangana loJesu.
Bathi sebembonile bamncenga ukuba asuke
emangweni wakibo.

9 UJesu wangena esikepeni wachaphela
ngasedolobheni lakibo. 2 Amanye amadoda
aletha kuye indoda eyayome umhlubulo ilele
ecansini. UJesu ebona ukholo lwawo wathi

kweyome umhlubulo, “Woba lesibindi, ndodana;
izono zakho sezithethelelwe.” 3 Bekuzwa
lokho abanye abafundisi bomthetho bahleba
bodwa bathi, “Umuntu lo uyahlambaza!” 4
Esazi imicabango yabo uJesu wathi kubo,
“Kungani licabanga izinto ezimbi ezinhliziyweni
zenu na? 5 Yikuphi okulula ukuthi, ‘Izono
zakho sezithethelelwe’ kumbe ukuthi, ‘Sukuma
uhambe’? 6 Kodwa ngifuna lazi ukuthi iNdodana
yoMuntu ilamandla okuthethelela izono
emhlabeni.” Wasesithi kweyome umhlubulo,
“Sukuma uthathe icansi lakho uhambe
uye ekhaya.” 7 Indoda yasukuma yaqonda
ekhaya. 8 Ixuku labantu lathi likubona
lokhu lesaba kakhulu; lamdumisa uNkulunkulu
owayenike amandla la ebantwini. 9 Kwathi
uJesu eseqhubeka esuka lapho, wabona
indoda eyayithiwa nguMatewu ihlezi endaweni
yokuthelisa. UJesu wathi kuyo “Ngilandela,”
uMatewu wahle wasukuma wamlandela. 10
Kwathi uJesu esidla endlini kaMatewu kweza
abathelisi abanengi lezoni bonke bezokudla
laye kanye labafundi bakhe. 11 Kuthe abaFarisi
bekubona lokho babuza abafundi bakhe bathi,
“Kungani umfundisi wenu esidla labathelisi
lezoni na?” 12 UJesu wakuzwa lokho wathi,
“Abaphilileyo kabayidingi inyanga kodwa
idingwa ngabagulayo. 13 Kodwa hambani
liyefunda ukuthi kutshoni lokhu ukuthi, ‘Ngoba
ngifuna isihawu hatshi umhlatshelo.’Ngoba
kangilandanga ukubiza abalungileyo, kodwa
izoni.” 14 Kwasekufika abafundi bakaJohane
bambuza bathi, “Kungani thina labaFarisi
sizila kodwa abafundi bakho kabazili?” 15
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Izethekeli zomyeni
zingalila kanjani esesekhona phakathi kwazo
na? Sizafika isikhathi lapho umyeni ezasuswa
kuzo; kulapho-ke ezizazila khona. 16 Kakho
umuntu othungela isichibi selembu elitsha
elingakafinyeli esigqokweni esidala, ngoba
isichibi sizadonsa esigqokweni ukudabuka
kuqhele ngamandla. 17 Futhi abantu
kabatheli iwayini elitsha emigodleni emidala.
Bangenzenjalo imigodla izadabuka, iwayini
lichitheke lemigodla ihle iguge iphele. Kodwa,
bathela iwayini elitsha emigodleni emitsha
besekulondolozeka kuhle kokubili.” 18 Wathi
esakhuluma lokhu kwafika umbusi waguqa
phambi kwakhe wathi, “Indodakazi yami
isanda kufa. Kodwa ngicela uzebeka isandla
sakho phezu kwayo, izaphila.” 19 UJesu
wasuka wahamba laye kanye labafundi bakhe.
20 Khonokho owesifazane owayehlutshwa
ngumopho okweminyaka elitshumi lambili
weza ngemva kwakhe wabamba umphetho
wesembatho sakhe. 21 Wazitshela wathi, “Nxa
ngingathinta nje isembatho sakhe kodwa
lokhu, ngizasila.” 22 UJesu wanyemukula
wambona. Wathi kuye, “Mana isibindi
ndodakazi, ukholo lwakho lukusilisile.” Lakanye
owesifazane lowo wasila ngalesosikhathi.
23 UJesu wathi esengenile endlini yombusi
wesinagogu wabona ababetshaya imihubhe
kanye lexuku elalixokozela, 24 wathi kubo,
“Phumani. Intombazana kayifanga kodwa ilele.”
Kodwa bamhleka usulu. 25 Ixuku labantu
selikhutshelwe phandle, wangena wayibamba
ngesandla intombazana yaphakama. 26 Indaba
yesehlakalo lesi yamemetheka kuwo wonke
umango wakuleyondawo. 27 Kwathi uJesu esuka
lapho amadoda ayiziphofu amabili amlandela
ememeza esithi, “Sihawukele, Ndodana
kaDavida!” 28 Esengenile endlini iziphofu lezo
zeza kuye wazibuza wathi, “Liyakholwa na
ukuthi ngingakwenza lokhu?” Zamphendula
zathi, “Yebo Nkosi.” 29 Wasezithinta
amehlo wathi kuzo, “Kuzakwenziwa kini
njengokukholwa kwenu”; 30 zasiliswa zabona.
UJesu waziqonqosela wathi, “Akungabi lomuntu
ozakwazi ngalokhu.” 31 Kodwa zasuka lapho
zafakaza ngaye indawo yonke yelizwe lelo.
32 Ekuphumeni kwalezoziphofu, kwalethwa
kuJesu indoda eyayiledimoni iyisimungulu.
33 Kwathi idimoni selikhutshiwe indoda leyo
eyayiyisimungulu yakhuluma. Ixuku labantu
lamangala, abantu bathi, “Akukaze kubonakale
okunje ko-Israyeli.” 34 Kodwa abaFarisi
bathi, “Amadimoni uwakhupha ngenkosi
yamadimoni.” 35 UJesu wangena kuwo wonke
amadolobho lemizi efundisa emasinagogweni
abo, etshumayela izindaba ezinhle ezombuso
njalo eselapha zonke izifo lemikhuhlane. 36
Wathi ebona amaxuku abantu wawazwela
usizi ngoba ayehlukuluzekile njalo ephelelwe,

enjengezimvu ezingelamelusi. 37 Wasesithi
kubafundi bakhe, “Isivuno sinengi kodwa
izisebenzi zimbalwa. 38 Ngakho celani iNkosi
yokuvuna ukuba ithumele izisebenzi ensimini
yokuvuna.”

10 UJesu wabizela ndawonye abafundi
bakhe abalitshumi lambili wabapha
amandla okukhupha imimoya emibi lokusilisa
zonke izifo lemikhuhlane. 2 Amabizo
abafundi abalitshumi lambili ayeyila:
Owokuqala wayenguSimoni, othiwa nguPhethro
lomfowabo u-Andreya; uJakhobe indodana
kaZebhediya loJohane umfowabo; 3 uFiliphu,
uBhatholomewu; uThomasi, uMatewu
umthelisi; uJakhobe indodana ka-Alifewu,
uLabhewu osibongo sakhe sasinguThediyasi;
4 uSimoni umZilothi loJudasi Iskariyothi
onguye owamnikelayo. 5 Laba abalitshumi
lambili uJesu wabathuma, wabalaya wathi,
“Lingayi phakathi kwabeZizwe futhi lingangeni
lakuliphi idolobho lamaSamariya. 6 Kodwa
hambani liyebutha izimvu ezilahlekileyo zako-
Israyeli. 7 Ekuhambeni kwenu, litshumayele
lelilizwi: ‘Umbuso wezulu ususondele.’
8 Silisani abagulayo, livuse abafileyo,
lihlambulule abalobulephero, likhuphe
amadimoni. Lamukelisiwe kungelambadalo
ngakho lani phanini kungelambadalo. 9
Lingaphathi igolide loba isiliva loba ithusi
emixhakeni yamabhanti enu; 10 lingathwali
izikhwama ekuhambeni kwenu loba isigqoko
sokuntshintsha, loba amanye amanyathela
kumbe olunye udondolo ngoba osebenzayo
kufanele aphiwe okokuziphilisa. 11 Loba
yiliphi idolobho kumbe umuzi elingena
kuwo, dingani umuntu ofaneleyo ukuba
lihlale endlini yakhe kokuphela lize lisuke
khona. 12 Akuthi nxa lingena kulowomuzi,
liwunxusele ukuthula. 13 Nxa lowomuzi
ufanele, ukuthula kwenu akube kuwo, kodwa
nxa lingemukelwa aginyeni amazwi enu
okuthula. 14 Nxa engekho olamukelayo kumbe
olalela amazwi enu, sukani kulowomuzi
kumbe idolobho lithintithe uthuli ezinyaweni
zenu. 15 Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, kuzakuba
ngcono elizweni leSodoma leGomora ngelanga
lokwahlulelwa kulokuzakwehlela lelodolobho.
16 Ngilithuma linjengezimvu phakathi kwempisi.
Ngakho qaphani njengezinyoka kodwa
libemsulwa njengamajuba. 17 Libalimuke
abantu; bazalimangalela ezinkundleni zamacala,
balibhaxabule emasinagogweni abo. 18 Ngenxa
yami lizamiswa phambi kwababusi lamakhosi
ukuze libe ngofakazi kubo lakwabeZizwe.
19 Kodwa nxa belibopha lingazihluphi
ngokuthi lizakuthini lokuthi likutsho kanjani.
Ngalesosikhathi lizakwambulelwa okumele
likutsho, 20 ngoba akuzukuba yini elikhulumayo
kodwa kuzakuba nguMoya kaYihlo ozabe
ukhuluma ngani. 21 Umuntu uzanikela
umfowabo ukuthi abulawe, loyise anikele
umntanakhe; abantwana bazahlamukela
abazali babo bababulale. 22 Bonke abantu
bazalizonda ngenxa yebizo lami kodwa
lowo oma aqine kuze kube sekupheleni
uzasindiswa. 23 Nxa lihlukuluzwa endaweni
ethile, balekelani kwenye. Ngilitshela iqiniso
ukuthi kaliyikuqeda ukuwahambela wonke
amadolobho ako-Israyeli iNdodana yoMuntu
ingakafiki. 24 Umfundi ungaphansi kombalisi
wakhe, lenceku ingaphansi kwenkosi yayo.
25 Kwenele kumfundi ukuba njengombalisi
wakhe, lenceku ukuba njengenkosi yayo. Nxa
umninimuzi kungathiwa nguBhelizebhubhi pho
kuzathiwani ngabendlu yakhe na? 26 Ngakho
lingabesabi. Ngoba kakukho okuthukuziweyo
okungayi kubekwa obala, lokufihliweyo
okungayikwaziwa. 27 Lokhu engilitshela
khona emnyameni kukhulumeni ekukhanyeni
kwemini, okunyenyezwa ezindlebeni zenu
kumemezeleni lisophahleni lwezindlu. 28
Lingabesabi labo ababulala umzimba kodwa
bengeke babulale umphefumulo. Kodwa
yesabani lowo ongabhubhisa kokubili,
umphefumulo lomzimba esihogweni. (Geenna
g1067) 29 Intaka ezimbili kazithengiswa
ngendibilitshi na? Kodwa kayikho leyodwa yazo
ewela phansi ingavunyelwanga nguYihlo. 30
Kwala zona inwele zamakhanda enu zibaliwe.
31 Ngakho lingesabi; liligugu elidlula intaka
ezinengi. 32 Loba ngubani ongivuma phambi
kwabantu lami ngizamvuma phambi kukaBaba
ezulwini. 33 Kodwa lowo ongiphikayo phambi

kwabantu lami ngizamphika phambi kukaBaba
ezulwini. 34 Lingakhumbuli ukuthi ngilethe
ukuthula emhlabeni. Kangilandanga ukuzeletha
ukuthula kodwa inkemba. 35 Ngoba ngize
ukuxabanisa ‘indoda loyise, indodakazi lonina
umalukazana loninazala, 36 izitha zomuntu
zizakuba ngabendlu yakhe.’ 37 Lowo othanda
uyise loba unina kulami kangifanelanga; lowo
othanda indodana yakhe loba indodakazi
yakhe kulami kangifanelanga; 38 njalo lowo
ongathathi isiphambano sakhe angilandele
kangifanelanga. 39 Loba ngubani ozuza
impilo yakhe izamlahlekela njalo lalowo
olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami
uzayizuza. 40 Lowo olamukelayo wamukela
mina, lalowo owamukela mina wamukela lowo
ongithumileyo. 41 Loba ngubani owamukele
umphrofethi ngoba engumphrofethi uzazuza
umvuzo womphrofethi njalo lalowo owamukela
umuntu olungileyo ngoba engumuntu
olungileyo uzakwamukela umvuzo womuntu
olungileyo. 42 Njalo nxa ekhona onika iloba
yinkezo yamanzi aqandayo komunye walaba
abancinyane ongumfundi wami, ngilitshela
iqiniso, lowomuntu akayikulahlekelwa
ngumvuzo wakhe.”

11 UJesu wathi eseqedile ukulaya abafundi
bakhe abalitshumi lambili wasuka
kuleyondawo ukuyafundisa lokutshumayela
emadolobheni aseGalile. 2 UJohane
esentolongweni wathi esizwa ukuthi uKhristu
wayesenzani, wathuma abafundi bakhe 3 ukuba
bayembuza bathi, “Unguye yini ozayo kumbe
silindele omunye na?” 4 UJesu waphendula
wathi, “Buyelani liyebikela uJohane lokhu
elikuzwayo lelikubonayo ukuthi 5 Iziphofu
zenziwa zibone, abaqhugezelayo bayahamba,
abalobulephero bayahlanjululwa, izacuthe
ziyezwa, abafileyo bayavuswa, levangeli
liyatshunyayelwa kubayanga. 6 Ubusisiwe
umuntu ongakhubekiyo ngenxa yami.” 7
Kwathi abafundi bakaJohane sebesuka, uJesu
waqala ukukhuluma labantu ngoJohane
esithi: “Laphuma lisiyabonani enkangala na?
Umhlanga owazunguzwa ngumoya na? 8 Nxa
kungayisikho, pho lalisiyabonani? Indoda
eyayicecile na? Hatshi, labo abagqoka izigqoko
ezinhle basezigodlweni zamakhosi. 9 Pho
laphuma lisiyabonani na? Umphrofethi? Yebo,
ngiyalitshela, odlula umphrofethi. 10 Lo
nguye okulotshwe ngaye ukuthi: ‘Ngizathuma
isithunywa sami phambi kwakho, esizalungisa
indlela yakho phambi kwakho.’ 11 Ngilitshela
iqiniso ukuthi, phakathi kwabo bonke
abazelwe ngabesifazane akukaveli loyedwa
omkhulu kuloJohane uMbhaphathizi ikanti
lowo ongomncinyane kakhulu embusweni
wezulu mkhulu kulaye. 12 Kusukela ensukwini
zikaJohane uMbhaphathizi kuze kube khathesi,
umbuso wezulu wala uqhubeka ngamandla
ngoba abantu abalamandla bawubambile. 13
Ngoba bonke abaPhrofethi kanye loMthetho
baphrofitha kwaze kwafika uJohane. 14 Ngakho
nxa likwamukela lokhu, ungu-Elija okwathiwa
uyeza. 15 Lowo olendlebe zokuzwa, kezwe. 16
Kambe ngingasifanisa lani isizukulwane lesi
na? Banjengabantwana abahlezi emikambo
bememeza abanye besithi: 17 ‘Salitshayela
umhubhe, kodwa kaligidanga; salihlabelela
ingoma yesililo kodwa kalililanga.’ 18 Ngoba
uJohane wafika engadli njalo enganathi
basebesithi, ‘Uledimoni,’ 19 INdodana yoMuntu
yafika yadla, yanatha, bathi, ‘Nansi isidli
lesidakwa, umngane wabathelisi lezoni.’ Kodwa,
ukuhlakanipha kuziveza ukuthi kuqondile
ngemisebenzi yakho.” 20 UJesu waseqalisa
ukuwasola amadolobho lawo lapho izimangaliso
zakhe ezinengi ezazenziwe khona ngoba
kabazange baphenduke: 21 “Maye kuwe
Khorazini! Maye kuwe Bhethisayida! Aluba
izimangaliso lezo ezenziwa kuwe zazenziwe
eThire leSidoni, ngabe kudala baphenduka
begqoke izigqoko zamasaka, bazibhuqa
lemlotheni. 22 Kodwa ngiyalitshela, kuzakuba
ngcono eThire leSidoni ngosuku lokwahlulelwa
kulalokho okuzalehlela lina. 23 Lawe
Khaphenawume, kambe uzaphakanyiselwa
emazulwini na? Hatshi, uzatshona phansi uye
eHadesi. Ngoba aluba izimangaliso ezenziwa
kuwe zazenziwe eSodoma ngabe ikhona
lanamuhla. (Hadēs g86) 24 Kodwa ngiyalitshela
ukuthi kuzakuba ngcono elizweni leSodoma
ngelanga lokwahlulelwa kulakuwe.” 25

Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wathi, “Ngiyakubonga
Baba, Nkosi yezulu lomhlaba ngoba uzifihlile
lezizinto kwabahlakaniphileyo labafundileyo,
wazambulela abantwana abancinyane. 26 Yebo
Baba, lokhu kwaba yikuthanda kwakho. 27
Zonke izinto zethulwe kimi nguBaba. Kakho
oyaziyo iNdodana ngaphandle kukaBaba, njalo
kakho omaziyo uBaba ngaphandle kweNdodana
lalabo iNdodana ekhethe ukuba imveze kubo.
28 Wozani kimi lina lonke elikhatheleyo
lelisindwayo, ngizaliphumuza. 29 Zithwaliseni
ijogwe lami, lifunde kimi, ngoba ngimnene
futhi ngithobekile enhliziyweni njalo lizazuza
ukuphumula kwemiphefumulo yenu. 30 Ngoba
ijogwe lami lilula, lomthwalo wami kawusindi.”

12 Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wadabula phakathi
kwamasimu amabele kulilanga leSabatha.
Abafundi bakhe basebelambile, basebekhwebula
izikhwebu zamabele badla. 2 AbaFarisi
bakubona lokhu, bathi kuye, “Khangela!
Abafundi bakho benza okuphambene
lomthetho ngeSabatha.” 3 Waphendula wathi,
“Kalifundanga yini okwenziwa nguDavida
lapho yena labakhula bakhe sebelambile? 4
Wangena endlini kaNkulunkulu, yena labakhula
bakhe, badla isinkwa esingcwelisiweyo,
into eyayingavunyelwa ngomthetho ukuba
bayenze, kodwa ivunyelwe abaphristi kuphela.
5 Kumbe kalifundanga yini eMthethweni
ukuthi ngeSabatha abaphristi ethempelini
bayalungcolisa lolusuku kodwa kabalacala.
6 Ngiyalitshela ukuthi lowo omkhulu
kulethempeli ukhona lapha. 7 Kube lalikwazile
ukuthi amazwi la atshoni, ‘Ngifuna isihawu
hatshi umhlatshelo’belingasoze libalahle
abangelacala. 8 Phela iNdodana yoMuntu
iyiNkosi yeSabatha.” 9 Esuka lapho wayangena
esinagogweni labo, 10 khonapho kulendoda
eyayitshwabhene isandla. Kwathi ngoba
bedinga indlela yokubeka uJesu icala bambuza
bathi, “Kuyavunyelwa emthethweni ukusilisa
ngeSabatha na?” 11 Wathi kubo, “Nxa omunye
wenu engaba lemvu esuka iwele egodini
ngeSabatha, kazukuyibamba ayikhuphe na?
12 Pho umuntu uligugu elinganani kulemvu!
Yikho-ke, kusemthethweni ukwenza okuhle
ngeSabatha.” 13 Wasesithi kuleyondoda, “Yelula
isandla sakho.” Ngakho yaselula sahle sabuyela
ngokupheleleyo, sesiqinile njengesinye. 14
Kodwa abaFarisi basuka lapho bayakwakha
icebo lokuthi bangambulala njani uJesu. 15 UJesu
esekunanzelele lokho wasuka kuleyondawo.
Abanengi bamlandela, wasilisa bonke abagulayo
babo, 16 ebalaya ukuthi bangakhulumi ukuthi
ungubani. 17 Lokhu kwakuyikugcwalisa lokho
okwakukhulunywe ngumphrofethi u-Isaya
ukuthi: 18 “Nansi inceku yami engiyikhethileyo,
yona engiyithandayo, engithokoza ngayo;
ngizabeka uMoya wami phezu kwayo,
izamemezela ukulunga phakathi kwezizwe.
19 Kayiyikuphika inkani loba imemeze;
kakho ozalizwa ilizwi layo emigwaqweni.
20 Umhlanga ofecekileyo kayiyikuwephula
lentambo yesibane ethunqayo kayiyikuyicima,
ize ilethe ukunqoba kokulunga. 21 Izizwe
zizabeka ithemba lazo ebizweni layo.” 22
Basebeletha kuye indoda eyayiledimoni,
iyisiphofu njalo iyisimungulu. UJesu wayisilisa
yakwazi ukukhuluma lokubona. 23 Bonke
abantu bamangala bathi, “Kambe lo angabe
eyiNdodana kaDavida na?” 24 Kodwa kwathi
abaFarisi bekuzwa lokhu bathi, “Ngamandla
kaBhelizebhubhi inkosi yamadimoni amenza
enelise ukuxotsha amadimoni.” 25 UJesu
wayeyazi imicabango yabo wasesithi kubo,
“Loba yiwuphi umbuso odabuke phakathi
kwawumi njalo idolobho kumbe indlu edabuke
phakathi kayimi. 26 Nxa uSathane exotsha
uSathane, wehlukene phakathi. Pho umbuso
wakhe ungema kanjani? 27 Nxa ngikhupha
amadimoni ngoBhelizebhubhi, pho abalandeli
benu bawakhupha ngobani? Ngakho bazakuba
ngabahluleli benu. 28 Kodwa nxa ngixotsha
amadimoni ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu, kutsho
ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile
kini. 29 Umuntu angangena kanjani endlini
yesiqhwaga aphange impahla zaso ngaphandle
kokuba aqale asibophe isiqhwaga leso?
Lapho-ke usengayiphanga indlu yaso. 30
Lowo ongemanga lami uphikisana lami,
lalowo ongabuthi lami uyachithiza. 31
Ngakho ngiyalitshela ngithi imihlobo yonke
yezono lezithuko izathethelelwa, kodwa

ukuthuka uMoya akuyi kuthethelelwa. 32
Lowo okhuluma okubi ngeNdodana yoMuntu
uzathethelelwa kodwa lowo othuka uMoya
oNgcwele akayikuthethelelwa kulesisikhathi
kumbe esizayo. (aiōn g165) 33 Ungenza isihlahla
sibe sihle lezithelo zaso zizakuba zinhle
loba ungenza isihlahla sibe sibi lezithelo
zaso zizakuba zimbi ngoba isihlahla saziwa
ngezithelo zaso. 34 Lina nzalo yezinyoka,
lingakukhuluma kanjani okuhle lina libabi
na? Ngoba lokho okusenhliziyweni yikho
umlomo okukhulumayo. 35 Umuntu olungileyo
uveza izinto ezinhle azigcine ngaphakathi
kwakhe njalo lomuntu omubi ukhihliza izinto
ezimbi azigcine ngaphakathi kwakhe. 36 Kodwa
ngiyalitshela ukuthi umuntu munye ngamunye
uzaziphendulela ngosuku lokwahlulelwa ngawo
wonke amazwi ayize awakhulumayo. 37 Ngoba
lizakhululwa ngamazwi enu njalo lizalahlwa
ngamazwi enu." 38 Abanye abaFarisi labafundisi
bomthetho basebesithi kuye, "Mfundisi, sifuna
ukubona isibonakaliso esivela kuwe." 39
Waphendula wathi, "Isizukulwane esixhwalileyo
lesiphingayo sicela isibonakaliso! Kodwa
kasisoze sisiphiwe ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso
somphrofethi uJona. 40 NjengoJona owahlala
insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu esiswini
senhlanzi enkulu, kanjalo iNdodana yoMuntu
izahlala insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu
phansi komhlabathi. 41 Abantu baseNiniva
bazasukuma kanye lalesi sizukulwane
ngosuku lokwahlulelwa basilahle ngoba bona
baphenduka ekutshumayeleni kukaJona, kodwa
khathesi lowo omkhulu kuloJona uselapha.
42 INdlovukazi yaseNingizimu izavuka mhla
wokwahlulelwa kanye lalesi isizukulwane
isilahle; ngoba yeza ivela emaphethelweni
omhlaba izolalela uSolomoni; pho manje
omkhulu kuloSolomoni usekhona. 43 Nxa umoya
omubi uphuma emuntwini, uyazula enkangala
udinga ukuphumula kodwa uyakuswela. 44
Ubususithi, 'Ngizabuyela endlini engaphuma
kuyo.' Uthi ufika uthole leyondlu ingelamuntu,
ithanyelwe yahlanzeka, konke kumi kuhle.
45 Ubusuhamba uyethatha eminye imimoya
eyisikhombisa exhwale okudlula wona,
ingene ihlale khona. Isiphetho salowomuntu
sizakuba sibi kulasekuqaleni. Kuzakuba
njalo kulesisizukulwane esixhwalileyo." 46
UJesu elokhu esakhuluma lamaxuku abantu,
unina labafowabo babemi phandle befuna
ukukhuluma laye. 47 Omunye wamtshela
wathi, "Unyoko labafowenu bemi phandle,
bafuna ukukhuluma lawe." 48 Wamphendula
wathi, "Ngubani umama njalo ngobani
abangabafowethu na?" 49 Wakhomba
abafundi bakhe wathi, "Nampa abangumama
labangabafowethu. 50 Loba ngubani owenza
intando kaBaba osezulwini ungumfowethu,
ungudadewethu njalo ngumama."

13 Ngalolosuku uJesu waphuma endlini
wayahlala eceleni kwechibi. 2 Amaxuku
abantu aminyezelana kuye waze wangena
esikepeni wahlala kuso, abantu bonke bona
babemi okhunjini. 3 Wasebatshela izinto
ezinengi esebenzisa imizekeliso, wathi,
"Umlimi waphuma wayahlanyela inhlanyelo
yakhe. 4 Kwathi eyihaza inhlanyelo, eyinye
yawela endleleni, izinyoni zafika zayidobha
yonke. 5 Eyinye yawela okhetheni lapho
okwakungela mhlabathi owaneleyo. Yaphanga
yamila ngoba umhlabathi wawungatshoni. 6
Kodwa kwathi ilanga seliphumile yahanguleka
yabuna ngoba yayingelampande. 7 Eyinye
yawela phakathi kwameva, asuka akhula
ayiminya inhlanyelo. 8 Eyinye inhlanyelo
yawela emhlabathini omuhle lapho eyathela
khona izithelo eziphindwe okungabalikhulu,
kumbe okungamatshumi ayisithupha loba
okungamatshumi amathathu ukudlula leyo
eyayihlanyelwe. 9 Lowo olendlebe kezwe." 10
Abafundi beza kuye bambuza bathi, "Kungani
ukhuluma ebantwini ngemizekeliso na?" 11
Waphendula wathi, "Ulwazi lwemfihlakalo
yombuso wezulu luphiwe lina hatshi bona.
12 Lowo olakho, uzaphiwa kwengezelelwe
abesesiba lokunengi kakhulu. Lowo ongelakho,
lalokho alakho uzakwemukwa. 13 Lokhu yikho
okungenza ngikhulume kubo ngemizekeliso:
Ngoba loba bekhangele kababoni; loba belalele
kabezwa njalo kabaqedisisi. 14 Kubo isiphrofethi
sika-Isaya siyagcwaliseka, esokuthi: 'Lizahlala
lisizwa kodwa lingaqedisisi; lizahlala libona

kodwa lingabonisisi. 15 Ngoba inhliziyo
zalababantu sezaba lukhuni; kabasezwa
ngezindlebe zabo njalo sebawavala amehlo
abo. Funa babone ngamehlo abo, bezwe
ngezindlebe zabo, baqedisise ngezinhliziyo
zabo, baphenduke bese ngibasilisa.' 16 Kodwa
abusisiwe amehlo enu ngoba ayabona lezindlebe
zenu ziyezwa. 17 Ngoba ngilitshela iqiniso
ukuthi abaphrofethi abanengi lamadoda
alungileyo balangazela ukukubona lokhu
elikubonayo kodwa kabakubonanga, lokuzwa
lokhu elikuzwayo kodwa kabakuzwanga. 18
Lalelani-ke lizwe ukuthi utshoni umzekeliso
womhlanyeli: 19 Nxa umuntu esizwa ilizwi
ngombuso kodwa engabambisisi, omubi uyeza
ahwithe lokho obekuhlanyelwe enhliziyweni
yakhe. Yiyo le inhlanyelo eyahlanyelwa
endleleni. 20 Inhlanyelo eyawela okhetheni
ngumuntu olizwayo ilizwi aphange alamukele
ngentokozo. 21 Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi
kalampande, nxa okwesikhatshana kuphela.
Nxa kufika uhlupho lokuhlukunyezwa ngenxa
yelizwi uphanga akhubeke. 22 Inhlanyelo
eyawela phakathi kwameva ngumuntu olizwayo
ilizwi kodwa lisuke landelwe yizinhlupheko
zale impilo lenkohliso yenotho, lingabe lisaba
lezithelo. (aiōn g165) 23 Kodwa leyonhlanyelo
eyawela emhlabathini ovundileyo ngumuntu
olizwayo ilizwi alizwisise. Lo nguye othela
izithelo ezinengi ngekhulu, ngamatshumi
ayisithupha loba ngamatshumi amathathu
okudlula lokho okwahlanyelwayo." 24 UJesu
wabatshela omunye umzekeliso wathi, "Umbuso
wezulu unjengomuntu owahlanyela inhlanyelo
enhle ensimini yakhe. 25 Kodwa kwathi
ngesikhathi wonke umuntu elele, isitha sakhe
seza sahlanyela ukhula phakathi kwengqoloyi,
sahamba. 26 Kwathi ingqoloyi isikhahlele
yabumba izikhwebu, ukhula lalo lwavela. 27
Izinceku zomninisivini zeza kuye zathi, 'Nkosi,
kanti kawuhlanyelanga yini inhlanyelo enhle
ensimini yakho na? Pho ukhula luvele ngaphi?'
28 Waphendula wathi, 'Kwenziwe yisitha lokhu.'
Zambuza izinceku zathi, 'Uyafuna yini ukuthi
siyelusiphuna na?' 29 Waphendula wathi,
'Hatshi, ngoba lizakuthi lisiphuna ukhula
liqabuke selisiphuna amabele kanye lalo. 30
Kuyekeleni kukhule ndawonye kuze kube
yisikhathi sokuvuna. Lapho-ke, ngizakuthi
kubavuni, Qalani ngokuqoqa ukhula lilubophe
izinyanda ukuba lutshiswe, beseliqoqa amabele
liwalethe esiphaleni sami.'" 31 Wabatshela
omunye umzekeliso wathi, "Umbuso wezulu
ufana lentanga yemastadi eyathathwa ngenye
indoda yayihlanyela ensimini yayo. 32
Lanxa incinyane kulentanga yenhlanyelo
zonke, kodwa ithi ingakhula ibe yisihlahla
esikhulu kulazo zonke, izinyoni zezulu zibuye,
zithole ukuphumula ezingatsheni zaso." 33
Waphinda wabatshela omunye umzekeliso
wathi, "Umbuso wezulu ufana lemvubelo
eyathathwa ngowesifazane wayixubanisa
lempuphu enengi, yabila yagcwala inhlama
yonke." 34 UJesu wakhuluma zonke lezizinto
exukwini labantu ngemizekeliso; kazange
akhulume lutho kubo engasebenzisanga
umzekeliso. 35 Ngakho kwagcwaliseka
okwakhulunywa ngomphrofethi ukuthi:
"Ngizavula umlomo wami ngemizekeliso,
ngizakutsho izinto ezifihliweyo selokhu
kwadatshulwa umhlaba." 36 Wasesuka exukwini
waya endlini. Abafundi bakhe beza kuye bathi,
"Sichazele umzekeliso wokhula ensimini."
37 Waphendula wathi, "Lowo owahlanyela
inhlanyelo enhle yiNdodana yoMuntu. 38
Insimu ngumhlaba njalo inhlanyelo enhle imele
abantu bombuso. Ukhula lungabantu bomubi
39 njalo isitha esiluhlanyelayo nguSathane.
Isivuno siyikuphela kwesikhathi njalo abavuni
yizingilosi. (aiōn g165) 40 Njengalokhu ukhula
lusitshunwa lutshiswe emlilweni, kuzakuba
njalo ekupheleni kwesikhathi. (aiōn g165) 41
Indodana yoMuntu izathuma izingilosi zayo,
zikhuphe konke okuyizikhubekiso embusweni
wayo, labo bonke abenza ububi. 42 Zizabaphosela
esihogweni somlilo ovuthayo okuzakuba khona
ukukhala lokugedla kwamazinyo. (questioned)
43 Lapho-ke, abalungileyo bazakhazimula
njengelanga embusweni kaYise wabo. Lowo
olendlebe, kezwe." 44 "Umbuso wezulu
unjengenotho efihliweyo esivandeni. Kwathi
indoda isiyitholile yayifihla njalo, kwathi
ngoba iphakathi kokuthokoza, yahamba
yayathengisa konke eyayilakho yayathenga

lesosivande. 45 Njalo umbuso wezulu ufana
lomthengi edinga amaphareli amahle. 46 Kwathi
esefumene elinye elalilentengo ephezulu
wahamba wayathengisa konke ayelakho
walithenga." 47 "Futhi umbuso wezulu ufana
lomambule owehliselwa phansi echibini
wagola zonke inhlobo zezinhlanzi. 48 Wathi
usugcwele, abagoli bezinhlanzi bawudonsela
okhunjini. Basebehlala phansi, baqoqela
ezitsheni zonke inhlanzi ezinhle kodwa ezimbi
bazilahla. 49 Lokhu yikho okuzakwenzakala
ekupheleni kwesikhathi. Izingilosi zizakuza
zehlukanise ababi kwabalungileyo, (aiōn g165) 50
zibaphosele esihogweni somlilo ovuthayo, lapho
okuzakuba khona lokukhala kanye lokugedla
kwamazinyo." (questioned) 51 UJesu wababuza
wathi, "Selizizwisisile zonke lezizinto na?"
Bathi, "Yebo." 52 Wathi kubo, "Ngakho wonke
umfundisi womthetho osephenduke waba
ngumfundi wombuso wezulu unjengomnini
wendlu okhupha esiphaleni sakhe amagugu
amatsha lamadala." 53 UJesu eseqedile
imizekeliso le wasuka lapho wahamba. 54 Wafika
edolobheni lakibo waqalisa ukufundisa abantu
esinagogweni labo, bamangala. Babuza bathi,
"Indoda le yayithatha ngaphi inhlakanipho
le lamandla la ayisimangaliso kangaka? 55
Kanti lo kayisiyo indodana yombazi na?
Ibizo likanina kasuMariya na, labafowabo
kakusiJakhobe, uJosefa, uSimoni loJudasi na?
56 Odadewabo kabakho lapha kanye lathi na?
Pho indoda le yazizuza ngaphi izinto zonke
lezi?" 57 Bakhubeka ngaye. Kodwa uJesu wathi
kubo, "Umphrofethi kaladumo edolobheni
lakibo lasendlini yakwabo." 58 Kasenzanga
izimangaliso ezinengi khona ngenxa yokusilela
kwabo ekukholweni.

14 Ngalesosikhathi uHerodi umbusi wezwa
imibiko ngoJesu, 2 wasesithi ezincekwini
zakhe, "Lo nguJohane uMbhaphathizi; usevukile
kwabafileyo! Yikho izimangaliso zisenziwa
nguye." 3 UHerodi wayembophile uJohane,
wamfaka insimbi, wamphosela entolongweni
ngenxa kaHerodiyasi, umkamfowabo uFiliphu,
4 ngoba uJohane wayelokhu esithi kuye,
"Kungaphandle komthetho ukuthi umthathe."
5 UHerodi wayefuna ukumbulala uJohane
kodwa wayesesaba abantu ngoba babesithi
ungumphrofethi. 6 Ngelanga lesikhumbuzo
sokuzalwa kukaHerodi indodakazi kaHerodiyasi
yasinela izethekeli, yamjabulisa kakhulu
uHerodi 7 waze wathembisa ngesifungo
ukuyipha loba yini eyayingayicela. 8
Isicetshiswe ngunina yathi, "Ngipha ikhanda
likaJohane uMbhaphathizi lisemganwini." 9
Inkosi yadana kakhulu kodwa kwathi ngenxa
yezifungo zayo langenxa yezethekeli zayo
yalaya ukuba isicelo leso senziwe, 10 uJohane
wahle waqunywa ikhanda entolongweni.
11 Ikhanda lakhe lalethwa lisemganwini
laphiwa intombazana eyalithwalela kunina.
12 Abafundi bakaJohane beza bathatha
isidumbu sakhe bayasingcwaba. Basebehamba
bayatshela uJesu. 13 UJesu wathi ekuzwa
lokho okwenzakalayo wathi nyelele ngesikepe
waya endaweni engelabantu. Amaxuku athi
ekuzwa lokhu asuka emadolobheni amlandela
ngenyawo. 14 UJesu uthe esehla esikepeni
wabona ixuku labantu elikhulu walizwela
usizi ngakho wasesilisa abagulayo babo. 15
Kwathi selithambeme abafundi beza kuye
bathi, "Le yindawo ekhatshana kakhulu njalo
sekuntambama. Wothi lababantu bahambe
ukuze bayozithengela ukudla emizini." 16
UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kakudingeki ukuthi
bahambe. Bapheni lina ukudla." 17 Baphendula
bathi, "Thina esilakho lapha yizinkwa ezinhlanu
lenhlanzi ezimbili." 18 Wathi, "Kuletheni
lapha." 19 Waselaya abantu ukuthi bahlale
phansi phezu kotshani. Wathatha izinkwa
ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili wakhangela
ezulwini wabonga, wasehlephuna izinkwa.
Waseziqhubela abafundi, bazinika abantu. 20
Bonke badla basutha, abafundi bakhe babutha
okuseleyo bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili.
21 Inani lalabo abadlayo lalingaba ngamadoda
azinkulungwane ezinhlanu kungabalwa
abesifazane labantwana. 22 Masinyane nje
uJesu wathi abafundi bakhe bangene esikepeni
bamandulele ngakwelinye iphetsheya, yena
esavalelisana labantu. 23 Esebakhulule, waya
ewatheni lwentaba ukuyakhuleka eyedwa.
Sekuhlwile ngalobobusuku wayekhonale

eyedwa, 24 kodwa isikepe sasesihambe umango
ukusuka okhunjini, siyaluziswa ngamagagasi
ngoba sasiphikisana lomoya. 25 Kwathi
ngomlindo wesine ebusuku uJesu waya
kubo ehamba phezu kwechibi. 26 Kwathi
abafundi bembona ehamba phezu kwechibi
besaba kakhulu. Bakhala ngokwesaba bathi,
"Lithonga." 27 Kodwa uJesu waphanga wathi
kubo, "Manini isibindi! Yimi. Lingesabi." 28
UPhethro waphendula wathi, "Nkosi, nxa
kunguwe, tshono ukuba ngize kuwe phezu
kwamanzi." 29 Wathi, "Woza." Khonapho
uPhethro wasephuma esikepeni, wahamba
phezu kwamanzi weza kuJesu. 30 Kodwa
wathi ebona umoya wesaba, kwathi eseqala
ukutshona wakhala wathi, "Nkosi, akungisize!"
31 Khonokho uJesu welula isandla sakhe
wambamba. Wathi kuye, "Wena olokholo
oluncinyane, kungani uthandabuzile?" 32
Bonela ukungena esikepeni umoya wathula. 33
Kwathi labo ababesesikepeni bamkhonza bathi,
"Ngempela uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu." 34
Bathi sebechaphile, bafikela eGenesaretha. 35
Kwathi amadoda akuleyondawo semnanzelele
uJesu athumela ilizwi kuwo wonke umango
wakulelo dolobho. Abantu baletha bonke
abagulayo babo kuye 36 bamncenga ukuthi
avumele labo abagulayo ukuthi bathinte nje
umphetho wesigqoko sakhe, kwathi bonke labo
abamthintayo basiliswa.

15 Ngalesosikhathi abanye abaFarisi
labafundisi bomthetho beza kuJesu bevela
eJerusalema bambuza bathi, 2 "Kungani
abafundi bakho besephula isiko labadala na?
Kabagezi izandla zabo bengakadli!" 3 UJesu
waphendula wathi, "Kungani lina lisephula
umlayo kaNkulunkulu ngenxa yamasiko enu na?
4 Phela uNkulunkulu wathi, 'Hlonipha uyihlo
lonyoko'njalo 'Lowo othuka uyise loba unina
ufanele ukubulawa.' 5 Kodwa lina lithi nxa
umuntu esithi lokho obekungaba lusizo kuyise
kumbe unina kuphawulelwe uNkulunkulu, 6
akasamelanga ahloniphe uyise lonina ngakho.
Ngaleyondlela lichitha ilizwi likaNkulunkulu
ngenxa yesiko lenu. 7 Lina bazenzisi! U-
Isaya wayeqinisile aze aphrofithe ngani
esithi: 8 'Lababantu bangidumisa ngezindebe
zabo, kodwa inhliziyo zabo zikhatshana
lami. 9 Bangikhonza ngeze; imfundiso yabo
yimithetho yabantu.'" 10 UJesu wabizela
ixuku labantu kuye wathi, "Lalelani lizwisise.
11 Lokho okungena emlonyeni womuntu
'kakumngcolisi' kodwa lokho okuphuma
emlonyeni wakhe yikho 'okumngcolisayo.'"
12 Abafundi basebesiza kuye bambuza bathi,
"Uyakwazi yini ukuthi abaFarisi kubakhubile
ukuzwa lokhu?" 13 Waphendula wathi,
"Zonke izihlahla ezingahlanyelwanga nguBaba
osezulwini zizasitshunwa lezimpande zazo. 14
Bayekeleni; ngabakhokheli abazimpumputhe.
Nxa impumputhe ihola impumputhe zombili
zizawela egodini." 15 UPhethro wathi,
"Sichasisele umzekeliso lowo." 16 UJesu
wababuza wathi, "Lilokhu lingelakuqedisisa
na? 17 Kaliboni yini ukuthi noma yini
engena emlonyeni iya esiswini besekuphuma
emzimbeni? 18 Kodwa lezozinto eziphuma
emlonyeni womuntu zivela enhliziyweni
yizo ezenza umuntu angcole. 19 Ngoba
enhliziyweni kuphuma imicabango emibi,
ukubulala, ukufeba, ukuhlobonga, ubusela,
ukufakaza amanga, ukunyeya lokuhlambaza. 20
Lokhu yikho okwenza umuntu angcole, kodwa
ukudla ngezandla ezingagezwanga kakumenzi
angcole." 21 Esuka kuleyondawo uJesu waya
emangweni waseThire leSidoni. 22 Umfazi
ongumKhenani wakuleyondawo weza kuye
ezokhala esithi, "Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida,
ake ungihawukele! Indodakazi yami ithwele
nzima, ihlutshwa ngamadimoni." 23 UJesu
kazange amphendule. Ngakho abafundi bakhe
beza kuye bamkhuthaza bathi, "Mxotshe,
nangu uselokhu ememeza esilandela." 24
Waphendula wathi, "Ngathunywa kuphela
ezimvini ezilahlekileyo zako-Israyeli." 25
Owesifazane lowo weza waguqa phambi kwakhe
wathi, "Nkosi, ake ungisize." 26 Waphendula
uJesu wathi, "Kakulunganga ukuthatha isinkwa
sabantwana usiphosele izinja." 27 Owesifazane
wathi, "Yebo Nkosi, angithi izinja ziyayidla
imvuthu eziwa etafuleni yabaninizo." 28 UJesu
wasephendula wathi, "Nkosazana, ulokukholwa
okukhulu! Isicelo sakho sesamukelwe."

Indodakazi yakhe yahle yasila ngalesosikhathi.
29 UJesu wasuka lapho wehla egudlana
loLwandle lwaseGalile. Wasekhwela entabeni
wahlala phansi. 30 Kweza kuye amaxuku
amakhulu abantu eletha abaqhulayo, iziphofu,
izigoga, izimungulu labanye abanengi,
bababeka phambi kwakhe; wabasilisa. 31
Abantu bamangala ukubona izimungulu
sezikhuluma, izigoga sezitshwaphulukile,
abaqhugezelayo sebezihambela leziphofu
sezibona. Bamdumisa uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.
32 UJesu wabiza abafundi bakhe wathi,
"Ngibazwela usizi lababantu; sebehlale lami
insuku ezintathu bengadlanga lutho. Angifuni
kubakhulula belambile funa bayathe endleleni."
33 Abafundi bakhe bamphendula bathi,
"Singakuthatha ngaphi ukudla okwaneleyo
endaweni ekhatshana kanje ukuba sisuthise
ixuku elingaka na?" 34 UJesu wabuza wathi,
"Lilezinkwa ezingaki?" Bathi, "Eziyisikhombisa
lenhlanzi ezincane ezimbalwa." 35 Wasetshela
ixuku labantu ukuba lihlale phansi. 36
Wasethatha lezozinkwa eziyisikhombisa
lenhlanzi, kwathi esebongile, wazihlephula
waziqhubela abafundi, labo bazinika abantu.
37 Bonke badla basutha. Ngemva kwalokho
abafundi babutha imvuthu kwagcwala izitsha
eziyisikhombisa. 38 Inani lalabo abadlayo
lalizinkulungwane ezine kungabalwa abafazi
labantwana. 39 UJesu eselikhulule ixuku
labantu, wangena esikepeni waya emangweni
waseMagadani.

16 AbaFarisi labaSadusi beza kuJesu
bamlinga ngokumcela ukuthi abatshengise
isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini. 2 Waphendula
wathi, "Nxa kufika ukuhlwa lithi, 'Umkhathi
uzakuba muhle ngoba isibhakabhaka sibomvu,'
3 ekuseni lithi, 'Lamuhla kuzaqubuka
isiphepho ngoba isibhakabhaka sibomvu
njalo kugubuzele.' Liyakwazi ukuchaza
umumo womkhathi kodwa kalenelisi
ukuchaza izibonakaliso zesikhathi. 4
Isizukulwane esixhwalileyo lesiphingayo
sifuna isibonakaliso kodwa kasisoze sisiphiwe
ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sikaJona." UJesu
wasebatshiya wahamba. 5 Bathi sebekhuphukele
ngaphetsheya kwechibi, abafundi babekhohliwe
ukuza lesinkwa. 6 UJesu wathi kubo, "Limukani.
Liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi labaSadusi." 7
Bakhulumisana ngalokhu bathi, "Kungenxa
yokuba kasizanga lesinkwa." 8 UJesu wakwazi
abakukhulumayo wasebuza wathi, "Lina
elilokholo oluncinyane, kungani likhulumisana
ngokungabi lasinkwa na? 9 Lilokhu lingaqedisisi
yini? Kalikhumbuli na izinkwa ezinhlanu
ezasuthisa abantu abazinkulungwane ezinhlanu,
lokuthi laqoqa izitsha ezingaki? 10 Kumbe
izinkwa eziyisikhombisa ezasuthisa abantu
abazinkulungwane ezine lokuthi laqoqa
izitsha ezigcweleyo ezingaki? 11 Kungani
lingezwisisi ukuthi bengingakhulumi lani
ngesinkwa? Kodwa qaphelani imvubelo
yabaFarisi labaSadusi." 12 Basebezwisisa
ukuthi wayengabatsheli ukuqaphela imvubelo
esetshenziswa esinkweni kodwa ukunanzelela
imfundiso yabaFarisi labaSadusi. 13 Kwathi
uJesu esefike emangweni waseKhesariya
Filiphi wabuza abafundi bakhe wathi, "Abantu
bathi iNdodana yoMuntu ingubani na?" 14
Baphendula bathi, "Abanye bathi nguJohane
uMbhaphathizi; abanye bathi ngu-Elija; abanye
njalo bathi nguJeremiya loba omunye nje
wabaphrofethi." 15 Wabuza wathi, "Lina-ke, lithi
ngingubani?" 16 USimoni Phethro waphendula
wathi, "UnguKhristu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu
ophilayo." 17 UJesu waphendula wathi,
"Ubusisiwe wena Simoni, ndodana kaJona
ngoba lokhu kawukwambulelwanga ngumuntu
wegazi lenyama kodwa nguBaba osezulwini. 18
Ngakho ngiyakutshela ukuthi unguPhethronjalo
phezu kwalelidwala ngizakwakha ibandla lami,
futhi amasango eHadesi akayikulehlula. (Hadēs
g86) 19 Ngizakupha izihluthulelo zombuso
wezulu; loba yini oyibophayo emhlabeni
izabotshwa lasezulwini njalo loba yini
oyithukululayo emhlabeni izathukululwa
lasezulwini." 20 Waseqonqosela abafundi
bakhe ukuba bangatsheli muntu ukuthi
wayenguKhristu. 21 Kusukela ngalesosikhathi
uJesu waqalisa ukuchazela abafundi bakhe
ukuthi kumele aye eJerusalema ayehlupheka
ngezinto ezinengi ezandleni zabadala bebandla,
abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho

njalo lokuthi kumele abulawe, kuthi ngelanga
lesithathu avuswe kwabafileyo. 22 UPhethro
wamdonsela eceleni waqalisa ukumkhuza
wathi, “Ngeke kwenzeke Nkosi! Lokhu kakusoze
kwafa kwenzeka kuwe!” 23 UJesu waphendula
wathi kuPhethro, “Suka emva kwami Sathane!
Uyisikhubekiso kimi; engqondweni yakho
kawulazo izinto zikaNkulunkulu kodwa
ucabanga ezabantu.” 24 UJesu wasesithi
kubafundi bakhe, “Nxa ekhona ofuna
ukungilandela, kazidele athathe isiphambano
sakhe angilandele. 25 Ngoba lowo ofuna
ukusindisa impilo yakhe izamlahlekela kodwa
lowo olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa
yami uzayizuza. 26 Kuzamsiza ngani umuntu
ukuzuza wonke umhlaba kodwa alahlekelwe
ngumphefumulo wakhe na? Kambe umuntu
angaphani esikhundleni sempilo yakhe na? 27
Phela iNdodana yoMuntu izakuza ngobukhosi
bukaYise kanye lezingilosi zakhe, ibisisipha
umvuzo emuntwini munye ngamunye ngalokho
akwenzileyo. 28 Ngilitshela iqiniso, abanye
abemiyo khonapha kabayikukuzwa ukufa
bengakayiboni iNdodana yoMuntu isiza
embusweni wayo.”

17 Ngemva kwensuku eziyisithupha, uJesu
wathatha uPhethro, loJakhobe loJohane
umfowabo kaJakhobe wakhwela labo entabeni
ephakemeyo lapho ababa bodwa khona. 2
Bekhona lapho waguquka isimo emehlweni
abo. Ubuso bakhe bakhazimula njengelanga
lezigqoko zakhe zaba mhlophe njengokukhanya.
3 Khonokho kwasekubonakala uMosi lo-Elija
bekhuluma loJesu. 4 UPhethro wathi kuJesu,
“Nkosi, kuhle kithi ukuba lapha. Nxa uthanda
ngizakwakha izihonqo ezintathu, esakho, esinye
esikaMosi lesinye esika-Elija.” 5 Wathi elokhe
esakhuluma, iyezi elikhazimulayo labagubuzela,
ilizwi elavela eyezini lathi, “Le yiNdodana
yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza kakhulu
ngayo. Ilaleleni!” 6 Abafundi bathi bekuzwa
lokhu bathi mbo phansi ngobuso, besaba.
7 Kodwa uJesu weza wabathinta. Wathi,
“Sukumani. Lingesabi.” 8 Bathi bevusa amehlo
kabasabonanga muntu ngaphandle kukaJesu. 9
Bathi sebesehla entabeni, uJesu wabalaya wathi,
“Lingatsheli muntu ngalokhu elikubonileyo
iNdodana yoMuntu ize ivuswe kwabafileyo.”
10 Abafundi bambuza bathi, “Kungani pho
abafundisi bomthetho besithi u-Elija kumele
aqale afike?” 11 UJesu waphendula wathi,
“Ngeqiniso, u-Elija uyeza azolungisa kutsha
izinto zonke. 12 Kodwa ngiyalitshela ngithi u-
Elija uvele sewafika njalo kabamazanga kodwa
bazenzela kuye konke ababekufuna. INdodana
yoMuntu bazayihlukuluza ngaleyondlela.”
13 Lapho-ke abafundi basebezwisisa ukuthi
wayekhuluma labo ngoJohane uMbhaphathizi.
14 Bathi sebefike exukwini labantu, indoda
ethile yamqonda uJesu yaguqa phambi kwakhe.
15 Yathi, “Nkosi, ake uhawukele indodana
yami. Ilezithuthwane njalo iyahlupheka
kakhulu. Kanengi iwela emlilweni kumbe
emanzini. 16 Ngiyilethile kubafundi bakho
kodwa behlulekile ukuyisilisa.” 17 UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Oh, lina sizukulwane
esingakholwayo lesonakeleyo. Ngizahlala lani
kuze kube nini na? Ngizalibekezelela kuze kube
nini na? Mletheni lapha kimi umfana lowo.” 18
UJesu walikhuza idimoni laphuma emfaneni
wahle wasila ngalesosikhathi. 19 Abafundi
basebesiza kuJesu ngasese bambuza bathi,
“Kungani sehlulekile ukulikhupha idimoni
na?” 20 Waphendula wathi, “Ngoba ukholo
lwenu luncinyane. Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi
nxa lingaba lokukholwa loba kukuncinyane
njengentanga yemastadi, lingathi entabeni le,
‘Suduluka lapha uye laphayana’ izasuduluka.
Kakukho kini okungasoze kwenzeke. [21
Kodwa uhlobo olunje aluphumi ngaphandle
kwangomkhuleko lokuzila ukudla.]” 22
Bathi sebebuthene eGalile wathi kubo,
“INdodana yoMuntu izanikelwa ezandleni
zabantu. 23 Bazayibulala, kuthi ngosuku
lwesithathu izavuswa kwabafileyo.” Abafundi
badabuka kakhulu. 24 UJesu labafundi bakhe
sebefikile eKhaphenawume, abaqoqi bomthelo
wamadrakhima amabili beza kuPhethro babuza
bathi, “Umfundisi wenu kawuhlawuli yini
umthelo wethempeli?” 25 Wathi, “Yebo,
uyawuthela.” Kwathi uPhethro engena endlini,
uJesu nguye owakhuluma kuqala, wabuza wathi,
“Ucabangani kambe Simoni? Amakhosi omhlaba

ayithatha kubani inkongozelo lemithelo,
emadodaneni abo na loba kwabanye abantu?”
26 UPhethro waphendula wathi, “Kwabanye
abantu.” UJesu wasesithi kuye, “Ngakho-ke
amadodana akhululekile. 27 Kodwa ukuze
singabakhubi, yana echibini uphosele iwuka
yakho khona. Ubothatha inhlanzi yokuqala
ozayibamba, uvule umlomo wayo uzafumana
khona uhlamvu lwemali engamadrakhima
amane. Uyithathe ubaphe ibe ngumthelo wami
lowenu.”

18 Ngalesosikhathi abafundi beza kuJesu
babuza bathi, “Ngubani omkhulu kulabo
bonke embusweni wezulu na?” 2 Wabiza
umntwana omncinyane wamisa phakathi
kwabo. 3 Wasesithi, “Ngiqinisile ngithi
kini, ngaphandle kokuba liguquke libe
njengabantwana abancinyane, kalisoze lafa
langena embusweni wezulu. 4 Ngakho
lowo ozithobayo njengomntwana lo nguye
omkhulu kulabo bonke embusweni wezulu. 5
Njalo lowo owamukela umntwana omncane
njengalo ebizweni lami wamukela mina.” 6
“Nxa umuntu ekhubekisa oyedwa walaba
abancinyane abakholwa kimi ukuthi enze
isono, kungabangcono kuye ukuthi kulengiswe
entanyeni yakhe inkalakatha yembokodo
yokuchola agaluliswe enzikini yolwandle. 7
Maye kuwo umhlaba ngenxa yezinto ezenza
abantu benze isono! Izinto ezinjalo zivele
ziyafika kodwa maye kulowomuntu ezifika
ngaye! 8 Nxa isandla sakho loba unyawo
lwakho kukwenzisa isono, kuqume ukulahle.
Kungcono kuwe ukuba ungene ekuphileni
uyingini kumbe ugogekile kulokuba lezandla
zombili kumbe inyawo zombili uphoselwe
emlilweni ongapheliyo. (aiōnios g166) 9 Nxa
ilihlo lakho likwenzisa isono, likopole ulilahle.
Kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni ulelihlo
elilodwa kulokuba lamehlo amabili kodwa
uphoselwe esihogweni somlilo.” (Geenna g1067)
10 “Nanzelelani ukuthi lingeyisi lamunye
walaba abancinyane. Ngoba ngilitshela ukuthi
izingilosi zabo zezulu zihlezi zibona ubuso
bukaBaba ezulwini. [11 INdodana yoMuntu
yalanda ukusindisa okwakulahlekile.] 12 Kambe
likhumbulani? Nxa indoda ilezimvu ezilikhulu,
enye iqambuke kwezinye, kayiyikuzitshiya yini
lezo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye
lasificamunwemunye ezintabeni iyedinga leyo
eqambukileyo? 13 Ithi ingayithola, ngilitshela
iqiniso ukuthi, iyathokoza ngaleyo ukwedlula
lezo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye
lasificamunwemunye ezingazange zilahleke. 14
Ngokufanayo, uYihlo osezulwini kafisi ukuthi
lamunye walaba abancinyane abhubhe.” 15
“Nxa umfowenu ekona, yana kuye umtshengise
isiphambeko sakhe lilodwa lobabili. Nxa
ekulalela usumzuzile umfowenu. 16 Kodwa nxa
engakulaleli, biza omunye loba ababili ukuze
‘indaba yonke ivele obala ilabofakazi ababili
loba abathathu.’ 17 Nxa esala ukubalalela,
tshela ibandla, nxa esala ukulilalela lalo
ibandla mthatheni njengomhedeni kumbe
njengomthelisi. 18 Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi,
loba yini eliyibophayo emhlabeni izabotshwa
lasezulwini njalo lokho elikuthukululayo
emhlabeni kuzathukululwa lasezulwini. 19
Njalo ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi nxa ababili
kini emhlabeni bevumelana loba ngalutho
bani abalucelayo bazalwenzelwa nguBaba
osezulwini. 20 Ngoba lapho okuhlangana
khona ababili loba abathathu ngebizo lami,
ngizabe ngikhona lami.” 21 UPhethro weza
kuJesu wabuza wathi, “Nkosi, umfowethu loba
udadewethu ngizamthethelela kangaki nxa
elokhu engona na? Kuze kube kasikhombisa
na?” 22 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngithi
hatshi kasikhombisa kodwa okwezikhathi
ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa. 23
Ngakho umbuso wezulu unjengenkosi eyayifuna
ukuqeda izikwelede zayo lezinceku zayo. 24 Yathi
isiqalisa ukuthonisa kwalethwa kuyo indoda
eyayilesikwelede samathalenta azinkulungwane
ezilitshumi. 25 Kwathi ngoba ingelamandla
okuhlawula inkosi yalaya ukuthi yona,
umkayo, abantwana lakho konke eyayilakho
kuthengiswe ukuze kuqedwe umlandu. 26
Inceku yaguqa phambi kwenkosi yayincenga
yathi, ‘Ake ungibekezelele, ngizahlawula
konke.’ 27 Inkosi yenceku leyo yayizwela usizi,
yayithethelela, yawesula umlandu yayiyekela
yahamba. 28 Kodwa leyo yonela ukuphuma,

yafumana eyinye inceku eyayilesikwelede sayo
samadenari alikhulu. Yayibamba ngomphimbo,
yayiklinya, yathi ngolaka, ‘Hlawula isikwelede
sami!’ 29 Leyonceku layo yawa ngamadolo
yayincenga yathi, ‘Ake ungibekezelele,
ngizakuhlawula.’ 30 Kodwa yona yala. Endaweni
yalokho, yahamba yenza ukuba leyondoda
iphoselwe entolongweni ize iqale ihlawule
isikwelede. 31 Kwathi ezinye izinceku sezibonile
okwakwenzakele, zathukuthela kakhulu
zayaceba enkosini ngalokho okwenzakeleyo.
32 Inkosi yayibiza leyonceku, yathi, ‘Wena
nceku embi. Ngikuthethelele, ngasesula sonke
isikwelede sakho ngoba ungincengile. 33
Kungani pho ungazwelanga omunye wakho
isihawu njengalokhu ngenzile kuwe?’ 34
Inkosi yayo yathukuthela kakhulu, yayinikela
kubaphathi bejele ukuthi bayihlukuluze ize
isihlawule sonke isikwelede. 35 Yiyo le indlela
uBaba osezulwini azaphatha ngayo lowo lalowo
wenu nxa lingathetheleli abazalwane kuphuma
enhliziyweni.”

19 UJesu eseqedile ukutsho lezizinto, wasuka
eGalile waya emangweni waseJudiya
ngaphetsheya kweJodani. 2 Walandelwa
ngamaxuku amakhulu abantu, wabasilisa
khona lapho. 3 Abanye abaFarisi beza kuye
ukuzamlinga. Bambuza bathi, “Kusemthethweni
yini ukuthi indoda ilahle umkayo loba
kungasiphi isizatho?” 4 Waphendula wathi,
“Kalikubalanga yini ukuthi ekuqaleni uMdali
‘wabenza baba ngowesilisa lowesifazane,’ 5
wathi, ‘Ngalesi isizatho indoda izatshiya
uyise lonina ihlanganiswe lomkayo, kuthi
laba ababili bazakuba nyamanye?’ 6
Ngakho kabasebabili, kodwa sebenyamanye.
Ngakho, lokho uNkulunkulu asekuhlanganisile
akungehlukaniswa muntu.” 7 Babuza bathi,
“Kungani pho uMosi walaya ukuthi indoda
imuphe umkayo incwadi yokuquma umtshado
ibisimxotsha?” 8 UJesu waphendula wathi,
“UMosi walivumela ukuthi lilahle omkenu
ngobulukhuni bezinhliziyo zenu. Kodwa
kwakungenjalo ekuqaleni. 9 Ngilitshela
ukuthi lowo ohlukana lomkakhe, ngaphandle
kokuba ehlobongile, athathe omunye umfazi,
uyaphinga.” 10 Abafundi bathi kuye, “Nxa
kumi kanjalo phakathi kwendoda lomkayo
kungcono ukungathathi.” 11 UJesu waphendula
wathi, “Akusibo bonke abangalemukela lelilizwi,
kodwa labo kuphela abaliphiweyo. 12
Ngoba abanye bangabathenwa ngenxa yokuthi
bazalwa benjalo, abanye benziwa ngabantu
njalo abanye bakudela ukutshada ngenxa
yombuso wezulu. Lowo ongakwamukela lokho
kakwemukele.” 13 Kwasekulethwa abantwana
abancinyane kuJesu ukuba ababeke izandla
lokubakhulekela. Kodwa abafundi babakhuza
labo ababalethayo. 14 UJesu wathi, “Yekelani
abantwana beze kimi, lingabavimbeli ngoba
umbuso wezulu ungowabanjengalaba.” 15
Esebabekile izandla wasuka lapho wahamba.
16 Kweza enye insizwa kuJesu yabuza
yathi, “Mfundisi, ngingenzani okulungileyo
ukuze ngizuze ukuphila okungapheliyo na?”
(aiōnios g166) 17 UJesu waphendula wathi,
“Ungibuzelani ngokulungileyo na? Munye
kuphela olungileyo. Nxa ufuna ukungena
ekuphileni, landela imilayo.” 18 Insizwa
yabuza yathi, “Yiphi na?” UJesu waphendula
wathi, “‘Ungabulali, ungaphingi, ungatshontshi,
ungafakazeli amanga, 19 hlonipha uyihlo
lonyoko,’njalo ‘thanda umakhelwane wakho
njengoba uzithanda wena.’” 20 Insizwa yathi,
“Yonke le ngiyigcinile. Pho ngisaswelani
na?” 21 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Nxa
ufuna ukuthi uphelele, thengisa yonke inotho
yakho uphe abampofu, lapho-ke inotho yakho
izakuba sezulwini. Ubusubuya ungilandele.”
22 Kwathi insizwa ikuzwa lokho, yasuka
idanile ngoba yayilenotho enengi kakhulu. 23
UJesu wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, “Ngilitshela
iqiniso ukuthi kunzima emuntwini onothileyo
ukuthi angene embusweni wezulu. 24 Njalo
ngiyalitshela ukuthi kungaba lula ukuthi
ikamela lingene embotsheni yenalithi kulokuthi
umuntu onothileyo angene embusweni
kaNkulunkulu.” 25 Kwathi abafundi sebekuzwile
lokhu bamangala kakhulu babuza bathi,
“Pho ngubani ongasindiswa na?” 26 UJesu
wabakhangela wathi, “Ngokwabantu, lokhu
kakwenzeki kodwa ngoNkulunkulu zonke
izinto ziyenzeka.” 27 UPhethro wamphendula

wathi, “Sesitshiye konke ukuze sikulandele!
Pho sizazuzani na?” 28 UJesu wathi kubo,
“Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, emhlabeni omutsha,
lapho iNdodana yoMuntu isihlezi esihlalweni
sobukhosi, lina elingilandelayo lani lizahlala
ezihlalweni zobukhosi ezilitshumi lambili,
lahlulele izizwana ezilitshumi lambili zako-
Israyeli. 29 Njalo bonke labo abatshiye izindlu
zabo, loba abafowabo, loba odadewabo kumbe
uyise loba unina kumbe abantwana loba
amasimu ngenxa yami bazakwamukeliswa
okwandiswe ngekhulu njalo bazakudla ilifa
lokuphila okungapheliyo. (aiōnios g166) 30
Kodwa abanengi abangabokuqala bazakuba
ngabokucina njalo abanengi abangabokucina
bazakuba ngabokuqala.”

20 “Ngoba umbuso wezulu unjengomlimi
owaphuma ekuseni kakhulu wayaqhatsha
amadoda okusebenza esivinini sakhe. 2
Wathembisa ukubaholisa idenari okwalolosuku
wasebathumela esivinini sakhe. 3 Waphuma
njalo ngehola lesificamunwemunye ekuseni
wabona abanye bezimele nje emsikeni bengenzi
lutho. 4 Wabatshela wathi, ‘Lani hambani
liyesebenza esivinini sami, ngizaliholisa
okufaneleyo.’ 5 Ngakho bahamba. Wabuye
waphuma emini sekubanga ihola lesithathu
emini wenza okufanayo. 6 Sekusondele
ihola lesihlanu waphuma wafumana abanye
bezimele nje khonapho. Wababuza wathi,
‘Kungani belilokhu limi lapha ilanga lonke
lingenzi lutho na?’ 7 Bamphendula bathi,
‘Ngoba kakho osiqhatshileyo.’ Wathi kubo,
‘Lani hambani liyesebenza esivinini sami.’ 8
Kwathi sekuntambama, umninisivini wathi
enduneni yezinceku, ‘Biza izinceku uziphe
iholo lazo, uqalise ngabokucina usehla
usiya kwabokuqala.’ 9 Izinceku ezaqhatshwa
sekubanga ihola lesihlanu ntambama zeza
ngamunye zaphiwa idenari. 10 Kwathi
sekufike labo abaqhatshwa kuqala balindela
ukuphiwa okwedlulayo. Kodwa ngamunye wabo
waphiwa idenari. 11 Bonela ukuyamukela
baqalisa ukumsola umnininsimu besithi, 12
‘Lababantu abaqhatshwe ekucineni basebenze
ihola elilodwa kuphela kodwa usubalinganise
lathi thina esithwale kanzima ngomsebenzi
sitshiswa lilanga usuku lonke.’ 13 Kodwa
waphendula omunye wabo wathi, ‘Mnakwethu,
angikudlelezeli ngalutho. Kawuvumanga yini
ukusebenzela idenari? 14 Thatha umholo wakho
uhambe. Mina ngithanda ukupha indoda leyo
eqhatshwe muva okulingana lalokho engikunike
khona. 15 Kangilalungelo na lokwenza loba
yini engiyithandayo ngemali yami? Kumbe
ulomhawu ngokuphana kwami na?’ 16 Ngakho
owokucina uzakuba ngowokuqala, lowokuqala
abe ngowokucina.” 17 Kwathi uJesu esesiya
eJerusalema wathatha abafundi abalitshumi
lambili wema labo eceleni wathi kubo, 18
“Sesisiya eJerusalema lapho iNdodana yoMuntu
ezanikelwa khona kubaphristi abakhulu
labafundisi bomthetho. Bazayigwebela ukufa,
19 bayinikele kwabeZizwe ukuba iyangiswe,
itshaywe njalo ibethelwe. Ngosuku lwesithathu
izavuswa kwabafileyo!” 20 Kwasekufika unina
wamadodana kaZebhediya kuJesu elamadodana
akhe waguqa phansi wacela ukuthi enzelwe
umusa. 21 UJesu wabuza wathi, “Kuyini
okufunayo?” Yena wathi, “Tshono ukuthi
omunye wala amadodana ami amabili uzahlala
kwesokunene sakho kuthi omunye laye ahlale
kwesokhohlo sakho embusweni wakho.” 22
UJesu wathi kubo, “Kalikwazi elikucelayo.
Lingayinatha na inkezo engizayinatha?” Bathi,
“Yebo singayinatha.” 23 UJesu wathi kubo, “Yebo
lizanatha kuyo inkezo yami kodwa ukuhlala
kwesokunene kumbe kwesokhohlo kwami
kakusikho kwami ukukuvumela. Izindawo lezi
ngezalabo abazilungiselwe nguBaba.” 24 Kwathi
abalitshumi bekuzwa lokhu bazithukuthelela
lezozelamani. 25 UJesu wasebabizela ndawonye
wathi, “Liyakwazi ukuthi ababusi beZizwe
bazibusa kalukhuni, kuthi lezikhulu zazo
zikhonye phezu kwazo. 26 Kakunjalo kini. Kodwa
loba ngubani ofuna ukuba mkhulu phakathi
kwenu kabe yinceku yenu, 27 lalowo ofuna
ukuba ngowokuqala kabe yinceku yenu, 28
njengalokhu iNdodana yoMuntu ingezanga
ukuzokhonzwa kodwa ukuzokhonza lokunikela
impilo yayo njengenhlawulo yabanengi.” 29
Kwathi uJesu labafundi bakhe sebesuka eJerikho
ixuku elikhulu labantu lamlandela. 30 Amadoda

amabili ayiziphofu ayehlezi eceleni komgwaqo
athi esizwa ukuthi uJesu wayesedlula khonapho
amemeza athi, “Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida,
sihawukele!” 31 Ixuku labantu lawakhuza lathi
kawathule kodwa amemeza ngamandla athi,
“Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida, sihawukele!” 32
UJesu wema wawabiza, wawabuza wathi, “Lifuna
ukuba ngilenzeleni?” 33 Aphendula athi, “Nkosi,
sifuna ukuthi sibone.” 34 UJesu wawazwela
isihawu wawathinta emehlweni. Masinyane nje
ahle abona asemlandela.

21 Bathi sebesondela eJerusalema, bafika
eBhethifage eNtabeni yama-Oliva, uJesu
wathuma abafundi ababili, 2 wathi kubo,
“Yanini emzini ophambi kwenu, khonapho
lizabona inkonyane kababhemi lobabhemi
ebotshelwe khonapho. Libakhulule libuye labo
kimi. 3 Nxa kungaba lozalibuza, limtshele
ukuthi iNkosi yiyo ebafunayo, uzahle abayekele
bahambe masinyane.” 4 Lokhu kwenzeka ukuze
kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngomphrofethi
ukuthi: 5 “Tshela iNdodakazi yaseZiyoni
ukuthi, ‘Khangela, inkosi yakho iyeza kuwe,
imnene igade ubabhemi, iphezu kwenkonyane,
inkonyane kababhemi.’” 6 Abafundi bahamba
benza njengokulaywa kwabo nguJesu. 7
Baletha inkonyane kababhemi lobabhemi,
bendlala amajazi abo phezu kwabobabhemi
ukuze uJesu ahlale phezu kwawo. 8 Ixuku
elikhulu lendlala amajazi alo endleleni, kukanti
abanye bephula ingatsha ezihlahleni bazendlala
endleleni. 9 Amaxuku ayehamba phambi
kwakhe lalawo ayelandela amemeza athi,
“Hosana kuyo iNdodana kaDavida!” “Ubusisiwe
lowo obuya ngebizo likaThixo!” “Hosana
ezulwini eliphezulu!” 10 Kwathi uJesu esengenile
eJerusalema, umuzi wonke wanyakazela,
abantu babuzana bathi, “Kanti ngubani lo?”
11 Amaxuku aphendula athi, “Lo nguJesu,
umphrofethi waseNazaretha eGalile.” 12 UJesu
wangena egumeni lethempeli wabaxotsha
bonke ababethenga lababethengisa khona.
Wagenqula amatafula alabo ababentshintshela
abanye izimali lezihlalo zabathengisa amajuba.
13 Wathi kubo, “Kulotshiwe ukuthi, ‘Indlu yami
izabizwa ngokuthi yindlu yokukhuleka,’kodwa
lina seliyenza ‘ubhalu lwabaphangi.’” 14 Iziphofu
labaqhugezelayo beza kuye ethempelini
wabasilisa. 15 Kodwa kwathi abaphristi
abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho bebona
izimanga ayezenza labantwana bememeza
egumeni lethempeli besithi, “Hosana kuyo
iNdodana kaDavida,” banengeka. 16 Bambuza
bathi, “Uyabezwa nje abantwana laba ukuthi
bathini?” Waphendula uJesu wathi, “Yebo,
kalikaze lifunde ukuthi, ‘Ezindebeni zabantwana
lensane wena Nkosi uyimisile indumiso’?”
17 Wasebatshiya waphuma edolobheni waya
eBhethani lapho alala khona. 18 Ekuseni kakhulu
esebuyela edolobheni wezwa eselambile. 19
Wabona isihlahla somkhiwa eceleni kwendlela,
waqambukela kuso kodwa wathola kungelalutho
kuso ngaphandle kwamahlamvu nje. Wasesithi
kuso, “Ungaphindi uthele izithelo lanini!”
Khonapho nje isihlahla sahle sabuna. (aiōn g165)
20 Abafundi bathi bekubona lokhu bamangala
kakhulu. Babuza bathi, “Kwenzeke kanjani
ukuthi isihlahla somkhiwa sibune masinyane
kangaka?” 21 UJesu waphendula wathi,
“Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi nxa lilokukholwa
njalo lingathandabuzi, kalisoze lenze okwenziwe
kulesi isihlahla somkhiwa kuphela kodwa
njalo lingathi kule intaba, ‘Suka, uziphosele
olwandle,’ lakanye kuzenzeka. 22 Nxa
likholwa, lizaphiwa loba yini eliyicelayo
ngomkhuleko.” 23 UJesu wangena ethempelini,
kwathi elokhu efundisa abaphristi abakhulu
labadala babantu beza kuye. Bambuza bathi,
“Izinto lezi uzenza ngawaphi amandla na?
Ngubani okunike amandla la?” 24 UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Lami ngizalibuza umbuzo
owodwa. Lingangiphendula, ngizalitshela
ukuthi ngizenza ngawaphi amandla lezizinto.
25 Ubhaphathizo lukaJohane lwavela ngaphi
na? Lwavela ezulwini loba ebantwini na?”
Bangunguna bodwa ngalokho bathi, “Nxa
singathi, ‘Lwavela ezulwini,’ uzakuthi, ‘Pho
kungani lingazange limkholwe na?’ 26
Kodwa singathi, ‘Lwavela ebantwini,’ sesaba
abantu ngoba bonke uJohane bamthatha
njengomphrofethi.” 27 Ngakho bamphendula
uJesu bathi, “Kasikwazi.” Ngakho wasesithi,
“Lami kangiyikulitshela ukuthi izinto lezi

ngizenza ngamandla bani.” 28 “Likhumbulani
kambe? Kwakulendoda eyayilamadodana
amabili. Yaya kweyokuqala yathi, ‘Ndodana,
lamuhla hamba uyesebenza esivinini.’ 29
Yaphendula yathi, ‘Kangisoze ngiye mina,’
kodwa yaphinde yazisola yahamba. 30 Uyise
wasesiya kwenye indodana watsho okufanayo.
Yaphendula yathi, ‘Ngizahamba, baba,’ kodwa
kayihambanga. 31 Yiphi phakathi kwawo
womabili eyenza lokho okwakufunwa nguyise
na?” Baphendula bathi, “Ngeyakuqala.” UJesu
wathi kubo, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi abathelisi
lezifebe bazangena embusweni kaNkulunkulu
kuqala kulani. 32 Ngoba uJohane weza kini
ukuzalitshengisa indlela yokulunga kodwa
kalimkholwanga ikanti abathelisi lezifebe
bamkholwa. Kwathi lokuba selikubonile konke
lokhu kalimkholwanga.” 33 “Zwanini omunye
umzekeliso: Kwakukhona umnini wesiqinti
owahlanyela isivini. Wasihonqolozela ngomduli,
wagebha isikhamelo sewayini phakathi,
wasesakha isilindo. Waseqhatshisa isivini
leso kubalimi wasuka wathatha uhambo. 34
Kuthe sekufika isikhathi sokuvuna wathuma
izinceku zakhe kulabobalimi ukuyathatha
izithelo. 35 Abalimi bazibamba izinceku
zakhe; eyinye bayitshaya, eyinye bayibulala
kwathi eyesithathu bayikhanda ngamatshe.
36 Wasethuma ezinye izinceku kubo, ezinengi
kulezakuqala, njalo abalimi baziphatha
ngendlela efanayo. 37 Ekucineni wasethumela
indodana yakhe kubo. Wathi, ‘Bazayihlonipha
indodana yami.’ 38 Kodwa kwathi abalimi
beyibona indodana batshelana bathi, ‘Lo
yindlalifa. Wozani simbulale sithathe ilifa
lakhe.’ 39 Ngakho bamdumela bamphosela
ngaphandle kwesivini bambulala. 40 Ngakho-ke
nxa umninisivini esesiza uzabathini abalimi labo
na?” 41 Baphendula bathi, “Uzababonisa into
yamehlo, abeseqhatshisa isivini sakhe kwabanye
abalimi abazamnika ingxenye yakhe yezithelo
ngesikhathi sokuvuna.” 42 UJesu wathi kubo,
“Kalibalanga yini emibhalweni ukuthi: ‘Ilitshe
elalahlwa ngabakhi seliyilona ilitshe lensika;
iNkosi ikwenzile lokhu, njalo kuyamangalisa
emehlweni ethu?’ 43 Ngakho ngiyalitshela
ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu lizawuthathelwa
uphiwe abantu abazathela izithelo zawo. 44 Lowo
ozawela phezu kwalelilitshe uzavadlaka kodwa
lowo elizawela phezu kwakhe uzafihlizwa.”
45 Kwathi abaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi
besizwa imizekeliso kaJesu, bakwazi ukuthi
wayekhuluma ngabo. 46 Badinga indlela
yokumbopha kodwa besaba ixuku labantu ngoba
abantu bambona njengomphrofethi.

22 UJesu wakhuluma kubo njalo
ngemizekeliso wathi: 2 “Umbuso wezulu
unjengenkosi eyalungisela indodana yayo idili
lomthimba. 3 Yathuma izinceku zayo kulabo
ababenxusiwe edilini ukuba beze kodwa bala
ukuza. 4 Yaphinda yathuma ezinye izinceku
yathi, ‘Batsheleni labo abanxusiweyo ukuthi
sengililungisile idili. Ngihlabe inkabi lenkomo
ezinonisiweyo, konke sekulungile. Wozani
edilini lomthimba.’ 5 Kodwa kabakunanzanga
lokho, bazihambela, omunye waya ensimini
yakhe, omunye emsebenzini wakhe. 6 Abanye
bazibamba izinceku zayo, bazihlukuluza
bazibulala. 7 Inkosi yathukuthela. Yathumela
impi yayo yababhuqa labobabulali yatshisa
idolobho labo. 8 Yasisithi ezincekwini zayo,
‘Idili lomthimba selilungile kodwa labo
engibanxusileyo bebengasafanele ukuza. 9
Hambani liye emahlanganweni ezindlela
linxuse loba ngubani elimbonayo.’ 10 Ngakho
izinceku zangena ezitaladini zabutha bonke
abantu ezababonayo, abalungileyo lababi,
indlu yomthimba yagcwala izethekeli. 11
Kodwa kwathi inkosi ingena ukuzabona
izethekeli, yananzelela khonapho indoda
eyeyingavunulanga izigqoko zomthimba. 12
Yabuza yathi, ‘Mngane, ungene njani lapha
ungelazigqoko zomthimba?’ Indoda yatsha
amathe. 13 Inkosi yasitshela izinceku zayo
yathi, ‘Mbopheni izandla lezinyawo limphosele
ngaphandle ebumnyameni, lapho okuzakuba
khona ukukhala lokugedla kwamazinyo.’ 14
Ngoba banengi ababiziweyo kodwa balutshwana
abakhethiweyo.” 15 Lapho-ke abaFarisi
basuka baphuma bayaceba ukuthi bambambe
ngamazwi akhe. 16 Bathuma abafundi babo
kuye behamba lamaHerodiya. Bathi, “Mfundisi,
siyazi ukuthi uyindoda eqotho lokuthi

ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu ngokweqiniso.
Kawusuye uthathekile ngoba kawulani lokuthi
bangobani. 17 Sitshele-ke, uthini ngalokhu?
Kusemthethweni na ukuthela kuKhesari kumbe
hatshi?" 18 UJesu ngokwazi inhloso yabo
embi wathi, "Lina bazenzisi, lenzani lizama
ukungithiya na? 19 Ake lingitshengise uhlamvu
lwemali okuthelwa ngayo." Bamlethela
idenari, 20 wasebabuza wathi, "Ngumfanekiso
kabani lo? Njalo luphawu lukabani lolu?" 21
Baphendula bathi, "NgokukaKhesari." Wasesithi
kubo, "Phanini uKhesari okungokukaKhesari
loNkulunkulu okungokukaNkulunkulu." 22
Bathi besizwa lokhu bamangala. Ngakho basuka
kuye bahamba. 23 Ngalelolanga abaSadusi,
abathi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, beza
kuye belombuzo. 24 Bathi, "Mfundisi, uMosi
wasitshela wathi, nxa indoda ingafa ingazalanga
mntwana, umfowabo kamthathe umfelokazi
amzalele abantwana. 25 Kwakulabafowabo
abayisikhombisa phakathi kwethu. Wathatha
owakuqala wasesifa, kwathi ngoba engazuzanga
mntwana watshiyela umkakhe umfowabo.
26 Kwaphinda lokho kowesibili lowesithathu
njalo kwaze kwaba ngowesikhombisa. 27
Ekucineni wafa lowomfazi. 28 Pho-ke,
ekuvukeni kwabafileyo uzakuba ngumkabani
phakathi kwabayisikhombisa njengoba
bonke babemthethe?" 29 UJesu waphendula
wathi, "Liyalahleka ngoba kaliyazi imibhalo
lamandla kaNkulunkulu. 30 Ekuvukeni
kwabafileyo abantu kabayikuthatha loba
bendiswe; bazakuba njengezingilosi ezulwini.
31 Kodwa mayelana lokuvuka kwabafileyo,
kalibalanga yini lokho uNkulunkulu
akutsho kini ukuthi, 32 'NginguNkulunkulu
ka-Abhrahama, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka
loNkulunkulu kaJakhobe'? KasuNkulunkulu
wabafileyo kodwa owabaphilayo." 33 Kwathi
amaxuku abantu esizwa lokhu amangaliswa
yikufundisa kwakhe. 34 AbaFarisi sebezwile
ukuthi uJesu wayesebathulisile abaSadusi,
bahlangana ndawonye. 35 Omunye wabo
owayeyisazi somthetho wamlinga ngombuzo
wathi, 36 "Mfundisi, yiwuphi umlayo
omkhulu kulayo yonke eMthethweni?" 37
UJesu waphendula wathi, "'Thanda iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke
langomphefumulo wakho wonke langengqondo
yakho yonke.' 38 Yiwo owokuqala njalo odlula
yonke imilayo. 39 Owesibili unjengawo: 'Thanda
umakhelwane wakho njengoba uzithanda
wena.' 40 Wonke uMthetho labaPhrofethi
kweyeme kuyonale imilayo emibili." 41 Kwathi
abaFarisi behlangene ndawonye uJesu wababuza
wathi, 42 "Licabangani ngoKhristu? Uyindodana
kabani?" Baphendula bathi, "Yindodana
kaDavida." 43 Wathi kubo, "Kungani pho
uDavida wathi ekhuluma ngoMoya umbiza athi
'Nkosi'? Ngoba uthi, 44 'INkosi yathi eNkosini
yami: "Hlala ngakwesokunene sami ngize
ngibeke izitha zakho ngaphansi kwenyawo
zakho."' 45 Pho, nxa uDavida esithi kuye, 'Nkosi,'
angaba yindodana yakhe njani?" 46 Kakho
loyedwa owaba lelizwi lokumphendula. Kwathi-
ke kusukela ngalolosuku kakho owaqunga
isibindi sokumbuza eminye imibuzo.

23 UJesu wasesithi emaxukwini abantu
lakubafundi bakhe: 2 "Abafundisi
bomthetho labaFarisi bahlezi esihlalweni
sikaMosi. 3 Ngakho kumele libalalele lenze
konke abalitshela khona. Kodwa lingakwenzi
abakwenzayo, ngoba kabakulandeli lokho
abakutshumayelayo. 4 Baqoqa imithwalo
enzima bayetshate emahlombe abantu kodwa
bona bengafuni lokulokotha bayithwale. 5 Konke
abakwenzayo bakwenzela ukuba babonwe
ngabantu, benza imicwatsho yabo yemibhalo
ibe banzi lezintshaka zezigqoko zabo zibe zinde;
6 bathanda izindawo eziphezulu emadilini
lezihlalo eziqakathekileyo emasinagogweni,
7 bathanda ukubingelelwa emisikeni lokuthi
abantu bababize ngokuthi 'Rabi.' 8 Kodwa
lina nxa lingabizwa kuthiwe 'Rabi,' ngoba
munye kuphela oyiNkosi yenu njalo lina
lonke liyizinini. 9 Futhi lingabizi muntu
emhlabeni ngokuthi 'baba,' ngoba liloYihlo
oyedwa, yena osezulwini. 10 Njalo lingabizwa
ngokuthi bafundisi, ngoba liloMfundisi oyedwa,
uKhristu. 11 Omkhulu kulani lonke phakathi
kwenu uzakuba yinceku yenu. 12 Ngoba
lowo oziphakamisayo uzathotshiswa, lalowo
ozithobayo uzaphakanyiswa." 13 "Maye

kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakubaFarisi, lina
bazenzisi! Livalela abantu umbuso wezulu.
Lina ngokwenu kalingeni liphinde livimbele
labo abazama ukungena. [14 Maye kini
bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, lina
bazenzisi! Liphanga izindlu zabafelokazi,
beselizenzisa lisenza imikhuleko emide,
ngalokho lizakwamukeliswa ukulahlwa
okukhulu.] 15 Maye kini bafundisi bomthetho
lakini baFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Lidabula
ilizwe lihambe laphezu kolwandle lidinga
ukuphendula oyedwa zwi, lithi selimzuzile
limphendule abe yindodana yesihogweni
okuphindwe kabili kulani. (Geenna g1067) 16 Maye
kini, baholi abayiziphofu! Lithi, 'Nxa umuntu
efunga ngethempeli kakutsho lutho; kodwa
nxa umuntu efunga ngegolide lethempeli
usezibophile ngesifungo sakhe.' 17 Lina
ziphofundini! Yikuphi okukhulu kulokunye:
igolide kumbe ithempeli elenza igolide
libengcwele? 18 Lithi njalo, 'Nxa umuntu
efunga nge-alithare, akusilutho; kodwa nxa
umuntu efunga ngesipho esikulo usezibophile
ngesifungo sakhe.' 19 Lina ziphofu zabantu!
Yikuphi okudlula okunye: isipho langabe
i-alithari elenza isipho sibe ngcwele? 20
Ngakho lowo ofunga nge-alithare ufunga
ngalo langakho konke okukulo. 21 Njalo
lowo ofunga ngethempeli ufunga ngalo njalo
langaye lowo ohlala kulo. 22 Njalo lalowo
ofunga ngezulu ufunga ngesihlalo sobukhosi
sikaNkulunkulu langaye ohlezi phezu kwaso. 23
Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi,
bazenzisi! Linika okwetshumi okweziyoliso
zenu, iminti ledili lekhamini. Kodwa liyekethise
izinto ezimqoka emthethweni, eziyikulunga,
isihawu kanye lokwethembeka. Bekufanele
lithi likwenza lokhu lingawuyekethisanga
umthetho. 24 Lina baholi abayiziphofu!
Liyacenga ukukhupha ubuyane kodwa liginye
ikamela. 25 Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho
lakini baFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Ligezisa inkezo
lomganu ngaphandle kodwa ngaphakathi
kugcwele ubuhwaba lokuzisuthisa. 26 MFarisi
oyisiphofu! Qala uhlambulule ingaphakathi
yenkezo lomganu, ukuze ingaphandle layo
ihlambuluke. 27 Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho
lakini baFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Linjengamathuna
aconjiweyo, akhanya ebukeka ngaphandle,
kodwa ngaphakathi agcwele amathambo
abantu abafileyo lakho konke okungcolileyo.
28 Kanjalo, ngaphandle libonakala ebantwini
linjengabalungileyo, kodwa ngaphakathi
ligcwele ukuzenzisa lobubi. 29 Maye kini,
bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, lina
bazenzisi! Lakhela abaphrofethi amathuna
njalo licecise amathuna abalungileyo. 30
Beselisithi, 'Ngabe saphila ngezinsuku
zabokhokho bethu sasingeyikuhlanganyela
labo ekuchitheni igazi labaphrofethi.' 31
Ngalokho yini elipha ubufakazi bokuthi
liyisizukulwane salabo ababulala abaphrofethi.
32 Nanko-ke, wohlani liqedise lesosono
sabokhokho benu! 33 Lina zinyoka! Lina
nzalo yezinhlangwana! Lizaphepha kanjani
ukuba lilahlelwe esihogweni na? (Geenna
g1067) 34 Ngakho ngilithumela abaphrofethi
lamadoda ahlakaniphileyo labafundisi.
Abanye babo lizababulala libabethele;
abanye lizababhaxabula emasinagogweni
enu, lilandelelane labo kuleli laleliyana
idolobho. 35 Ngakho-ke, lonke igazi elilungileyo
elachithwayo emhlabeni kusukela egazini
lika-Abheli owayelungile kusiya egazini
likaZakhariya indodana kaBherekhiya
elambulala phakathi laphakathi kwethempeli
le-alithari lizakwehliselwa phezu kwenu. 36
Ngilitshela iqiniso, konke lokhu kuzakuba
phezu kwalesi isizukulwane. 37 Jerusalema,
Jerusalema, wena obulala abaphrofethi,
ubakhande ngamatshe labo abathunywe kuwe,
sekukanengi ngiloyisa ukuqoqa ndawonye
abantwabakho, njengesikhukhukazi siqoqa
amatsiyane aso ngaphansi kwamaphiko aso,
kodwa wena wawungathandi. 38 Khangela,
indlu yakho isitshiywe ilunxiwa. 39 Ngoba
ngiyalitshela, kalisayikungibona futhi lize lithi,
'Ubusisiwe lowo obuya ngebizo likaThixo.'"

24 UJesu wathi esuka ethempelini esehamba
abafundi bakhe beza kuye bathi kake
ananzelele izakhiwo zalo. 2 Wathi, "Liyazibona
na zonke lezizinto? Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi
akulalitshe lapha elizasala liphezu kwelinye;

wonke azabhidlizwa.” 3 Kwathi uJesu ehlezi
eNtabeni yama-Oliva abafundi bakhe beza
kuye ngasese bathi, “Sitshele, kuzakwenzakala
nini lokhu na, njalo kuzakuba lesibonakaliso
bani sokuza kwakho lokuphela kwesikhathi
na?” (aiōn g165) 4 UJesu waphendula wathi,
“Qaphelani ukuze lingakhohliswa muntu.
5 Ngoba abanengi bazakuza ngebizo lami
besithi, ‘NginguKhristu,’ bakhohlise abanengi.
6 Lizakuzwa ngezimpi lamahungahunga
azo, kodwa lingaze lethuka. Izinto ezinjalo
zizakwenzeka, kodwa ukucina kulokhu kuseza.
7 Isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele
umbuso. Kuzakuba lendlala lokuzamazama
komhlaba ezindaweni ezitshiyeneyo. 8 Konke
lokhu kuyikuqalisa kobuhlungu bokuhelelwa.
9 Lapho lizanikelwa ukuba lihlutshwe njalo
libulawe, futhi lizazondwa yizizwe zonke ngenxa
yami. 10 Ngalesosikhathi abanengi bazadela
ukukholwa banikelane njalo bazondane,
11 kuvele abaphrofethi bamanga abanengi
abazakhohlisa abantu abanengi. 12 Ngenxa
yokwanda kobubi, uthando lwabanengi
luzaphola, 13 kodwa lowo oma aqine kuze
kube sekupheleni uzasindiswa. 14 Njalo
lelivangeli lombuso lizatshunyayelwa kuwo
wonke umhlaba njengobufakazi kuzozonke
izizwe, besekufika ukuphela. 15 Nxa libona
kumi endaweni engcwele ‘amanyala aletha
incithakalo,’okwakhulunywa ngomphrofethi
uDanyeli, ofundayo kezwisise. 16 Lapho-ke
akuthi labo abaseJudiya babalekele ezintabeni.
17 Akungabikhona osophahleni lwendlu
ozakwehla phansi ukuyathatha ulutho endlini.
18 Lowo osemasimini kangabuyeli ngekhaya
ukuyathatha ijazi lakhe. 19 Yeka ubulukhuni
obuzakuba khona ngalezonsuku kwabesifazane
abakhulelweyo labangabadlezane! 20
Khulekelani ukuba ukuphaphatheka kwenu
kungabi sebusika loba ngeSabatha. 21 Ngoba
ngalesosikhathi kuzakuba lokuhlupheka
okukhulu, okungazange kube khona kulokhu
kwadabuka umhlaba kuze kube manje, njalo
kakusoze kube khona futhi. 22 Aluba lezinsuku
bezingaphungulwanga, kakho obezaphepha,
kodwa ngenxa yabakhethiweyo lezinsuku
zizaphungulwa. 23 Nxa ngalesosikhathi omunye
esithi kini, ‘Khangela, nangu uKhristu!’ loba
‘Ulaphaya!’ lingakukholwa lokho. 24 Ngoba
oKhristu bamanga labaphrofethi bamanga
bazavela benze izibonakaliso lezimangaliso
ezinkulu ukukhohlisa kanye labakhethiweyo,
nxa lokho kungenzeka. 25 Zwanini, sengihle
ngalitshela mandulo kwesikhathi. 26
Ngakho-ke, nxa umuntu elitshela esithi,
‘Nanguyana, laphayana egangeni,’ lingayi
khona loba athi, ‘Nangu lapha ezindlini
ezingaphakathi,’ lingaze lakukholwa lokho.
27 Ngoba njengombane osuka empumalanga
uhle ubonakale lasentshonalanga, kuzakuba
njalo ukufika kweNdodana yoMuntu. 28
Lapho okulesidumbu khona kulapho amanqe
abuthana khona. 29 Masinyane ngemva
kokuhlupheka kwalezonsuku, ‘ilanga lizafiphala
lenyanga kayiyikukhanya; izinkanyezi zizakuwa
esibhakabhakeni, izisekelo zasezulwini
zizazanyazanyiswa.’ 30 Kulesosikhathi
isibonakaliso seNdodana yoMuntu sizavela
emkhathini, kuthi zonke izizwe zomhlaba zilile.
Zizabona iNdodana yoMuntu isiza ngamayezi
esibhakabhakeni, ilamandla lobukhosi
obukhulu. 31 Njalo izathumela izingilosi
zayo zitshaya icilongo ngomsindo omkhulu,
beseziqoqa abakhethiweyo bayo emagumbini
womane omhlaba, kusukela ngapha kwamazulu
kusiya ngale kwawo. 32 Manje-ke, fundani
lesisifundo esihlahleni somkhiwa: Amahlumela
aso angaqalisa ukuba buthakathaka lamahlamvu
aso ahlume, lihle lazi ukuthi ihlobo
selisondele. 33 Kanjalo-ke, nxa lingabona
zonke lezizinto, lazi ukuthi sekusondele,
khonapho emnyango. 34 Ngilitshela iqiniso,
lesisizukulwane kasiyikudlula zize zenzakale
zonke lezizinto. 35 Izulu lomhlaba kuzedlula,
kodwa amazwi ami kawayikwedlula lanini.”
36 “Kodwa kakho olwaziyo lolosuku lehola,
loba izingilosi zasezulwini, kumbe iNdodana,
kodwa uBaba kuphela. 37 Njengoba kwakunjalo
ensukwini zikaNowa, kuzakuba njalo ekufikeni
kweNdodana yoMuntu. 38 Ngoba ensukwini
ezandulela uzamcolo, abantu babesidla,
benatha, bethatha njalo besenda, kwaze kwafika
usuku uNowa angena ngalo emkhunjini; 39 futhi
babengazi lutho ngalokho okwakuzakwenzeka

uzamcolo waze wafika wabatshabalalisa.
Kuzakuba njalo ekufikeni kweNdodana
yoMuntu. 40 Kuzakuthi amadoda emabili
esensimini, eyodwa izathathwa, eyinye isale.
41 Kuzakuthi abesifazane bebabili bechola
ngembokodo, oyedwa uzathathwa omunye
asale. 42 Ngakho, lindani ngoba kalikwazi
ukuthi iNkosi yenu izafika ngaluphi usuku.
43 Kodwa zwisisani lokhu: Kube umninindlu
wayekwazile ukuthi isela lizafika ngasiphi
isikhathi sobusuku ngabe walinda kaze
avumela ukuthi indlu yakhe igqekezwe. 44
Ngakho lani hlalani lilindile, ngoba iNdodana
yoMuntu izafika ngesikhathi leso elizabe
lingayikhumbuleli sona. 45 Ngubani kambe
oyinceku ethembekileyo lehlakaniphileyo
umninimuzi ayibeke esikhundleni sokukhangela
izisebenzi zalapha ekhaya ukuthi azinike ukudla
kwazo ngesikhathi esifaneleyo? 46 Kuzakuba
kuhle kuleyo nceku inkosi ezayifica isenza njalo
ekuphendukeni kwayo. 47 Ngilitshela iqiniso,
izakumbeka ukuthi aphathe yonke impahla
yayo. 48 Kodwa cabanga mhlawumbe inceku
leyo ikhohlakele njalo ingazitshela ithi, 'Inkosi
yami isesekhatshana ukubuya,' 49 ibisiqalisa
ukutshaya ezinye izinceku njalo lokudla inatha
lezidakwa. 50 Inkosi yaleyonceku izabuya
ngosuku engacatshangelwa khona langesikhathi
inceku engasaziyo. 51 Izayiqumaquma, iyiphe
indawo kanye labazenzisi, lapho okuzakuba
khona ukukhala lokugedla kwamazinyo."

25 "Kulesosikhathi umbuso wezulu
uzakuba njengezintombi ezigcweleyo
ezilitshumi ezathatha izibane zazo zaphuma
ukuyahlangabeza umyeni. 2 Ezinhlanu
zazo zaziyiziwula, ezinhlanu zihlakaniphile.
3 Eziyiziwula zathatha izibane zazo,
kodwa kazithathanga amafutha. 4 Kodwa
ezihlakaniphileyo zathwala imbodlela
zamafutha kanye lezibane zazo. 5 Umyeni
waphuza ukufika zonke zaze zawozela
zajunywa yibuthongo. 6 Phakathi kobusuku
kwamenyezelwa kwathiwa, 'Nangu umyeni!
Phumani limhlangabeze!' 7 Zasezivuka zonke
izintombi zalumathisa izibane zazo. 8 Lezo
ezaziyiziwula zathi kwezihlakaniphileyo,
'Ake lisiphe lathi amanye amafutha enu;
izibane zethu sezicitsha.' 9 Zaphendula
ezihlakaniphileyo zathi, 'Hatshi, kakulamafutha
angasanela thina lani. Hambani liye kulabo
abathengisa amafutha liyezithengela awenu.' 10
Kodwa kwathi besayathenga amafutha umyeni
wafika. Izintombi ezazizilungiselele zangena
laye edilini lomthimba. Umnyango wasuvalwa.
11 Ngemva kwesikhathi ezinye lazo zatsho
sezifikile. Zathi, 'Nkosi! Nkosi! Ake usivulele
umnyango!' 12 Kodwa waphendula wathi,
'Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, kangilazi.' 13 Ngakho
lindani ngoba kalilwazi usuku loba ihola."
14 "Njalo unjengendoda eyathatha uhambo,
yabiza izinceku zayo yazigcinisa impahla yayo.
15 Oyedwa yamupha amathalenta amahlanu
emali, omunye amabili omunye njalo ithalenta
elilodwa, ngulowo kusiya ngamandla akhe.
Yasisuka ingena uhambo lwayo. 16 Leyondoda
eyayiphiwe amathalenta amahlanu yahle
yasuka yayayisebenzisa leyomali yazuza amanye
amahlanu. 17 Yenza njalo laleyo eyayiphiwe
amabili, yazuza amanye amabili. 18 Kodwa
indoda eyayiphiwe ithalenta elilodwa yasuka
yemba igodi emhlabathini yayifihla imali
yenkosi yayo. 19 Ngemva kwesikhathi eside
umnini walezozinceku wabuya wafisa ukwazi
ukuthi babehambise njani ngaleyomali. 20
Leyondoda eyayiphiwe amathalenta amahlanu
yaletha amanye amahlanu. Yathi, 'Nkosi,
wangethemba ngamathalenta amahlanu.
Khangela, sengizuze amanye amahlanu.' 21
Umnini wayo waphendula wathi, 'Wenze kuhle,
nceku elungileyo lethembekileyo! Uthembekile
ezintweni ezilutshwane; ngizakugcinisa izinto
ezinengi. Woza uzojabula kanye lenkosi yakho!'
22 Indoda eyayilamathalenta amabili layo yeza.
Yathi, 'Nkosi, wangethemba ngamathalenta
amabili; khangela, sengizuze amanye amabili.'
23 Umniniyo waphendula wathi, 'Wenze kuhle,
nceku elungileyo lethembekileyo! Uthembekile
ngezinto ezilutshwane; ngizakugcinisa izinto
ezinengi. Woza uzojabula kanye lenkosi
yakho!' 24 Kwasekusiza leyondoda eyayiphiwe
ithalenta elilodwa. Yathi, 'Nkosi, bengikwazi
ukuthi uyindoda elukhuni, evuna lapho
engahlanyelanga khona njalo ibuthe lapho

engazange ihaze khona inhlanyelo. 25 Yikho
ngesaba ngasuka ngayafihla ithalenta lakho
emhlabathini. Khangela, nanku okungokwakho.'
26 Inkosi yaphendula yathi, 'Wena nceku
embi lelivila! Utsho ukuthi wazile ukuthi
ngivuna lapho engingahlanyelanga khona
njalo ngibuthe lapho engingahazanga khona
inhlanyelo? 27 Kube imali yami uyifake
ebhanga, ukuze kuthi ekubuyeni kwami
ngiyizuze isizele. 28 Mthatheleni ithalenta
lelo liliphe lowo olamathalenta alitshumi.
29 Ngoba lowo olakho uzaphiwa okunye
njalo abesesiba lokunengi. Lowo ongelakho,
lalokho alakho uzakwemukwa. 30 Manje-ke,
iphoseni ngaphandle inceku engelamsebenzi,
ebumnyameni lapho okuzakuba khona
ukukhala lokugedla kwamazinyo.'" 31 "Nxa
iNdodana yoMuntu isisiza ngenkazimulo yayo,
ikanye lezingilosi zonke, izahlala esihlalweni
sayo sobukhosi ilenkazimulo yasezulwini.
32 Zonke izizwe zizabuthaniswa phambi
kwayo, ibe isisahlukanisa abantu omunye
komunye njengomelusi esehlukanisa izimvu
embuzini. 33 Izabeka izimvu ngasekwesokunene
kwayo lembuzi ngakwesokhohlo. 34 Lapho-ke
iNkosi izakuthi kulabo abangakwesokunene
sayo, 'Wozani, lina elibusiswe nguBaba;
thathani ilifa lenu, umbuso owalungiselwa
lina kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba. 35
Ngoba ngangilambile, langinika ulutho
oludliwayo, ngangomile langipha okunathwayo,
ngangiyisihambi langinxusela endlini,
36 ngangiswele izembatho langigqokisa,
ngangigula langonga, ngangisentolongweni
lazongibona.' 37 Abalungileyo bazamphendula
bathi, 'Nkosi, sakubona nini ulambile sakupha
ukudla na, kumbe womile sakunathisa? 38
Sakubona nini uyisihambi sakunxusela endlini
na, kumbe uswele izembatho sakugqokisa? 39
Sakubona nini ugula kumbe usentolongweni
seza sazakubona na?' 40 INkosi izaphendula
ithi, 'Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi loba yini
elayenzela loba ngomncinyane kanganani
walaba abazalwane bami, lakwenzela mina.'
41 INkosi izakuthi kulabo abakwesokhohlo
sayo, 'Xekani kimi lina eliqalekisiweyo liye
emlilweni ongapheliyo owalungiselwa uSathane
lezingilosi zakhe. (aiōnios g166) 42 Ngoba
ngangilambile, kalingiphanga lutho lokudla,
ngangomile kalingiphanga lutho lokunatha, 43
ngangiyisihambi kalinginxuselanga endlini,
ngangiswele izembatho kalingigqokisanga,
ngangigula njalo ngisentolongweni kalizange
lingethekelele.' 44 Labo bazaphendula bathi,
'Nkosi, sakubona nini ulambile kumbe womile
kumbe uyisihambi kumbe ungelazigqoko
kumbe ugula noma usentolongweni asaze
sakunceda na?' 45 Izaphendula ithi, 'Ngilitshela
iqiniso ukuthi, loba kuyini elingakwenzelanga
oyedwa nje omncinyane kulabo bonke walaba,
kalikwenzelanga mina.' 46 Bazasuka baye
ekujezisweni kwaphakade, kodwa abalungileyo
baye ekuphileni okungapheliyo." (aiōnios g166)

26 UJesu eseqedile ukukhuluma zonke
lezi izinto, wathi kubafundi bakhe, 2
"Njengoba lisazi, sekusele insuku ezimbili
ukuba iPhasika lifike, njalo iNdodana yoMuntu
izanikelwa ukuba ibethelwe." 3 Abaphristi
abakhulu labadala babantu basebeqoqana
egumeni lomphristi omkhulu owayethiwa
nguKhayifasi, 4 baceba ukubopha uJesu ngasese
bambulale. 5 Bathi, "Kakungabi ngesikhathi
somkhosi funa kube lesiphithiphithi
ebantwini." 6 Kwathi uJesu eseBhethani
endlini yendoda eyayithiwa nguSimoni
owayelobulephero, 7 kweza kuye owesifazane
ephethe imbodlela yamakha adula kakhulu
wawathela ekhanda likaJesu owayeyeme
etafuleni. 8 Abafundi bathi bekubona lokho
bacasuka. Basebebuza bathi, "Adlaliselwani
kanje na? 9 Amakha la abengathengiswa
ngemali ephezulu leyomali iphiwe abampofu."
10 UJesu esekunanzelele lokhu wathi kubo,
"Limkhathazelani owesifazane lo na? Wenze
into enhle kimi. 11 Abampofu lizahlala
lilabo kokuphela, kodwa kalisoze libe lami
kokuphela. 12 Uthe ethululela amakha la
emzimbeni wami ubesenzela ukungilungiselela
ukungcwatshwa. 13 Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi
langaphi lapho okuzatshunyayelwa ivangeli
leli emhlabeni wonke, lokhu akwenzileyo
kuzakhulunywa, kube yisikhumbuzo ngaye."
14 Kwathi omunye wabalitshumi lambili,

lowo owayethiwa nguJudasi Iskariyothi, waya
kubaphristi abakhulu 15 wabuza wathi,
“Lizangiphani nxa ngimnikela kini?” Base
bembalela inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi
amathathu. 16 Kusukela khonapho uJudasi
wadinga ithuba lokuba amnikele. 17 Ngosuku
lokuqala loMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo
abafundi beza kuJesu bambuza bathi, “Ufuna
senzele ngaphi amalungiselelo okuthi udle
iPhasika na?” 18 Waphendula wathi, “Ngenani
edolobheni komunye umuntu limtshele lithi,
‘UMfundisi uthi: Isikhathi sami esimisiweyo
sesiseduze. Ngizakudla iPhasika labafundi bami
endlini yakho.’” 19 Ngakho abafundi benza
njengokulayelwa kwabo nguJesu balungisa
iPhasika. 20 Kwathi kusihlwa, uJesu wayehlezi
eyeme etafuleni elabalitshumi lambili. 21
Kwathi besidla wathi, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi
omunye wenu uzanginikela.” 22 Badana kakhulu
basebesithi kuye ngamunye, “Pho kawutsho
mina Nkosi?” 23 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lowo
odle kanye lami emganwini uzanginikela. 24
INdodana yoMuntu kwenzakala kuyo njengoba
kulotshiwe ngayo. Kodwa maye kulowomuntu
ozanikela iNdodana yoMuntu! Bekungaba
ngcono kuye ngabe wayengazalwanga.” 25
Wasesithi uJudasi, lowo owayezamnikela, “Pho
kawutsho mina, Rabi?” UJesu waphendula
wathi, “Yebo, nguwe okutshoyo.” 26 Bathi
besadla uJesu wathatha isinkwa wabonga,
wasihlephula wasipha abafundi bakhe esithi,
“Thathani lidle; lokhu kungumzimba wami.”
27 Wasethatha inkezo, esebongile, wabanika
esithi, “Nathani kuyo, lonke. 28 Leli ligazi
lami lesivumelwano, elichithelwe abanengi
ekuthethelelweni kwezono. 29 Ngiyalitshela,
angisayikuphinda nginathe okwesithelo
sevini, kusukela manje kuze kube yilolosuku
lapho engizakunatha khona kabutsha lani
embusweni kaBaba.” 30 Bathi sebehlabele ihubo
baphuma baya eNtabeni yama-Oliva. 31 UJesu
wasebatshela wathi, “Ngabona lobubusuku
lizakwenyela ngami, ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
‘Ngizatshaya umelusi izimvu zomhlambi
zizahlakazeka.’ 32 Kodwa ngemva kokuba
sengivukile kwabafileyo, ngizalandulela ukuya
eGalile.” 33 UPhethro waphendula wathi,
“Loba bonke bangaze benyele ngenxa yakho,
mina kimi ngezake kwenzeke.” 34 UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Ngikutshela iqiniso ukuthi
ngabona lobubusuku, iqhude lingakakhali
uzangiphika kathathu.” 35 Kodwa uPhethro
wala wagomela wathi, “Loba kungenzeka
ukuba ngife lawe, ngeke lanini ngikuphike.”
Abanye abafundi labo batsho njalo. 36
UJesu wasehamba labafundi bakhe endaweni
eyayithiwa yiGetsemane, wasesithi kubo,
“Hlalani lapha, mina ngisaya laphayana
ukuyakhuleka.” 37 Wathatha uPhethro
lamadodana kaZebhediya womabili wahamba
labo, waseqala ukuhlulukelwa lokukhathazeka.
38 Wasesithi kubo, “Umphefumulo wami
ugajelwa lusizi kuze kuthi ngife. Hlalani
lapha lilinde lami.” 39 Wahamba ibanganyana,
wazilahla phansi wathi mbo ngobuso wakhuleka
wathi, “Baba, nxa kungenzeka, sengathi
inkezo le ingasuswa kimi. Kodwa akungabi
yintando yami, kodwa kube yintando yakho.”
40 Wasephenduka kubafundi bakhe wabafica
belele. Wabuza uPhethro wathi, “Lina madoda
kambe kulehlule ukulinda kanye lami okwehola
elilodwa nje? 41 Lindani likhuleke ukuze
lingaweli ekulingweni. Umoya uyathanda
kodwa umzimba ubuthakathaka.” 42 Wahamba
njalo okwesibili wakhuleka wathi, “Baba
wami, nxa kungenzeki ukuthi linkezo isuswe
ngaphandle kokuthi ngiyinathe, intando yakho
mayenziwe.” 43 Wathi esebuya wabafica njalo
sebelele, ngoba amehlo abo ayenzima. 44
Ngakho wasebatshiya waphinda wahamba
njalo wayakhuleka okwesithathu ephinda
into yinye. 45 Wasebuyela kubafundi wathi
kubo, “Lilele, liyaphumula na? Khangelani,
isikhathi sesisondele, iNdodana yoMuntu
isizanikelwa ezandleni zezoni. 46 Phakamani!
Kasihambeni! Nangu usesiza onginikelayo.”
47 Wathi esakhuluma, uJudasi, omunye
wabalitshumi lambili wafika. Wayehamba
lexuku elikhulu lihlomile ngezinkemba
lezinduku lithunywe ngabaphristi abakhulu
labadala babantu. 48 Omnikelayo wayelungisile
labo isiboniso wathi: “Lowo engizamanga
nguye; mbopheni.” 49 UJudasi wahle waqonda
kuJesu wathi, “Sabona, Rabi!” wamanga. 50

UJesu waphendula wathi, “Mfowethu, yenza
lokho okulandileyo.” Asesondela amadoda,
amdumela uJesu ambopha. 51 Khonapho
omunye wabaphelekezeli bakaJesu wakhokha
inkemba yakhe wagadla encekwini yomphristi
omkhulu, wayiquma indlebe. 52 UJesu wathi
kuye, “Buyisela inkemba yakho endaweni yayo,
ngoba bonke abakhokha inkemba bazakufa
ngenkemba. 53 Ucabanga ukuthi ngingaze
ngacela kuBaba, masinyane nje angiphe amaviyo
alitshumi lambili ezingilosi? 54 Kodwa phela
ibingagcwaliseka kanjani imibhalo ethi kumele
kwenzeke ngale indlela na?” 55 Khonapho uJesu
wathi exukwini labantu, “Kanti ngikhokhela
umvukela yini lize lihlome ngezinkemba
lezinduku ukuzangibamba na? Insuku zonke
ngangihlala emagumeni ethempeli ngifundisa,
kodwa kalingibophanga. 56 Kodwa lokhu
kwenzeke ukuze kugcwaliseke imibhalo
yabaphrofethi.” Khonapho abafundi bonke
bamtshiya babaleka. 57 Labo abambophayo uJesu
bamusa kuKhayifasi, umphristi omkhulu, lapho
okwasekubuthene khona abafundisi bomthetho
labadala. 58 Kodwa uPhethro wayemlandela
ehambela khatshana waze wayangena
egumeni lomphristi omkhulu. Wangena
wahlala phansi lamanxusa efuna ukubona
okwakuzakwenzakala. 59 Abaphristi abakhulu
leSanihedrini yonke babedinga ubufakazi
bamanga ngoJesu ukuze bambulale. 60 Kodwa
babuswela, lanxa abanengi ofakazi bamanga
bavela. Ekucineni ababili beza phambili 61
bathi, “Umfokazi lo wathi, ‘Ngilamandla
okulidiliza ithempeli likaNkulunkulu ngiphinde
ngilakhe kutsha ngezinsuku ezintathu.’” 62
Umphristi omkhulu wasesukuma wathi kuJesu,
“Kawuyikuphendula na? Kuyini kanti lokhu
okufakazwa ngamadoda la ngawe na?” 63
Kodwa uJesu wala elokhu ethule. Umphristi
omkhulu wathi kuye, “Ngiyakulaya, ngifunga
ngoNkulunkulu ophilayo ngithi: Sitshele ingabe
unguKhristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu.” 64
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Yebo, kunjengoba
usitsho. Kodwa ngithi kini lonke: Ngesikhathi
esizayo lizayibona iNdodana yoMuntu
ihlezi kwesokunene sikaMninimandla isehla
ngamayezi ezulwini.” 65 Khonapho umphristi
omkhulu wadabula izigqoko zakhe wathi,
“Uyahlambaza! Sisafunelani abanye ofakazi na?
Khangelani, manje selikuzwile ukuhlambaza. 66
Lithini ngakho?” Baphendula bathi, “Ufanele
ukufa.” 67 Basebemkhafulela emehlweni njalo
bamdutshuza ngenqindi. Abanye bamakala 68
bathi, “Phrofitha kithi, wena Khristu. Ngubani
okutshayileyo?” 69 UPhethro wayehlezi phandle
egumeni, kwasekusiza kuye intombazana
eyincekukazi yathi kuye, “Lawe njalo
wawuloJesu waseGalile.” 70 Kodwa walandula
phambi kwabo bonke. Wathi, “Angikwazi
lokho okhuluma ngakho.” 71 Wasesuka
ephuma entubeni lapho abonwa khona ngenye
intombazana eyathi ebantwini khonapho,
“Umfokazi lo wayeloJesu waseNazaretha.” 72
Walandula njalo efunga esithi, “Kangiyazi
indoda leyo!” 73 Ngemva kwesikhatshana
labo ababemi khonapho baya kuPhethro
bathi, “Ngempela ungomunye wabo ngoba
indlela okhuluma ngayo iyakuceba.” 74
Wasekhihliza iziqalekiso phezu kwakhe wafunga
kubo wathi, “Angimazi mina lowomuntu!”
Masinyane iqhude lakhala. 75 UPhethro
waselikhumbula ilizwi elakhulunywa nguJesu
esithi: “Iqhude lingakakhali uzangilandula
kathathu.” Waphumela ngaphandle wakhala
kabuhlungu.

27 Ekuseni ngovivi bonke abaphristi abakhulu
labadala babantu benza isinqumo
sokumbulala uJesu. 2 Bambopha, bamqhuba,
bamnikela kuPhilathu umbusi. 3 Kwathi
uJudasi, owayemnikele, esebona ukuthi uJesu
wayesegwetshiwe, wadabuka ngokuzisola,
wabuyisela inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi
amathathu kubaphristi abakhulu labadala. 4
Wathi, “Ngenze isono, ngoba nginikele igazi
elingelacala.” Baphendula bathi, “silani lalokho
thina? Lokho kungumlandu wakho.” 5 Ngakho
uJudasi wayiphosela ethempelini leyomali
wahamba. Wasuka lapho wayazibophela. 6
Abaphristi abakhulu bazidobha inhlamvu zemali
lezo bathi, “Kungaphandle komthetho ukufaka
imali le esitsheni somnikelo ngoba yimali
yegazi.” 7 Ngakho basebemisa ukuyisebenzisa
ukuthenga isiqinti sombumbi sibe yindawo

yamangcwaba abantu bezizweni. 8 Yikho
yabizwa ngokuthi yiNsimu yeGazi kuze kube
namuhla. 9 Kwasekugcwaliseka okwakhulunywa
nguJeremiya umphrofethi ukuthi: “Bathatha
inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu,
intengo eyamiswa ngaye ngabantu bako-
Israyeli, 10 bazisebenzisa ukuthenga insimu
yombumbi, njengokulaywa kwami yiNkosi.”
11 Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wamiswa phambi
kombusi, umbusi wasebuza wathi, “Uyinkosi
yamaJuda na?” “Njengoba usitsho,” kuphendula
uJesu. 12 Wayesithi nxa ethonisiswa
ngabaphristi abakhulu labadala angaze
aphendula. 13 UPhilathu wasembuza wathi,
“Awubuzwa yini ubufakazi abakwethesa
bona?” 14 Kodwa uJesu wathula, kazaphendula
lamlandu munye, okwamangalisa umbusi
kakhulu. 15 Kwakungumkhuba wakhe umbusi
ukuthi ngomkhosi akhulule isibotshwa
esikhethwe lixuku labantu. 16 Ngalesosikhathi
kwakulesibotshwa esasigange kubi, sithiwa
nguJesu isibongo saso singuBharabhasi. 17
Kuthe abantu sebebuthene uPhilathu wababuza
wathi, “Lifuna ngilikhululele wuphi na,
uBharabhasi loba uJesu othiwa nguKhristu?”
18 Ngoba wayesazi ukuthi kwakungenxa
yomhawu okwenza banikela uJesu kuye. 19
Kwathi uPhilathu esahlezi esihlalweni sakhe
sokwahlulela, umkakhe wamthumela ilizwi
wathi: “Ungayingeni indaba yomuntu lowo
ongelacala, ngoba lamuhla ngihluphekile
kakhulu ngaye emaphutsheni.” 20 Kodwa
abaphristi abakhulu labadala bakhuthaza
abantu ukuthi bacele uBharabhasi, bathi
uJesu kabulawe. 21 Wabuza umbusi wathi,
“Lifuna ngilikhululele wuphi phakathi
kwalaba ababili na?” Baphendula bathi,
“UBharabhasi.” 22 UPhilathu wabuza wathi,
“Pho ngenzeni ngoJesu othiwa nguKhristu?”
Bonke bamphendula bathi, “Mbethele!”
23 UPhilathu wabuza wathi, “Yindaba?
Woneni?” Kodwa bamemeza ngamandla bathi,
“Mbethele!” 24 Kwathi uPhilathu esebona
ukuthi akusela enye indlela, kwasekuzavuka
isiyaluyalu, wathatha amanzi wageza izandla
zakhe phambi kwexuku wathi, “Angilacala
ngegazi lalumuntu. Ngumlandu wenu!” 25 Bonke
abantu bamphendula bathi, “Yekela igazi lakhe
libe phezu kwethu laphezu kwabantwabethu!”
26 Wasebakhululela uBharabhasi. Wathi uJesu
katshaywe, wasemnikeza ukuba abethelwe.
27 Amabutho ombusi asemthatha uJesu
amngenisa ePhritoriyamu, inkundla yombusi,
wabuthanelwa liviyo lonke lamabutho. 28
Bamkhulula izigqoko zakhe bamgqokisa
ijazi elibomvu, 29 basebeseluka umqhele
wameva bamethesa wona. Bamphathisa
intonga kwesokunene sakhe baguqa phambi
kwakhe bamklolodela. Bathi, “Bayethe, Nkosi
yamaJuda!” 30 Bamkhafulela, bamthathela
lowomqwayi bamtshaya bemphindaphinda
ekhanda. 31 Sebemklolodele, bamhlubula ijazi
bamgqokisa ezakhe. Basebemqhuba besiya
mbethela. 32 Bathi sebephumela ngaphandle
bahlangana lendoda yaseKhureni, ethiwa
nguSimoni, bayibamba ngamandla ukuthi
ithwale isiphambano. 33 Bafika endaweni
ethiwa kuseGoligotha (okutsho ukuthi
“Indawo yoKhakhayi”). 34 Khonapho uJesu
bamupha iwayini ukuba anathe, lixutshaniswe
lenyongo; kodwa wonela ukulinambitha
wasesala ukulinatha. 35 Kwathi sebembethele
behlukaniselana izigqoko zakhe ngokwenza
inkatho. 36 Bahlala phansi bamlinda khonapho.
37 Phezu kwekhanda lakhe babeka umbhalo
wecala lakhe owawusithi, Lo nguJesu, iNkosi
yamaJuda. 38 Izigebenga ezimbili zabethelwa
kanye laye, esinye ngakwesokunene sakhe,
esinye ngakwesokhohlo. 39 Labo ababesedlula
lapho babemhlambaza, benikina amakhanda
besithi, 40 “Wena ozadiliza ithempeli
ulakhe ngezinsuku ezintathu, zisindise!
Yehla esiphambanweni nxa uyiNdodana
kaNkulunkulu!” 41 Ngokunjalo abaphristi
abakhulu, labafundisi bomthetho kanye
labadala bamklolodela. 42 Bathi, “Wasindisa
abanye, kodwa uyehluleka ukuzisindisa
yena! UyiNkosi yako-Israyeli! Kehle manje
esiphambanweni ukuze simkholwe. 43
Uthembele kuNkulunkulu. UNkulunkulu
kamsindise phela manje nxa emfuna, ngoba
wathi, ‘NgiyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.’” 44
Ngaleyondlela izigebenga ezazibethelwe
kanye laye lazo zamthethisa ngenhlamba.

45 Kusukela emini kwaze kwaba lihola
lesithathu emini ubumnyama bembesa
lonke ilizwe. 46 Ngehola lesithathu emini
uJesu wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu wathi,
“Eloyi, Eloyi, lamasabakithani?” (okutsho
ukuthi, “Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu wami,
kungani usungidelile na?”). 47 Kwathi abanye
kwababemi lapho bekuzwa lokho bathi, “Ubiza
u-Elija.” 48 Masinyane omunye wabo wagijima
wathatha isipontshi. Wasicwilisa phakathi
kwewayini elimunyu, wasixhuma oluthini
wasidlulisela kuJesu ukuthi anathe. 49 Abanengi
bathi, “Myekele. Ake sibone ingabe u-Elija
uzakuza azomsindisa.” 50 UJesu esephindile
ukumemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, umoya wakhe
waphuma. 51 Ngalesosikhathi ikhetheni
lethempeli laqhekezeka kabili kusukela
phezulu kusiya phansi. Umhlaba wazamazama
lamatshe aqhekezeka. 52 Amathuna avuleka,
izidumbu zabantu abanengi abangcwele
abafayo zavuswa kwabafileyo. 53 Baphuma
emathuneni, kwathi ngemva kokuvuka kukaJesu
kwabafileyo baya edolobheni elingcwele
bavela ebantwini abanengi. 54 Kwathi ukuba
induna yekhulu kanye lalabo ababelinde
uJesu bebona ukuzamazama komhlaba kanye
lakho konke okwakwenzakele, besaba kakhulu,
bababaza bathi, “Ngempela ubeyiNdodana
kaNkulunkulu!” 55 Kwakulabesifazane abanengi,
bebukele bebucwala. Babelandele uJesu besuka
eGalile ukuthi banakekele izinswelo zakhe. 56
Phakathi kwabo kwakuloMariya Magadalini,
loMariya unina kaJakhobe loJosefa kanye lonina
wamadodana kaZebhediya. 57 Kwathi ilanga
selithambeme, kwafika indoda enothileyo yase-
Arimathiya, eyayibizwa ngokuthi nguJosefa,
yena owayesengumfundi kaJesu. 58 Waya
kuPhilathu wayacela isidumbu sikaJesu,
uPhilathu walaya ukuba asiphiwe. 59 UJosefa
wasithatha isidumbu wasigoqela ngelembu
elihlanzekileyo lelineni, 60 wayasibeka ethuneni
lakhe elitsha ayeligubhe edwaleni. Wagiqela
ilitshe elikhulu emlonyeni wethuna wasehamba.
61 UMariya Magadalini lomunye uMariya
babehlezi khonapho malungana lethuna.
62 Ngosuku olulandelayo, oluza ngemva
kosuku lokuLungisela, abaphristi abakhulu
labaFarisi baya kuPhilathu. 63 Bathi, “Nkosi,
siyakhumbula ukuthi esaphila umkhohlisi
loyana wathi yena, ‘Ngemva kwensuku
ezintathu ngizavuka kwabafileyo.’ 64 Ngakho
yenza ukuthi ithuna lilindwe kuze kube lusuku
lwesithathu. Engxenye abafundi bakhe bangeza
bantshontshe isidumbu sakhe, batshele abantu
ukuthi usevukile kwabafileyo. Inkohliso le
ingabambi kakhulu kuleyakuqala.” 65 UPhilathu
waphendula wathi, “Thathani abalindi.
Hambani liyevikela ithuna njengokubona
kwenu.” 66 Basebehamba ukuyalinda lokuqinisa
ithuna ngokubeka uphawu phezu kwelitshe
njalo bamisa abalindi.

28 Ngemva kweSabatha, ekuseni ngovivi
losuku lokuqala lweviki, uMariya
Magadalini lomunye uMariya baya
ethuneni besiyakhangela. 2 Kwaba
lokuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu ngoba
ingilosi yeNkosi yehla ivela ezulwini,
yaya ethuneni yaligiqela ilitshe eceleni
yahlala phezu kwalo. 3 Ukubonakala kwayo
kwakunjengombane, lezigqoko zayo zimhlophe
nke njengongqwaqwane. 4 Abalindi besaba baze
bathuthumela baba njengabafileyo. 5 Ingilosi
yathi kwabesifazane, “Lingesabi, ngoba ngiyazi
ukuthi lidinga uJesu obebethelwe. 6 Kakho
lapha; usevukile kwabafileyo njengoba watsho.
Wozani libone indawo abelele kuyo. 7 Hambani
masinyane liyetshela abafundi bakhe lithi:
‘Usevukile kwabafileyo, uselandulele ukuya
eGalile. Kulapho elizambona khona.’ Mina
sengilitshelile manje.” 8 Ngakho abesifazane
basuka ngokuphangisa ethuneni, besesaba
kodwa begcwele intokozo, bagijima ukuyatshela
abafundi bakhe. 9 Khonokho uJesu wahlangana
labo. Wathi, “Salibonani.” Beza kuye,
bamnamathela ngezandla ezinyaweni zakhe
bamkhonza. 10 UJesu wasesithi kubo, “Lingesabi.
Hambani liyetshela abafowethu ukuthi baye
eGalile; kulapho abazangibona khona.” 11
Kwathi abesifazane sebehambile besendleleni,
abanye babalindi bangena edolobheni
bayabika kubaphristi abakhulu ngakho
konke okwakwenzakele. 12 Kwathi abaphristi
abakhulu sebehlangene labadala babopha

icebo, bafumbathisa abalindi imali ezwayo, **13**
babatshela bathi, “Libokuthi, ‘Abafundi bakhe
beze ebusuku bamntshontsha thina silele.’ **14**
Nxa lelilizwi lifika kumbusi, sizamsuthisa ukuze
lani lingangeni enkathazweni.” **15** Ngakho
amabutho ayithatha imali enza njengokulaywa
kwawo. Yikho indaba le seyandiswa yakhula
phakathi kwamaJuda kuze kube lamuhla. **16**
Abafundi abalitshumi lanye basuka baya eGalile,
baqonda entabeni uJesu ayethe baye kuyo. **17**
Bathi ukumbona bamkhonza; kodwa abanye
bathandabuza. **18** UJesu weza kubo wathi,
“Wonke amandla ezulwini lasemhlabeni aphiwe
mina. **19** Ngakho hambani lenze abafundi
ezizweni zonke, libabhaphathize ebizweni
likaBaba, leleNdodana lelikaMoya oNgcwele,
20 njalo libafundise ukulalela konke engililaye
ngakho. Ngempela ngilani kokuphela, kuze
kube sekupheleni kwesikhathi.” **(aiōn g165)**

UMakho

1 Ukuqala kwevangeli ngoJesu Khristu,
indodana kaNkulunkulu. 2 Kulotshiwe
kumphrofethi u-Isaya ukuthi: “Ngizathuma
isithunywa sami phambi kwakho, esizalungisa
indlela yakho”: 3 “ilizwi lalowo omemezayo
enkangala, ‘Lungiselani iNkosi indlela, yenzeleni
izindledlana eziqondileyo.’” 4 Kwasekufika
uJohane Umbhaphathizi, etshumayela
emangweni wasenkangala ubhaphathizo
lokuphenduka ukuze kuthethelelwe izono. 5
Umango wonke waseJudiya kanye labantu bonke
baseJerusalema baphuma baya kuye. Bevuma
izono zabo, babhaphathizwa nguye eMfuleni
uJodani. 6 UJohane wayevunula izigqoko
ezazenziwe ngoboya bekamela, elebhanti
lesikhumba okhalweni lwakhe, esidla intethe
loluju lwezinyosi zeganga. 7 Intshumayelo yakhe
yayisithi: “Ngemva kwami kuzafika omunye
ozaba lamandla kulami, imichilo yamanyathela
akhe akungilinganangа ukuthi ngikhothame
ngiyithukulule. 8 Mina ngilibhaphathiza
ngamanzi, kodwa yena uzalibhaphathiza
ngoMoya oNgcwele.” 9 Ngalesosikhathi
uJesu weza evela eNazaretha eseGalile
wabhaphathizwa nguJohane kuJodani. 10 UJesu
ephuma emanzini wabona izulu livuleka uMoya
usehlela phezu kwakhe unjengejuba. 11 Kwafika
ilizwi livela ezulwini lathi: “Wena uyiNdodana
yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza kakhulu
ngawe.” 12 Masinyane uMoya wamthumela
enkangala, 13 wahlala khona enkangala insuku
ezingamatshumi amane elingwa nguSathane.
Wayehlala lezinyamazana zeganga, izingilosi
zazomnakekela. 14 UJohane esevalelwe
entolongweni, uJesu waya eGalile ememezela
izindaba ezinhle zikaNkulunkulu. 15 Wathi,
“Isikhathi sesifikile. Umbuso kaNkulunkulu
ususeduze. Phendukani likholwe izindaba
ezinhle!” 16 Kwathi uJesu ehambahamba
okhunjini loLwandle lwaseGalile wabona
uSimoni lomfowabo u-Andreya bephosa
umambule olwandle ngoba babengabagoli
benhlanzi. 17 Wathi kubo, “Wozani lingilandele,
ngizalenza abagoli babantu.” 18 Bahle batshiya
omambule babo bamlandela. 19 Wathi
esehambile elinye ibanga wabona uJakhobe
indodana kaZebhediya elomfowabo uJohane
besesikepeni, belungisa omambule babo. 20
Wahle wababiza, batshiya uyise uZebhediya
esikepeni kanye lezisebenzi bamlandela. 21 Baya
eKhaphenawume, kwathi iSabatha selifikile,
uJesu waya esinagogeni waqalisa ukufundisa.
22 Abantu bamangaliswa yikufundisa kwakhe
ngoba wayefundisa njengomuntu olamandla,
hatshi njengabafundisi bomthetho. 23
Khonokho nje indoda eyayisesinagogeni labo
eyayiphethwe ngumoya omubi yamemeza
yathi, 24 “Ufunani kithi, Jesu waseNazaretha?
Ulande ukuza sibhubhisa na? Ngiyakwazi
ukuthi ungubani, ungoNgcwele kaNkulunkulu!”
25 UJesu wakhwaza wathi kuye “Thula! Phuma
kuye!” 26 Umoya omubi wayidlukuza ngamandla
indoda waphuma kuyo uklabalala. 27 Abantu
bamangala baze babuzana bathi, “Kuyini
lokhu? Yikufundisa okutsha njalo okulamandla!
Ngoba ulaya imimoya emibi imlalele.” 28
Izindaba ngaye zamemetheka ngokuphangisa
kuwo wonke umango waseGalile. 29 Bonela
ukusuka esinagogeni bahamba loJakhobe
loJohane baya emzini kaSimoni lo-Andreya. 30
Uninazala kaSimoni wayelele phansi ephethwe
ngumkhuhlane, basebetshela uJesu ngaye. 31
Ngakho wasesiya kuye, wambamba isandla
wasemvusa. Umkhuhlane waphuma kuye, wahle
waqalisa ukubaphakela. 32 Ngaleyontambama
ilanga selitshonile abantu baletha kuJesu bonke
abagulayo labaphethwe ngamadimoni. 33
Idolobho lonke lagcwala emnyango, 34 uJesu
wasilisa abanengi ababelezifo ezehlukeneyo.
Njalo wakhupha amadimoni amanengi,
kodwa kaze awavumela amadimoni ukuthi
akhulume ngoba ayemazi ukuthi ungubani.
35 Ekuseni kakhulu, kusesempondozankomo,
uJesu wavuka, waphuma endlini waya
endaweni esekusithekeni, lapho akhuleka
khona. 36 USimoni labakhula bakhe bahamba
ukuyamdinga, 37 sebembonile, bathi, “Abantu
bonke bayakudinga!” 38 UJesu waphendula
wathi, “Kasiyeni kwenye indawo, emizini
eseduze ukuze ngiyetshumayela lakhona.
Yikho engakulandayo.” 39 Kanjalo walibhoda

lonke elaseGalile etshumayela emasinagogweni
abo njalo ekhupha amadimoni. 40 Kweza
kuye indoda eyayilobulephero yamncenga
iguqe phansi ngamadolo yathi, “Nxa uthanda
ungangihlambulula.” 41 UJesu eyizwela isihawu
welula isandla sakhe wayibamba indoda.
Wathi, “Ngiyathanda. Hlanzeka!” 42 Masinyane
ubulephero baphela, wahlambuluka. 43 UJesu
wahle wathi kahambe, wamqonqosela wathi, 44
“Zwana, ungatsheli muntu ngalokhu. Kodwa
hamba uyeziveza kumphristi ubusunikela
umhlatshelo wokuhlanjululwa kwakho
owamiswa nguMosi ukuze kube yibufakazi
kubo.” 45 Kodwa wasuka wahle wavula isifuba
sakhe wayisakaza indaba. Ngenxa yalokho uJesu
wayengabe esangena obala edolobheni, kodwa
wasehlala ngaphandle endaweni eziyinkangala.
Loba kunjalo abantu babelokhu bethululeka
besiza kuye beqhamuka inxa zonke.

2 Ngemva kwezinsukwana, uJesu esengenile
njalo eKhaphenawume, abantu bezwa ukuthi
wayesebuyile ekhaya. 2 Bathi cwi ndawonye
kwaze kwasweleka indawo langasemnyango,
watshumayela ilizwi kubo. 3 Kwafika amadoda
amane ethwele eyayome umhlubulo. 4 Kwathi
ngoba bengafinyeleli kuJesu ngenxa yexuku,
bavula isikhala ephahleni malungana loJesu,
emva kokuphendla ngaso, behlisela umendlalo
owawulele indoda eyome umhlubulo. 5 Kwathi
uJesu ebona ukholo lwawo wathi endodeni
eyome umhlubulo, “Ndodana, izono zakho
sezithethelelwe.” 6 Khonapho kwakuhlezi
abanye abafundisi bomthetho, benakana
besithi, 7 “Umuntu lo ukhulumeleni kanjalo?
Uyahlambaza! Ngubani ongathethelela izono
ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu yedwa?” 8
Masinyane uJesu wakwazi emoyeni wakhe
ukuthi yilokho ababekucabanga ezinhliziyweni
zabo, wasesithi kubo, “Kungani linakana
izinto ezinje ezinhliziyweni zenu? 9 Yikuphi
okulula: ukuthi kowome umhlubulo: ‘Izono
zakho sezithethelelwe,’ loba ukuthi, ‘Phakama,
thatha icansi lakho uhambe’? 10 Kodwa ukuze
lazi ukuthi iNdodana yoMuntu ilamandla
emhlabeni ukuthethelela izono.” Wathi kowome
umhlubulo, 11 “Ngiyakutshela, phakama, thatha
icansi lakho uye ekhaya.” 12 Waphakama
wathatha icansi lakhe waphuma wahamba
bonke bemkhangele. Lokho kwamangalisa
umuntu wonke, bamdumisa uNkulunkulu
besithi, “Kasikaze sikubone okunje!” 13
UJesu waphinde wayahambahamba eduzane
lechibi. Ixuku elikhulu labantu leza kuye,
wasebafundisa. 14 Wathi elokhu ehambahamba
wabona uLevi indodana ka-Alifewu ihlezi
endaweni yokuthelisa. UJesu wathi kuye,
“Ngilandela,” ULevi wasukuma wamlandela. 15
Kwathi uJesu esidla okwakusihlwa endlini kaLevi
kwakulabathelisi abanengi “lezoni” zisidla laye
kanye labafundi bakhe, ngoba babebanengi
ababemlandela. 16 Kuthe abafundisi bomthetho
ababe ngabaFarisi bembona esidla “lezoni”
labathelisi babuza abafundi bakhe bathi,
“Wenzelani ukudla labathelisi kanye ‘lezoni’?”
17 Wathi ekuzwa lokho uJesu wathi kubo,
“Abaphilayo kabamdingi umelaphi, kodwa
abagulayo bayamdinga. Kangilandanga
ukuzobiza abalungileyo, kodwa izoni.” 18
Ngalesosikhathi abafundi bakaJohane labaFarisi
babezila. Abanye abantu beza babuza uJesu
bathi, “Kungani abafundi bakaJohane labafundi
babaFarisi bezila, kodwa abakho kabazili?” 19
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Izethekeli zomyeni
zingazila kanjani eseselazo na? Zingeke,
nxa elokhu eseselazo. 20 Kodwa sizafika
isikhathi lapho umyeni ezasuswa kuzo, zizazila
mhlalokho-ke. 21 Kakho othungela isichibi
selembu elitsha esigqokweni esidala. Nxa
ekwenza lokho, isichibi esitsha sizadonsa
esidala, ukudabuka kuqhele ngamandla. 22
Njalo kakho othela iwayini elitsha emigodleni
yezikhumba emidala. Angakwenza lokho
iwayini lizaziqhekeza izikhumba kuthi iwayini
kanye lemigodla leyo yezikhumba kuhle
konakale. Hatshi, uthela iwayini elitsha
emigodleni yezikhumba emitsha.” 23 Ngelinye
iSabatha uJesu wayedabula emasimini amabele,
kwathi abafundi bakhe belokhu behamba
bakha izikhwebu zamabele. 24 AbaFarisi bathi
kuye, “Khangela, bakwenzelani ukwephula
umthetho ngokwenza lokhu ngeSabatha na?”
25 Waphendula wathi, “Kalifundanga yini
okwenziwa nguDavida labakhula bakhe lapho

basebelambile sebeswele? 26 Ngezinsuku zika-
Abhiyatha umphristi omkhulu wangena endlini
kaNkulunkulu wadla isinkwa esingcwelisiweyo,
esivunyelwe ukudliwa ngabaphristi kuphela.
Futhi wasabela abakhula bakhe." 27 Wasesithi
kubo, "ISabatha lenzelwa abantu, hatshi ukuthi
umuntu wenzelwa iSabatha. 28 Yikho iNdodana
yoMuntu iyiNkosi njalo yeSabatha."

3 Ngesinye isikhathi uJesu wangena
esinagogweni, kukhona lapho indoda
elesandla esitshwabheneyo. 2 Abanye babo
babedinga izaba lokubeka uJesu icala, yikho
bamlinda ukubona ingabe wayezasilisa
ngeSabatha. 3 UJesu wathi endodeni yesandla
esitshwabheneyo, "Sukuma ume phambi kwabo
bonke." 4 UJesu wasebabuza wathi, "Kuyini
okusemthethweni ngeSabatha; ukwenza
okuhle loba ukwenza okubi, ukusindisa
impilo kumbe ukubulala?" Kodwa bathula
zwi. 5 Wabakhangela ngolaka, ehlutshwa
yibuqholo bezinhliziyo zabo, wasesithi
kuleyondoda, "Yelula isandla sakho." Yaselula,
isandla sesilunge saphelela. 6 AbaFarisi
basebephuma bayacebisana lamaHerodiya
ukuthi bangambulala njani uJesu. 7 UJesu
wasuka labafundi bakhe baya ngasechibini,
ixuku elikhulu labalandela lisuka eGalile. 8 Bathi
ngokuzwa konke ayekwenza abantu abanengi
beza kuye besuka eJudiya, eJerusalema,
e-Idumiya lemimangweni engaphetsheya
kweJodani lezindaweni zeThire leSidoni. 9
Ngenxa yobunengi babantu watshela abafundi
bakhe ukuba bamlungisele isikepe esincane
ukuze angaminyezelwa ngabantu. 10 Phela
wayesesilise abanengi, yikho labo ababelezifo
babeminyezela befuna ukumthinta. 11
Kwakusithi imimoya emibi ingambona iguqe
phambi kwakhe imemeze ithi, "UyiNdodana
kaNkulunkulu." 12 Kodwa wayiqonqosela ukuthi
ingaze yakhuluma ukuthi ungubani. 13 UJesu
wakhwela waya ewatheni lwentaba wabiza labo
ayebafuna, beza kuye. 14 Wakhetha abalitshumi
lambili ukuthi babelaye ukuze abathume
ukuyatshumayela 15 lokuthi babelamandla
okuxotsha amadimoni. 16 Yilaba abalitshumi
lambili abakhethayo: uSimoni (ametha ibizo
wathi nguPhethro), 17 uJakhobe indodana
kaZebhediya lomfowabo uJohane (laba wabetha
ibizo wathi bango Bhowanegesi, okutsho
ukuthi Amadodana Omdumo), 18 u-Andreya,
uFiliphu, uBhatholomewu, uMatewu, uThomasi,
uJakhobe indodana ka-Alifewu, uThediyasi,
uSimoni umZilothi 19 loJudasi Iskariyothi
onguye owamnikelayo. 20 UJesu wangena
kwenye indlu kwaphinda njalo kwabuthana
kuye ixuku, yena labafundi bakhe baze behluleka
ukudla. 21 Kwathi abendlu yangakwabo bekuzwa
lokho bamlanda ukuyambuyisa ngoba bathi,
"usephambene." 22 Kwathi abafundi bomthetho
abehla bevela eJerusalema bathi, "Ungenwe
nguBhelizebhubhi! Ukhupha amadimoni
ngenkosi yamadimoni." 23 Ngakho uJesu
wasebabiza wakhuluma labo ngemizekeliso
wathi, "Kambe uSathane angamkhupha kanjani
uSathane? 24 Nxa umbuso udabuke phakathi,
uvukelana, lowombuso ngeke ume. 25 Nxa
indlu ingabambananga, ivukelana, leyondlu
ngeke ime. 26 Njalo nxa uSathane eziphikisa,
edabuke phakathi, ngeke ame; useyatshabalala.
27 Ngempela, akakho ongangena endlini
yesiqhwaga, abuthe impahla zaso ngaphandle
kokuthi aqale asibophe lesosiqhwaga, andubana
aphange indlu yaso. 28 Ngeqiniso ngithi
kini, abantu bazakuthethelelwa zonke izono
lokuhlambaza kwabo, 29 kodwa loba ngubani
othuka uMoya oNgcwele akayikuthethelelwa;
ulecala lesono saphakade." (aiōn g165, aiōnios
g166) 30 Wakutsho lokhu ngoba babesithi,
"Ulomoya omubi." 31 Kwasekufika unina kaJesu
labafowabo. Bema phandle bathuma omunye
umuntu ukuyambiza. 32 Abantu abanengi
babehlezi bemhanqile, basebemtshela bathi,
"Unyoko labafowenu baphandle bayakudinga."
33 Wabuza wathi, "Ngobani abangumama
labafowethu na?" 34 Wasekhangela labo
ababehlezi laye bemhanqile wathi, "Nampa
abangumama labangabafowethu! 35 Loba
ngubani owenza intando kaNkulunkulu
ungumfowethu, ungudadewethu njalo
ngumama."

4 UJesu waphinda njalo wafundisa okhunjini
lwesiziba. Ixuku labantu elaqoqana

labuthana kuye laba likhulu kakhulu waze
wangena esikepeni wahlala kuso siphakathi
kwamanzi, kodwa abantu bonke bona bethe
gwaqa okhunjini ekucineni kwamanzi. 2
Wabafundisa izinto ezinengi ngemizekeliso,
ekufundiseni kwakhe wathi: 3 “Lalelani!
Umlimi waphuma wayahlanyela inhlanyelo
yakhe. 4 Kwathi eyihaza inhlanyelo, enye
yawela endleleni, kwafika izinyoni zayidobha. 5
Eyinye yawela okhetheni lapho okwakungela
mhlabathi owaneleyo. Yamila masinyane ngoba
umhlabathi wawungatshoni. 6 Kodwa kwathi
ilanga seliphumile, yahanguka yabuna ngoba
yayingelampande. 7 Enye inhlanyelo yawela
emeveni asuka akhula aminya leyonhlanyelo
yaze yehluleka ukuthela izikhwebu. 8 Eyinye
inhlanyelo yawela emhlabathini omuhle.
Yamila, yakhula, yathela amabele yanda
ngamatshumi amathathu, ayisithupha ngitsho
langekhulu.” 9 UJesu wasesithi, “Lowo
olendlebe zokuzwa kezwe.” 10 Kwathi eseyedwa,
abalitshumi lambili labanye ababeseduze
laye bambuza mayelana lemizekeliso leyo.
11 Wabatshela wathi, “Imfihlakalo yombuso
kaNkulunkulu seliyambulelwe. Kodwa
kulabo abangaphandle konke kukhulunywa
ngemizekeliso 12 ukuze, ‘bazahlala bebona
kokuphela kodwa bengabonisisi, njalo bahlale
besizwa kodwa bengaqedisisi funa baphenduke
bathethelelwe!’” 13 UJesu wasesithi kubo,
“Kaliwuzwisisi na umzekeliso lo? Pho lizawuzwa
kanjani loba yiwuphi umzekeliso? 14 Umlimi
uhlanyela ilizwi. 15 Abanye abantu bafana
lenhlanyelo esendleleni okuhlanyelwe khona
ilizwi. Bonela ukuthi balizwe uSathane uyafika
alithathe ilizwi elihlanyelwe kubo. 16 Abanye,
njengenhlanyelo eyahlanyelwa okhetheni
bayalizwa ilizwi bahle balamukele ngentokozo.
17 Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi kabalampande bema
okwesikhatshana kuphela. Kungafika uhlupho
loba ukuhlukuluzwa komhlaba baphanga
bawe. 18 Kunjalo abanye, njengenhlanyelo
ehlanyelwe emeveni, bayalizwa ilizwi; 19 kodwa
ukuphisekela izinto zalumhlaba, inkohliso
yenotho kanye lezinkanuko zezinye izinto
konke kuyeza kuliminyanise ilizwi, kulenze
lingatheli. (aiōn g165) 20 Abanye, njengenhlanyelo
ehlanyelwe emhlabathini omuhle, bayalizwa
ilizwi, balamukele, bathele izithelo, bedlule
okwakuhlanyelwe ngamatshumi amathathu,
ayisithupha loba ngekhulu.” 21 Wathi kubo,
“Uyalumathisa isibane usifake ngaphansi
kwesitsha kumbe ngaphansi kombheda na?
Kawusibeki oluthini lwaso yini? 22 Ngoba
loba yini efihliweyo kumele yambulwe,
lalokho okuthukuziweyo kumele kuvezwe
obala. 23 Nxa ekhona olendlebe zokuzwa
kezwe.” 24 Waqhubeka wathi, “Kuqapheliseni
lokho elikuzwayo. Ngaleso isilinganiso
elisisebenzisayo lizalinganiselwa ngaso
kumbe kuze kwedlulise. 25 Lowo olakho
uzakwengezelelwa; lowo ongelakho lalokho
alakho uzakwemukwa.” 26 Waphinda wathi,
“Umbuso wezulu ufana lalokhu. Indoda
ihaza inhlanyelo emhlabathini. 27 Ebusuku
lemini ingabe ilele loba ikhangele inhlanyelo
iyamila ikhule loba yona ingakwazi ukuthi
kwenzeka njani. 28 Umhlabathi uyiwo wodwa
uthela amabele, kuqala ikhaba kuze isikhwebu
besekusiza inhlamvu ezikhwetshini. 29 Kuthi
amabele angavuthwa iwavune ngesikela
ngoba ukuvuna sekufikile.” 30 Waphinde
wathi, “Sizakuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu
unjengani, kumbe sizasebenzisa umzekeliso
bani ukuwuchaza? 31 Unjengentanga
yemastadi encinyane kulazo zonke intanga
ezihlanyelwa emhlabathini. 32 Kodwa nxa
ihlanyeliwe iyakhula ibe yisihlahla esikhulu
kulazo zonke esivandeni, sibe lengatsha
ezinkulu ezihlalwa emthunzini waso yizinyoni
zezulu.” 33 UJesu walikhuluma ilizwi kubo
ngemizekeliso eminengi enjalo ukuze bazwisise.
34 Kazange atsho ulutho kubo engasebenzisanga
umzekeliso. Kodwa nxa wayeyedwa labafundi
bakhe wachaza konke. 35 Ngalelolanga
sekuntambama wathi kubafundi bakhe,
“Kasihambeni sichaphele ngaphetsheya.” 36
Batshiya ixuku, bahamba laye esikepeni enjalo.
Zazikhona njalo ezinye izikepe zihamba laye. 37
Kwaqubuka isiphepho esesabekayo, amagagasi
atshaya esikepeni kwaze kwangathi sesitshona.
38 UJesu wayengemuva ezilalele emendlalweni
obuthakathaka. Abafundi bamvusa bathi,
“Awu, mfundisi kawunanzi yini nxa sigalula?”

39 Waphakama wawukhuza umoya wathi
emagagasini, “Thulani lithi cwaka!” Ngakho
umoya wadeda, kwasekuthula cwaka. 40 Wathi
kubafundi bakhe, “Kungani lisesaba kangaka?
Lilokhu lingakholwa na?” 41 Babethuthumela
babuzana bathi, “Ungubani lo na? Kambe aze
alalelwe ngumoya lamagagasi!”

5 Bawela ichibi bafika emangweni
wamaGerazini. 2 Kwathi uJesu ephuma
esikepeni, kwaqhamuka indoda elomoya omubi
ivela emathuneni yamhlangabeza. 3 Indoda
le yayihlala emathuneni, kungaselamuntu
ongayibopha loba langeketane. 4 Ngoba
yayihlezi ibotshiwe izandla lenyawo, kodwa
iqamule amaketane lezinsimbi ezinyaweni
zayo. Kwakungekho muntu owayelamandla
okuyinqoba. 5 Ubusuku lemini yayihlaba
umkhosi isemathuneni lasezintabeni, izisike
ngamatshe. 6 Yathi ibona uJesu esesebucwala,
yagijima yafika yazilahla phansi ngamadolo
phambi kwakhe. 7 Yaklabalala ngelizwi
elikhulu yathi, “Ufunani ngami, Jesu, Ndodana
kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke? Ngegama
likaNkulunkulu ungangihlukuluzi!” 8 Ngoba
uJesu wayesethe kuyo, “Phuma kuyo indoda le,
wena moya omubi!” 9 UJesu waseyibuza wathi,
“Ungubani ibizo lakho?” Yaphendula yathi,
“Ibizo lami nguLigiyoni, ngoba sibanengi.”
10 Yamncenga uJesu futhifuthi ukuthi
angabaxotshi kulowomango. 11 Umhlambi
omkhulu wengulube wawusidla ewatheni
lwentaba eduzane. 12 Amadimoni amncenga
uJesu athi, “Sithumele ezingulubeni; sivumele
singene kuzo.” 13 Wawavumela, omoya ababi
baphuma bayangena ezingulubeni. Umhlambi
wazo, owawungaba zinkulungwane ezimbili,
wagijima usehlela eliweni lodonga wangena
echibini wagalula. 14 Labo ababezelusile
babaleka bayabika lokho edolobheni kanye
lasemaphandleni, yikho abantu baqubuka
bayabona lokho okwakwenzakele. 15 Bathi
befika kuJesu bayibona indoda eyayikade
ilamadimoni ngobunengi bawo, ihlezi
khonapho, igqokile njalo ingqondo isibuyile,
besaba kakhulu. 16 Labo ababekubonile
kusenzakala batshela abantu okwenzakalayo
endodeni eyayilamadimoni, balandisa njalo
langezingulube. 17 Abantu basebemncenga
uJesu ukuthi asuke emangweni wakibo. 18
Kwathi uJesu esengena esikepeni indoda
leyo eyayikade ilamadimoni yamncenga
ukuthi ahambe layo. 19 UJesu kayivumelanga,
kodwa wathi kuyo, “Hamba ekhaya kwabakini
ubatshele ukuba iNkosi ikwenzele okunganani,
lokuthi ibe lesihawu kuwe.” 20 Ngakho
indoda yasihamba yabatshela eDekhapholisi
konke uJesu ayeyenzele khona. Bonke abantu
bamangala. 21 Kwathi lapho uJesu esewele
njalo ngesikepe waya ngakuleliyana iphetsheya
lechibi, kwabuthana kuye ixuku elikhulu
ekhonapho eceleni kwechibi. 22 Kwasekufika
omunye wabaphathi besinagogu okwakuthiwa
nguJayirosi, wathi ebona uJesu wazilahla
ezinyaweni zakhe. 23 Wamncenga kakhulu
wathi, “Indodakazi yami encinyane iyafa.
Ngicela ubuye uzobeka izandla zakho phezu
kwayo ukuze isile njalo iphile.” 24 UJesu
wahamba laye. Ixuku elikhulu lamlandela
laminyezela. 25 Kwakulowesifazane khonapho
owayephethwe yikopha sekumhluphe iminyaka
elitshumi lambili. 26 Wayesehlupheke kakhulu
loba wayeselatshwa ngabelaphi, njalo esechithe
konke ayelakho, kodwa ekubeni abe ngcono
kwakusiya phambili. 27 Wathi esezwile ngoJesu,
weza ngemva kwakhe phakathi kwexuku
labantu wabamba isembatho sakhe, 28 ngoba
wacabanga wathi, “Nxa ngingathinta izigqoko
zakhe kodwa nje, ngizasila.” 29 Masinyane
nje ukopha kwakhe kwaphela njalo wezwa
emzimbeni wakhe ukuthi wayesekhululekile
ekuhluphekeni kwakhe. 30 Khonokho uJesu
wananzelela ukuthi amandla ayephumile
kuye. Waphendukela exukwini labantu wabuza
wathi, “Ngubani othinte izigqoko zami?” 31
Abafundi bakhe bamphendula bathi, “Lawe
uyababona abantu beminyezelana kuwe, kodwa
uyabuza uthi, ‘Ngubani ongithintileyo?’” 32
Kodwa uJesu wala elokhu ethalaza ukuze abone
ukuthi ngubani okwenzileyo lokho. 33 Ngakho
owesifazane owayekwazi okwasekwenzakele
kuye weza wazilahla ezinyaweni zakhe
eqhaqhazela ngokwesaba wahle wafakaza
iqiniso. 34 Wathi kowesifazane, “Ndodakazi,

ukholo lwakho lukusilisile. Hamba ngokuthula
ukhululeke ekuhluphekeni kwakho.” 35
UJesu elokhu esakhuluma kweza amanye
amadoda ephuma endlini kaJayirasi, umphathi
wesinagogu. Athi, “Indodakazi yakho isifile.
Kambe usamhluphelani umfundisi na?” 36 Akaze
akunaka lokho ababekutsho uJesu, wasetshela
induna yesinagogu wathi, “Ungesabi, kholwa
nje kuphela.” 37 Kavumelanga muntu ukuba
amlandele ngaphandle kukaPhethro, loJakhobe
loJohane umfowabo kaJakhobe. 38 Bathi befika
emzini wenduna yesinagogu uJesu wabona
isiphithiphithi abantu bekhala benqongoloza. 39
Wangena wathi kubo, “Ngesani isiphithiphithi
sonke lesi lomkhosi wonke lo? Umntwana
kafanga, kodwa ulele.” 40 Kodwa bamhleka
usulu. Esebakhuphele phandle bonke wathatha
uyise womntwana lonina kanye labafundi
ayelabo wangena lapho umntwana ayekhona.
41 Wambamba ngesandla wathi kuye, “Thalitha
khumi!” (okutsho ukuthi, “Ntombazana,
ngithi kuwe, sukuma!”) 42 Masinyane
intombazana yasukuma yahambahamba
(wayemdala okweminyaka elitshumi lambili).
Lokhu kwabamangalisa baphela amandla.
43 Wabaqonqosela wathi bangazisi muntu
ngalokho, wasesithi kabamuphe ukudla
untombazana.

6 UJesu wasuka lapho waya edolobheni
lakibo, ehamba labafundi bakhe. 2 Kwathi
ngeSabatha wafundisa esinagogweni, abanengi
abamuzwayo bamangala. Babuzana bathi,
“Indoda le yazithatha ngaphi izinto zonke
lezi? Yinhlakanipho enganani le ayiphiwayo
aze akwazi lokwenza imimangaliso! 3 Kanti
angithi nguye yini umbazi lo? Kayisindodana
kaMariya yini le, umnewabo kaJakhobe,
loJosefa, loJuda loSimoni? Odadewabo angithi
bakhona khonapha?” Lokho kwenza bamsola. 4
UJesu wathi kubo, “Umphrofethi kalalo udumo
kuphela edolobheni lakibo, phakathi kwezihlobo
zakhe lendlini yakwabo.” 5 Wayengeke enze
izimangaliso khona, ngaphandle kokubeka
izandla ebantwini abalutshwana abagulayo
ukuba abasilise. 6 Njalo wamangaliswa yikusilela
kwabo ekukholweni. UJesu wasenquma efundisa
imizi ngemizi. 7 Wabiza abalitshumi lambili
beza kuye, wabathumela ngababili wabapha
amandla phezu kwemimoya emibi. 8 Imilayo
yakhe yayiyile: “Lingathwali lutho kuloluhambo
ngaphandle kwentonga, lingathwali isinkwa,
isikhwama loba yimali emabhantini enu.
9 Ligqoke amanyathela kodwa lingathwali
esinye isigqoko. 10 Lapho lingena endlini
ethile, hlalani khona lize lisuke kulelodolobho.
11 Nxa indawo ethile ingalamukeli loba
ingalilaleli, dlulani kuleyondawo lithintithe
uthuli ezinyaweni zenu kube yibufakazi
bokubalahla.” 12 Basuka bahamba betshumayela
ukuthi abantu kabaphenduke. 13 Bakhupha
amadimoni amanengi njalo bagcoba abantu
abanengi abagulayo ngamafutha babasilisa. 14
Inkosi uHerodi yezwa ngalokhu, ngoba ibizo
likaJesu laselisaziwa kakhulu. Abanye babesithi,
“UJohane uMbhaphathizi uvukile kwabafileyo,
yikho amandla amangalisayo esebenza kuye.”
15 Abanye bathi, “Ungu-Elija.” Kwabuye njalo
abanye bathi, “Ungumphrofethi, njengomunye
wabaphrofethi basendulo.” 16 Kodwa kwathi
uHerodi ekuzwa lokhu wathi, “UJohane, indoda
engayiquma ikhanda usevukile kwabafileyo!”
17 Ngoba uHerodi yena ngokwakhe wayekhuphe
ilizwi lokuthi uJohane abanjwe, wathi
kabotshwe aphoselwe entolongweni. Wakwenza
lokho ngenxa kaHerodiyasi, umfazi womfowabo
uFiliphu ayesemthethe. 18 Ngoba uJohane
wayelokhu esithi kuHerodi, “Kawuvunyelwa
ukuthi uthathele umfowenu umfazi.” 19
Ngakho uHerodiyasi wahlala elesikhwili
loJohane efuna ukumbulala. Kodwa waswela
indlela yokumbulala, 20 ngoba uHerodi
wayemesaba uJohane emvikela, ngokumazi
ukuthi wayeyindoda elungileyo njalo engcwele.
Nxa wayemuzwa uJohane, wayedideka kakhulu,
kodwa ethanda ukumlalela. 21 Ekucineni
lafika elingaliyo. Ngelanga lesikhumbuzo
sokuzalwa kwakhe uHerodi wenza idili lezikhulu
zakhe labalawuli bempi kanye labakhokheli
abaziwayo eGalile. 22 Kuthe indodakazi
kaHerodiyasi isifikile yagida kamnandi
yathokozisa uHerodi lezethekeli zakhe edilini.
Inkosi yasisithi entombazaneni, “Ngicela loba
yini, ngizakupha.” 23 Wamthembisa wafunga

wathi, “Loba yini oyicelayo ngizakupha
kungaze kube yingxenye yombuso wami.”
24 Yaphuma intombazana yayakuthi kunina,
“Kambe ngiceleni?” Waphendula wathi,
“Ikhanda likaJohane uMbhaphathizi.” 25
Masinyane intombazana yatheleka enkosini
isilesicelo leso, yathi: “Ngifuna ukuthi ungiphe
khathesi nje ikhanda likaJohane uMbhaphathizi
lisemganwini.” 26 Inkosi yakhathazeka kakhulu,
kodwa ngenxa yezifungo zayo langenxa
yezethekeli zayo kayithandanga ukusala isicelo.
27 Ngakho yahle yathumela umbulali ukuba
alethe ikhanda likaJohane. Yahamba indoda
yamquma ikhanda uJohane entolongweni,
28 yaliletha ikhanda lisemganwini. Yalethula
entombazaneni, yona yalipha unina. 29 Bathi
bekuzwa lokho abafundi bakaJohane beza
bathatha isidumbu bayasingcwaba ethuneni. 30
Abapostoli babuthana kuJesu bambikela konke
ababekwenzile labakufundisayo. 31 Kwathi
ngoba kwakufika abantu abanengi kakhulu
abanye besuka baze baswele ithuba lokudla,
wathi kubo, “Ngilandelani lodwa siye endaweni
ethuleyo ukuze siphumule.” 32 Yikho bahamba
bebodwa ngesikepe baya endaweni esithekileyo.
33 Kodwa abanengi abababonayo besuka
babananzelela babaxhuma begijima ngezinyawo
bevela kuwo wonke amadolobho babaqalela
ukuyafika. 34 UJesu uthe esehla esikepeni
wabona ixuku labantu elikhulu wabazwela
usizi ngoba babenjengezimvu ezingelamelusi.
Ngakho wasebafundisa izinto ezinengi. 35
Ngalesi isikhathi kwasekusemini kakhulu,
ngakho abafundi bakhe beza kuye bathi, “Le
yindawo esesikhaleni, njalo sekusemini kakhulu.
36 Tshela abantu bahambe ukuze baziyele
emadolobheni lasemizini bayezithengela
abangakudla.” 37 Kodwa waphendula wathi,
“Bapheni lina ukudla.” Bathi kuye, “Lokho
kungathatha umholo wendoda owenyanga
eziyisificaminwembili! Uthi sihambe siyochitha
imali engako sithenge isinkwa sibaphe badle?”
38 Wabuza wathi, “Lilezinkwa ezingaki na? Ake
liyokhangela.” Sebezibonile bathi, “Zinhlanu
lenhlanzi ezimbili.” 39 UJesu wasebalaya
ukuthi bahlalise bonke abantu phansi etshanini
ngamaxuku. 40 Yikho bahlala phansi ngamaxuku
alikhulu. Abanye ngamatshumi amahlanu. 41
Ethatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili
wakhangela ezulwini, wabonga, wasehlephuna
izinkwa. Waseziqhubela abafundi bakhe ukuba
bazabele abantu. Waphinda wabehlukanisela
inhlanzi zombili. 42 Bonke badla basutha,
43 abafundi basebebutha imvuthu zezinkwa
lenhlanzi bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili.
44 Abadlayo babengamadoda azinkulungwane
ezinhlanu. 45 Masinyane uJesu wenza ukuthi
abafundi bakhe bangene esikepeni bahambe
bamandulele eBhethisayida, yena esavalelisana
labantu. 46 Esehlukene labo, waya ewatheni
lwentaba ukuyakhuleka. 47 Kwathi sekuhlwile
isikepe sasiphakathi laphakathi kwechibi, yena
eyedwa emhlabathini. 48 Wabona abafundi
begwedla ngamandla emagagasini ngoba
umoya wawuphambana labo. Kwathi ngomlindo
wesine ebusuku waya kubo ehamba phezu
kwechibi. Wayengathi usesedlula kubo 49
kodwa bathi bembona ehamba phezu kwesiziba
bacabanga ukuthi lithonga. Bahlaba umkhosi
50 ngoba bonke bambona besaba. Masinyane
wabakhulumisa wathi, “Manini isibindi! Yimi.
Lingesabi.” 51 Wasengena kubo esikepeni
umoya wahle wathula. Bamangala kakhulu, 52
ngoba babengazwisisanga ngezinkwa; inhliziyo
zabo zazilukhuni. 53 Bathi sebechaphile,
bafikela eGenesaretha bamisa khonapho. 54
Bonela ukuphuma esikepeni abantu bahle
bamnanzelela uJesu. 55 Bagijima indawana
yonke kulowomango bethwala abagulayo
ngamacansi bebasa kuzozonke indawo
ababemzwela khona. 56 Loba wayengaze
aye ngaphi, emizini, emadolobheni loba
emaphandleni, babeka abagulayo ezindaweni
zokuthengisela. Bamncenga ukuthi abavumele
bathinte nje umphetho wesigqoko sakhe,
kwathi bonke labo abamthintayo basila.

7 AbaFarisi labanye abafundisi bomthetho
ababesuka eJerusalema babuthana kuJesu 2
babona abanye abafundi bakhe besidla ukudla
ngezandla ezazingahlanzekanga, okutsho
ukuthi zazingagezwanga. 3 (AbaFarisi labaJuda
bonke kabadli bengagezanga izandla zabo
ngokomthetho, belandela isiko labadala. 4 Nxa

bevela emsikeni kabadli bengaqalanga bageza.
Balandela amasiko amanengi, njengokugezisa
amankomitsho, indiwo lamagedlela.) 5
Ngakho abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho
bambuza uJesu bathi, “Kungani abafundi bakho
bengalandeli amasiko abadala kulokudla ukudla
kwabo ngezandla ‘ezingahlanzekanga na’?”
6 Waphendula wathi, “U-Isaya wayeqinisile
aze aphrofithe ngani lina bazenzisi; njengoba
kulotshiwe ukuthi: ‘Lababantu bangidumisa
ngezindebe zabo, kodwa inhliziyo zabo
zikhatshana lami. 7 Bangikhonza ngeze;
imfundiso yabo yimithetho kuphela evela
ebantwini.’ 8 Seliyekele imilayo kaNkulunkulu
labambelela emasikweni abantu.” 9 Wasesithi
kubo, “Lilendledlana yenu yokufuqela eceleni
imilayo kaNkulunkulu ukuze lilandele amasiko
enu! 10 Phela uMosi wathi, ‘Hlonipha uyihlo
lonyoko’njalo, ‘Lowo othuka uyise loba unina
kumele abulawe.’ 11 Kodwa lina lithi nxa
umuntu esithi lokho obekungaba lusizo kuyise
kumbe unina liKhobhani (okutsho ukuthi
yisipho esabelwe uNkulunkulu), 12 beselisithi
angamenzeli lutho uyise loba unina. 13
Ngaleyondlela lichitha ilizwi likaNkulunkulu
ngamasiko enu eliwedlulisela kuzizukulwane
zenu. Futhi lenza izinto ezinengi ezinjalo.”
14 UJesu waphinda wabiza ixuku labantu
wathi, “Lalelani kimi lonke, lizwisise lokhu.
15 Kakulalutho olungaphandle komuntu
olungamenza ‘angahlanzeki’ ngokungena kuye.
Kodwa yilokho okuphuma phakathi komuntu
okuyikho okumenza ‘angahlanzeki.’ [16 Nxa
ekhona olendlebe zokuzwa kezwe.]” 17 Esesukile
exukwini labantu wangena endlini abafundi
bakhe bambuza ngomzekeliso lo. 18 Wabuza
wathi, “Kaliqedisisi ngani na? Kalikuboni yini
ukuthi kakulalutho olungena emuntwini lusuka
ngaphandle olungamenza ‘angahlanzeki’?
19 Ngoba kalungeni enhliziyweni yakhe
kodwa luya esiswini sakhe luphinde luphume
emzimbeni wakhe.” (Ngokutsho lokhu
uJesu waphawula ukuthi konke ukudla
kuhlanzekile.) 20 Waqhubeka wathi: “Okuphuma
phakathi komuntu yikho okumngcolisayo.
21 Ngoba okusuka ngaphakathi, okusuka
enhliziyweni, kuphuma imicabango emibi,
ukuhlobonga, ubusela, ukubulala, ukufeba,
22 ubuhwaba, umona, ubuqili, ukuxhwala,
umhawu, ukugcona, ubuqholo lobuthutha.
23 Zonke lezi izono ziphuma ngaphakathi
zenze umuntu angcole.” 24 UJesu wasuka
kuleyondawo waya emangweni waseThire.
Wangena endlini kodwa kafunanga ukuthi
kwaziwe; kodwa wayengeke azifihle ukuthi
ukhona. 25 Owesifazane owayelendodakazi
yakhe encinyane eyayilomoya omubi wonela
ukuzwa ngaye weza wayazilahla ezinyaweni
zakhe. 26 Umfazi lo wayengumGrikhi,
owazalelwa eFenikhe yaseSiriya. Wancenga
uJesu ukuthi akhuphe idimoni endodakazini
yakhe. 27 Wamtshela wathi kuye, “Qala
wekele abantwana badle basuthe, ngoba
kakulunganga ukuthatha isinkwa sabantwana
usiphosele izinja.” 28 Wathi owesifazane,
“Yebo, Nkosi, kodwa izinja lazo ezingaphansi
kwetafula ziyadla imvuthuluka.” 29 UJesu
wamtshela wathi, “Ngenxa yempendulo enhle
kangaka usungahamba; idimoni seliphumile
endodakazini yakho.” 30 Owesifazane
wabuyela ekhaya wafumana umntanakhe elele
embhedeni, idimoni selihambile. 31 UJesu
wasesuka endaweni yeThire wadabula eSidoni
waze wayafika oLwandle lwaseGalile wehla
waya emangweni waseDekhapholisi. 32 Khonale
abantu bamlethela indoda eyayiyisacuthe
isehluleka lokukhuluma, bamcela ukuthi
abeke isandla sakhe phezu kwayo. 33 UJesu
wayisusela eceleni kwexuku labantu wasefaka
iminwe yakhe ezindlebeni zaleyondoda.
Wasekhafula wathinta ulimi lwayo indoda.
34 Wakhangela ezulwini wakhokha umoya
wathi kuyo, “Efifatha!” (okutsho ukuthi,
“Vuleka!”). 35 Ngalokhu indlebe zendoda
zavuleka, ulimi lwayo lwatshwaphuluka
yahle yaqalisa ukukhuluma kuhle. 36 UJesu
wabaqonqosela ukuthi bangatsheli muntu.
Kodwa wathi ngokwenza njalo baqhubeka
ngamandla befakaza ngakho. 37 Abantu
bamangala baphela amandla. Bathi, “Konke
asekwenzile kuhle. Uyenza futhi lezacuthe
zizwe, lezimungulu zikhulume.”

8 Ngalezonsuku kwaphinde kwabuthana
elinye ixuku labantu. Kwathi ngoba
bengelalutho lokudla uJesu wabiza abafundi
bakhe wathi kubo, 2 “Ngilosizi ngalaba
abantu; sebebe lami okwensuku ezintathu,
kodwa bengadli lutho. 3 Ngingababuyisela
emakhaya belambile bazayatha endleleni
ngoba abanye babo bavela khatshana.” 4
Abafundi bakhe baphendula bathi, “Kodwa
kungaphi endaweni emi yodwa kanje umuntu
angathola khona izinkwa ezanele ukubapha?” 5
UJesu wababuza wathi, “Lilezinkwa ezingaki
na?” Bathi, “Eziyisikhombisa.” 6 Wasetshela
ixuku labantu ukuthi lihlale phansi. Wathi
esezithethe izinkwa eziyisikhombisa njalo
esebongile, wazihlephula waziqhubela abafundi
bakhe ukuba baqhubele abantu. Lakanye
benza khonokho. 7 Njalo babelenhlanzi
ezincane ezimbalwa, wazikhulekela lazo wathi
abafundi bazabele abantu. 8 Abantu badla
basutha. Ngemva kwalokho abafundi badobha
imvuthu kwagcwala izitsha eziyisikhombisa. 9
Ababekhona kwakungamadoda azinkulungwane
ezine. Esebabuyisele emakhaya, 10 wangena
esikepeni labafundi bakhe baya emangweni
waseDalimanutha. 11 AbaFarisi beza baqalisa
ukumbuza uJesu. Bamlinga ngokuthi
kabatshengise isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini.
12 Wakhokha umoya ngamandla wathi,
“Kungani isizukulwane lesi sicela isibonakaliso?
Ngiqinisile ngithi kini, kakulasibonakaliso
esizakuphiwa lesisizukulwane.” 13 Wasesuka
kubo wabuyela esikepeni wachaphela
ngakwelinye iphetsheya. 14 Abafundi bakhohlwa
ukuza lesinkwa ngaphandle kwesisodwa
ababelaso esikepeni. 15 UJesu wabaxwayisa
wathi, “Limukani, liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi
lekaHerodi.” 16 Bakhulumisana ngalokhu
bathi, “Utsho ngoba singelasinkwa.” 17 UJesu
wakunanzelela ababekukhuluma, wasebabuza
wathi, “Kungani likhuluma ngokungabi
lasinkwa na? Lilokhu lingaboni njalo lingazwisisi
na? Inhliziyo zenu sezintunyile na? 18 Kungani
lithi lilamehlo lehluleke ukubona, lilezindlebe
lehluleke ukuzwa? Kalikhumbuli yini? 19 Ngize
ngihlephunele abazinkulungwane ezinhlanu
izinkwa ezinhlanu labutha izitsha ezingaki
zemvuthu?” Bathi, “Ezilitshumi lambili.” 20
“Ngize ngihlephunele abazinkulungwane ezine
izinkwa eziyisikhombisa labutha imvuthu
kwaba yizitsha ezingaki na?” Baphendula bathi,
“Eziyisikhombisa.” 21 Wasesithi kubo, “Lilokhu
lingezwisisi yini?” 22 Bafika eBhethisayida,
abanye abantu baletha indoda eyayiyisiphofu
bancenga uJesu ukuba ayibeke izandla. 23
Wasithatha isiphofu leso wasibamba ngesandla
wasiholela ngaphandle komuzi. Esekhafulele
emehlweni aso wasibeka izandla uJesu
wabuza wathi, “Kukhona okubonayo na?” 24
Sathalaza sathi, “Ngibona abantu; bakhangeleka
njengezihlahla ezihambahambayo.” 25 UJesu
waphinde wabeka izandla zakhe emehlweni
ayo indoda leyo. Amehlo ayo avuleka, yabona
kuhle, isibona zonke izinto kakuhle. 26 UJesu
wayibuyisela ekhaya layo wathi, “Ungayi
edolobheni ukuyakhuluma ngale indaba.” 27
UJesu labafundi bakhe baya emizini eduze
leKhesariya Filiphi. Besendleleni wababuza
wathi, “Kambe abantu bathi ngingubani?” 28
Baphendula bathi, “Abanye bathi unguJohane
uMbhaphathizi; abanye bathi ungu-Elija; njalo
abanye bathi ungomunye wabaphrofethi.”
29 Wasebabuza wathi, “Kodwa lina-ke? Lithi
ngingubani?” UPhethro waphendula wathi,
“UnguKhristu.” 30 UJesu wabaqonqosela
ukuthi bangatsheli muntu ngaye. 31 Waqalisa
ukubafundisa ngokuthi iNdodana yoMuntu
imele ihlupheke kakhulu, yaliwe ngabadala
bebandla, abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi
bomthetho, njalo lokuthi kumele ibulawe
kuthi ngemva kwensuku ezintathu ivuke
njalo. 32 Wakukhuluma kamhlophe lokho,
uPhethro wamdonsela eceleni waqalisa
ukumkhuza. 33 Kodwa waphenduka wakhangela
abafundi bakhe, wasemkhuza uPhethro wathi,
“Suka emuva kwami, Sathane! Kawunakani
ngezinto zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa ngezinto
zabantu.” 34 Wasebiza ixuku labantu kanye
labafundi bakhe wathi, “Nxa umuntu efuna
ukungilandela, kumele azidele athathe
isiphambano sakhe angilandele. 35 Ngoba yilowo
ofuna ukulondoloza impilo yakhe izamlahlekela,
kodwa olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami
kanye levangeli uzayilondoloza. 36 Kumsizani

umuntu ukuzuza wonke umhlaba, kodwa
alahlekelwe ngumphefumulo wakhe? 37 Loba,
kuyini umuntu angakunika kube yinhlawulo
yomphefumulo wakhe na? 38 Nxa umuntu
eyangeka ngami kanye lamazwi ami kulesi
isizukulwane esifebayo lesonayo, iNdodana
yoMuntu izakuyangeka ngaye nxa isifika
enkazimulweni kaYise lezingilosi ezingcwele."

9 Wasesithi kubo, "Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi
abanye abemiyo lapha kabayikukuzwa ukufa
bengakawuboni umbuso kaNkulunkulu ufika
ngamandla." 2 Ngemva kwensuku eziyisithupha
uJesu wathatha uPhethro, loJakhobe loJohane
wakhwela labo entabeni ephakemeyo lapho
ababa bodwa khona. Bekhona lapho waguquka
isimo emehlweni abo. 3 Izigqoko zakhe
zaba mhlophe njengokukhanya, zaba mhlophe
okungazake kwenziwe muntu emhlabeni.
4 Khonapho kwabonakala u-Elija loMosi
bekhuluma loJesu. 5 UPhethro wathi kuJesu,
"Rabi, kumnandi kithi ukuba lapha. Kasakhe
izihonqo ezintathu esakho, esinye esikaMosi
lesinye esika-Elija." 6 (Wayengazi ukuthi
athini, babesesaba kakhulu.) 7 Kwabuya iyezi
labagubuzela, ilizwi labuya livela eyezini lisithi,
"Lo yiNdodana yami, engiyithandayo. Ilaleleni!"
8 Khonokho nje bathi bayakhangela kababe
besabona muntu eduze kwabo ngaphandle
kukaJesu. 9 Bathi sebesehla entabeni uJesu
wabanika imilayo yokuthi bangatsheli muntu
ngabakubonileyo iNdodana yoMuntu ize iqale
ivuke kwabafileyo. 10 Indaba le bayigcina
ezifubeni zabo, bebuzana ukuthi, "ukuvuka
kwabafileyo" kwakusitshoni. 11 Bambuza bathi,
"Kungani abafundisi bomthetho besithi u-Elija
kumele afike kuqala?" 12 UJesu waphendula
wathi, "Ngeqiniso u-Elija uza kuqala abuyisele
izinto zonke esimeni sazo. Kungani pho
kulotshiwe ukuthi iNdodana yoMuntu imele
ihlupheke kakhulu yaliwe? 13 Kodwa
ngiyalitshela, u-Elija usefikile, sebemenze
konke ababekufisa kuye njengoba kulotshiwe
ngaye." 14 Bathi befika kwabanye abafundi
babona bebuthanelwe ngabantu abanengi
kulabafundisi bomthetho bephikisana labo. 15
Abantu bonke bonela ukubona uJesu bamangala
kakhulu bamgijimela besiyambingelela. 16
Wabuza wathi, "Kuyini eliphikisana labo ngakho
na?" 17 Kwaphendula indoda ethile exukwini
yathi, "Mfundisi, ngikulethele indodana
yami ilomoya oyenza ibe yisimungulu. 18
Uthi ungayibamba uyilahlele phansi. Isuka
ibhubhudle amagwebu, igedle amazinyo,
yome qha umzimba. Ngibacelile abafundi
bakho ukuthi bawukhuphe umoya, kodwa
behluleka." 19 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Oh,
lina sizukulwane esingakholwayo, ngizahlala
lani kuze kube nini na? Ngilibekezelele
kuze kube nini? Mletheni kimi umfana." 20
Basebemletha kuye. Umoya wonela ukumbona
uJesu wamlahla phansi umfana wazigiqagiqa
ekhihliza amagwebu ngomlomo. 21 UJesu
wabuza uyise womfana wathi, "Sekulesikhathi
esingakanani enje umfana?" Wathi, "Kusukela
ebuntwaneni. 22 Kuhlezi kumphosela emlilweni
loba emanzini kufuna ukumbulala. Kodwa
nxa kukhona ongakwenza ake usihawukele
usisize." 23 UJesu wathi, "Uthi 'engingakwenza?'
Yonke into iyeneliseka kulowo okholwayo."
24 Masinyane uyise womfana wamemeza
wathi, "Ngiyakholwa; ake ungisize ngehlule
ukungakholwa kwami!" 25 UJesu esebona
ukuthi ixuku laligijimela kuye wawukhuza
umoya omubi wathi, "Wena moya oyisacuthe
lesimungulu, ngiyakulaya mina, ngithi phuma
kuye ungaphindi ungene kuye futhi." 26 Umoya
waklabalala, wamgiqa phansi umfana, waphuma
emva kokumhlukuluza okukhulu. Umfana wathi
daca, waba njengesidumbu, abanengi bathi,
"Usefile." 27 Kodwa uJesu wambamba ngesandla
wamdonsa wamisa ngezinyawo wema. 28
UJesu esesukile wayangena endlini abafundi
bakhe bambuza ngasese bathi, "Kungani
sehlulekile ukuwuxotsha na?" 29 Waphendula
wathi, "Lolu uhlobo luphuma ngomkhuleko
kuphela." 30 Basuka kuleyondawo badabula
eGalile. UJesu kazange afune ukuthi kube
khona owaziyo ukuthi babengaphi, 31 ngoba
wayefundisa abafundi bakhe. Wathi kubo,
"INdodana yoMuntu izanikelwa ezandleni
zabantu. Bazayibulala, kuthi ngemva kwensuku
ezintathu izavuka." 32 Kodwa kabezwisisanga
ukuthi wayesitshoni njalo besaba ukumbuza

ngakho. 33 Bafika eKhaphenawume. Wathi
esendlini wababuza wathi, “Beliphikisana
ngani endleleni?” 34 Kodwa bathula zwi
ngoba endleleni babephikisana ngokuthi
ngubani omkhulu kulabanye bonke. 35
Wahlala phansi uJesu wabiza abalitshumi
lambili wathi kubo, “Nxa ekhona ofuna
ukuba ngowokuqala, kabe ngosekucineni,
abe yisisebenzi sabo bonke.” 36 Wathatha
umntwana omncinyane wamisa phakathi
kwabo. Wamthatha wamanga wathi kubo, 37
“Yilowo owamukela oyedwa walababantwana
abancinyane ebizweni lami wamukela mina;
njalo lowo ongamukelayo kemukeli mina,
kodwa wamukela lowo owangithumayo.” 38
UJohane wathi, “Mfundisi, sibone indoda
ikhupha amadimoni ngebizo lakho, sayenqabela
ngoba ingayisuye omunye wethu.” 39 UJesu
wathi, “Lingamaleli. Kakho ongenza umangaliso
ngebizo lami aphinde masinyane ajike akhulume
okubi ngami, 40 ngoba lowo ongamelani lathi
ukanye lathi. 41 Ngilitshela iqiniso, lowo
olipha inkezo yamanzi ngebizo lami ngoba
lingabakaKhristu ngempela akayikulahlekelwa
ngumvuzo wakhe.” 42 “Nxa umuntu ekhubekisa
oyedwa walaba abancinyane abakholwa kimi
ukuba enze isono, bekungaba ngcono kuye
ukuthi aphoselwe olwandle ebotshelwe ilitshe
elikhulu entanyeni yakhe. 43 Nxa isandla
sakho sikwenza wone, siqume. Kungcono kuwe
ukuthi ungene ekuphileni ungungini kulokuya
esihogweni ulezandla ezimbili, lapho umlilo
wakhona ongacitshiyo, [(Geenna g1067) 44 lapho
‘impethu yakhona engafiyo lomlilo wakhona
ongacitshiyo.’] 45 Njalo nxa unyawo lwakho
lukwenzisa isono, luqume. Kungcono kuwe
ukuthi ungene ekuphileni uyisilima kulokuthi
ulenyawo ezimbili uphoselwe esihogweni,
[(Geenna g1067) 46 lapho ‘impethu zakhona
ezidlayo zingafi lomlilo ongacitshiyo.’] 47
Njalo nxa ilihlo lakho likwenza wone, likopole
liphume. Kungcono kuwe ukungena embusweni
kaNkulunkulu ulelihlo elilodwa kulokuba
lamehlo amabili kodwa uphoselwe esihogweni,
(Geenna g1067) 48 lapho ‘impethu zakhona ezidlayo
zingafi, lomlilo ongacitshiyo.’ 49 Umuntu wonke
uzakuvuvuzelwa itswayi ngomlilo. 50 Itswayi
lilungile, kodwa nxa lingalahlekelwa yibumunyu
balo, ungalivuselela njani na? Wobani letswayi
ngaphakathi kwenu, lihlalisane ngokuthula.”

10 UJesu wasesuka kuleyondawo waya
emangweni waseJudiya langaphetsheya
kweJodani. Njalo kweza kuye amaxuku abantu,
kwathi njengenjayelo yakhe wabafundisa. 2
Abanye abaFarisi beza bamlinga ngokumbuza
bathi, “Kusemthethweni yini ukuthi indoda
imale umfazi wayo na?” 3 Waphendula wathi,
“UMosi walilaya wathini?” 4 Bathi, “UMosi
wayivumela indoda ukuthi ibhale incwadi
yokuquma umtshado ibisimxotsha.” 5 UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Kwakungenxa yokuthi
zazilukhuni inhliziyo zenu okwenza uMosi
walibhalela umthetho lo. 6 Kodwa ekuqaleni
kwendalo uNkulunkulu ‘wabenza baba
ngowesilisa lowesifazane.’ 7 ‘Ngalesisizatho
indoda izatshiya uyise lonina imanyane
lomfazi wayo, 8 kuthi labo bobabili babe
nyamanye.’Yikho kabasebabili, sebemunye. 9
Ngakho, lokho uNkulunkulu asekuhlanganisile
akungehlukaniswa muntu.” 10 Bathi sebengenile
endlini njalo, abafundi bambuza uJesu
ngalokhu. 11 Waphendula wathi, “Loba ngubani
olahla umfazi wakhe athathe omunye umfazi
uyafeba kuye. 12 Laye nxa elahla indoda yakhe
endele kwenye, uyafeba.” 13 Abantu babeletha
abantwana abancinyane kuJesu ukuze ababeke
izandla, kodwa abafundi babakhuza. 14 UJesu
wathi ekubona lokho wacaphuka. Wathi kubo,
“Yekelani abantwana abancane beze kimi,
lingabavaleli, ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu
ungowabanjengalaba. 15 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini,
lowo ongayikwemukela umbuso kaNkulunkulu
njengomntwana omncane kayikungena kuwo.”
16 Wasebathatha abantwana ebaphatha,
wababeka izandla wababusisa. 17 UJesu wathi
esesuka ehamba, indoda yagijimela kuye yafika
yazilahla ngamadolo phambi kwakhe. Yabuza
yathi, “Mfundisi olungileyo, ngingenzani
ukuze ngizuze ilifa lokuphila kwaphakade
na?” (aiōnios g166) 18 UJesu waphendula wathi,
“Ungibizelani ngokuthi ngilungile na? Kakho
olungileyo ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu
kuphela. 19 Uyayazi imilayo: ‘Ungabulali,

ungafebi, ungebi, ungaphi ubufakazi bamanga,
ungadlelezeli, hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko.'" 20
Wachaza wathi, "Mfundisi zonke lezi izinto
ngiyazigcina kusukela ngisesengumfana."
21 UJesu wamkhangela wamthanda. Wathi,
"Usilela ngento eyodwa. Hamba uyethengisa
konke olakho uphe abampofu, lapho-ke
inotho yakho izakuba sezulwini. Ubusubuya
ungilandele." 22 Isizwa lokhu indoda yathelwa
ngamanzi. Yasukuma yahamba isidanile ngoba
yayinothile kakhulu. 23 UJesu wathalaza
wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, "Koba nzima
kakhulu ukuthi isinothi singene embusweni
kaNkulunkulu!" 24 Abafundi bamangaliswa
ngamazwi akhe lawo. Kodwa uJesu waphinda
wathi, "Bantwana, kunzima kanganani
ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu! 25
Kulula ukuba ikamela lingene embotsheni
yenalithi kulokuba umuntu onothileyo angene
embusweni kaNkulunkulu." 26 Abafundi
bamangala okwedlulayo, bathi omunye
komunye, "Pho ngubani ongasindiswa na?"
27 UJesu wabakhangela wathi, "Ngokwabantu
kakwenzeki, kodwa hatshi ngoNkulunkulu;
zonke izinto ziyenzakala ngoNkulunkulu."
28 UPhethro wathi kuye, "Sesitshiye konke
ukuba sikulandele!" 29 UJesu waphendula
wathi, "Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi kakho
osetshiye ikhaya kumbe abafowabo, loba
odadewabo, kumbe unina loba uyise, loba
umntwana kumbe amasimu ngenxa yami
levangeli 30 ozakwehluleka ukwamukeliswa
okuphindwe ngekhulu kuso lesi isikhathi
samanje: amakhaya, abafowabo, odadewabo,
onina, abantwana lamasimu, kwengezwe
ukuhlukunyezwa, lasesikhathini esizayo,
ukuphila kwaphakade. (aiōn g165, aiōnios g166) 31
Kodwa abanengi abangabokuqala bazakuba
ngabokucina, abokucina babe ngabokuqala."
32 Babesendleleni besiya eJerusalema, uJesu
ekhokhele, abafundi bedidekile, kwathi labo
ababelandela babesesaba. Waphinda njalo
wathatha abalitshumi lambili wabadonsela
eceleni wabatshela lokho okwakuzakwenzakala
kuye. 33 Wathi, "Sesisiya eJerusalema, iNdodana
yoMuntu izanikelwa kubaphristi abakhulu
labafundisi bomthetho. Bazayigwebela ukufa
bayinikele kwabeZizwe, 34 abazayiyangisa,
bayikhafulele, bayitshaye njalo bayibulale.
Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu izavuka." 35
Kwathi uJakhobe loJohane, amadodana
kaZebhediya, beza kuye. Bathi, "Mfundisi,
sifuna ukuthi usenzele loba yini esiyicelayo." 36
Wababuza wathi, "Lifuna ukuthi ngilenzeleni?"
37 Baphendula bathi, "Wothi omunye wethu
ahlale ngakwesokunene kwakho, kuthi omunye
kwesokhohlo ebukhosini bakho." 38 UJesu
wathi, "Kalikwazi elikucelayo. Lingayinatha na
inkezo engiyinathayo kumbe libhaphathizwe
ngobhaphathizo engibhaphathizwa ngalo, na?"
39 Baphendula bathi, "Singakwenza." UJesu
wathi kubo, "Lizayinatha inkezo engiyinathayo
njalo libhaphathizwe ngobhaphathizo
engibhaphathizwa ngalo, 40 kodwa ukuhlala
kwesokunene kumbe kwesokhohlo kwami
kakusikho kwami ukukuvumela. Izindawo
lezi ngezalabo abazilungiselweyo." 41 Kwathi
abalitshumi bekuzwa lokhu bazondela uJakhobe
loJohane. 42 UJesu wababizela ndawonye
wathi, "Liyakwazi ukuthi labo abangababusi
kwabeZizwe bababusa kalukhuni, lezinduna
zabo ezinkulu zitshengisa amandla phezu
kwabo. 43 Akunjalo kini. Kodwa lowo othanda
ukuba mkhulu phakathi kwenu kumele
abe yinceku yenu, 44 lalowo ofuna ukuba
ngowokuqala kabe yisigqili senu lonke. 45
Ngoba leNdodana yoMuntu kayibuyelanga
ukuzokhonzwa, kodwa ukuzokhonza lokunikela
impilo yayo njengenhlawulo yabanengi." 46
Basebefika eJerikho. Kwathi uJesu labafundi
bakhe kanye lexuku elikhulu sebesuka
edolobheni, indoda eyisiphofu, uBhathimewu
(kutsho indodana kaThimewu) yayihlezi
eceleni kwendlela icela. 47 Yathi isizwa ukuthi
kwakunguJesu waseNazaretha yamemeza yathi,
"Jesu, Ndodana kaDavida, ake ungihawukele!"
48 Abanengi bayikhuza bathi kayithule, kodwa
yaqhubeka yamemeza ngamandla isithi,
"Ndodana kaDavida, ake ungihawukele!" 49
UJesu wema wathi, "Mbizeni." Basebeyibiza
indoda eyisiphofu bathi, "Thokoza ndoda!
Phakama! Uyakubiza." 50 Walahla ijazi lakhe
phansi wasukuma weza kuJesu. 51 UJesu
wambuza wathi, "Ufuna ngikwenzeleni na?"

Indoda eyisiphofu yathi, “Rabi, ngifuna
ukuthi ngibone.” 52 UJesu wathi, “Hamba-ke,
ukukholwa kwakho sekukusilisile.” Masinyane
yahle yabona yasilandela uJesu endleleni.

11 Bathi sebesondele eJerusalema bafika
eBhethifage leBhethani eNtabeni yama-
Oliva. UJesu wathuma abafundi bakhe ababili 2
wathi kubo, “Yanini emzini ophambi kwenu,
okuzakuthi nxa lingena kuwo lizabona
inkonyane kababhemi engakaze igadwe muntu
ibotshelwe khonapho. Ikhululeni liyilethe
lapha. 3 Nxa kungaba lozalibuza ukuthi,
‘Likwenzeleni lokho na?’ limtshele ukuthi,
‘INkosi iyalifuna, izalibuyisa masinyane.’”
4 Bahamba bathola inkonyane kababhemi
phandle maqondana lomnyango ibotshelwe.
Bayikhulula, 5 abantu ababemi khonapho
babuza bathi, “Lenzani, liyikhululelani
inkonyane leyo na?” 6 Baphendula njengoba
uJesu wayebatshelile, abantu basebebayekela
bahamba. 7 Sebelilethile ithole kuJesu bendlala
amajazi abo phezu kwalo uJesu waseligada.
8 Abantu abanengi bendlala amajazi abo
endleleni, kukanti abanye bendlala ingatsha
abaziqamula emasimini. 9 Labo ababehamba
phambili lalabo ababelandela bamemeza
besithi, “Hosana!” “Ubusisiwe lowo obuya
ngebizo leNkosi!” 10 “Ubusisiwe umbuso ozayo
okababa wethu uDavida!” “Hosana ezulwini
eliphezulu!” 11 UJesu wangena eJerusalema
waya ethempelini. Wathalaza wakhangela
konke, kodwa kwathi ngoba kwasekuhlwile
wehlela eBhethani labalitshumi lambili. 12
Ngelanga elilandelayo bathi besuka eBhethani
uJesu wayeselambile. 13 Wabona bucwadlana
isihlahla somkhiwa sihlumile amahlamvu,
wasondela ukuyabona ingabe sasilezithelo yini.
Wafika wabona kungamahlamvu kuphela ngoba
kwakungasiso isikhathi sezithelo zomkhiwa.
14 Wasesithi esihlahleni, “Akungabi lamuntu
lanini ozaphinda adle izithelo zakho.” Abafundi
bakhe bamuzwa esitsho lokho. (aiōn g165) 15 Bathi
befika eJerusalema uJesu wangena egumeni
lethempeli wafika wabaxotsha labo ababethenga
lababethengisa khona. Wagenqula amatafula
abantshintshi bezimali lezihlalo zababethengisa
amajuba, 16 kaze avumela muntu ukungenisa
okuthengiswayo ezindlini zethempeli. 17
Wathi esabafundisa wathi, “Kakulotshwanga
yini ukuthi: ‘Indlu yami izabizwa ngokuthi
yindlu yokukhuleka ezizweni zonke’? Kodwa
lina seliyenze ‘ubhalu lwabaphangi.’” 18
Abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho
bakuzwa lokhu basebeqalisa ukudinga indlela
yokumbulala, ngoba babemesaba ngoba
ixuku lonke lalimangaliswa yikufundisa
kwakhe. 19 Kusihlwa baphuma edolobheni.
20 Ekuseni babehambahamba basebebona
isihlahla somkhiwa esasibunile kusukela
empandeni. 21 UPhethro wakhumbula wasesithi
kuJesu, “Rabi, khangela! Isihlahla somkhiwa
owasiqalekisayo sibunile!” 22 UJesu waphendula
wathi, “Woba lokholo kuNkulunkulu. 23
Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi nxa omunye esithi
entabeni le, ‘Suka, ziphosele olwandle,’
engelakuthandabuza enhliziyweni yakhe,
kodwa ekholwa ukuthi lokho akutshoyo
kuzakwenzakala, kuzakwenziwa kuye. 24
Ngakho ngiyalitshela ukuthi loba kuyini
elikucelayo ngomkhuleko, kholwani ukuthi
selikwamukele, sekuzakuba ngokwenu. 25
Njalo nxa lisima likhuleka, nxa lilesikhwili
komunye, mthetheleleni, ukuze uYihlo
ezulwini alithethelele izono zenu. [26
Kodwa nxa lingathetheleli, loYihlo osezulwini
kazukulithethelela izono zenu.]” 27 Bafika
njalo eJerusalema, kwathi uJesu ezihambela
emagumeni ethempeli kweza kuye abaphristi
abakhulu, labafundisi bomthetho kanye
labadala. 28 Bambuza bathi, “Konke lokhu
ukwenza ngawaphi amandla na? Ngubani
owakupha amandla okwenza lokhu?” 29 UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Ngizalibuza umbuzo
owodwa. Lingangiphendula ngizalitshela
ukuthi ngizenza ngawaphi amandla lezizinto.
30 Ukubhaphathiza kukaJohane, kwakuvela
ezulwini loba ebantwini? Ngitshelani!” 31
Bahlanganisa amakhanda bathi, Singathi,
“‘Kwakuvela ezulwini,’ uzabuza athi, ‘Kungani
lingazange limkholwe?’ 32 Kodwa singathi,
‘Kwakuvela ebantwini’ ...” (Besaba abantu
ngoba bonke babesithi ngeqiniso uJohane
wayengumphrofethi.) 33 Ngakho bamphendula

uJesu bathi, “Kasikwazi.” UJesu wathi, “Lami
kangisalitsheli ukuthi izinto lezi ngizenza
ngawaphi amandla.”

12 Wasekhuluma kubo ngemizekeliso
wathi, “Indoda yahlanyela isivini.
Yakha umduli yasihonqolozela, yemba igodi
lesihluzo yasisakha umphotshongo wesilindo.
Yasiqhatshisa isivini kubalimi abathile yona
yasuka yathatha uhambo. 2 Ngesikhathi
sokuvuna yathuma isisebenzi kubaqhatshi
besivini ukuthi siyothatha ingxenye yezithelo
zesivuno. 3 Kodwa basidumela basitshaya
basixotsha singaphathanga lutho. 4 Yathuma
esinye isisebenzi kubo; leyondoda bayitshaya
ekhanda bayiphatha kubi. 5 Yaphinde
yathuma esinye njalo isisebenzi, leso bahle
basigongoda basibulala. Yathuma ezinye
ezinengi; ezinye zazo bazitshaya, ezinye
bazibulala. 6 Kwasekusele oyedwa wokuthuma,
indodana, ayeyithanda. Wayithuma ekucineni
kwabo bonke esithi, ‘Bazayihlonipha indodana
yami.’ 7 Kodwa abaqhatshi besivini batshelana
bathi, ‘Lo yindlalifa. Wozani, simbulale, ilifa
libe ngelethu.’ 8 Ngakho bamthatha bambulala
bamphosela ngaphandle kwesivini. 9 Kambe
kuyini azakwenza umnini wesivini na? Uzakuza
afike ababulale labo baqhatshi besivini, isivini
leso asinike abanye abalimi. 10 Kalibalanga yini
umbhalo lo othi: ‘Ilitshe elalahlwa ngabakhi
seliyilona ilitshe lekhoneni; 11 iNkosi ikwenzile
lokhu, kuyamangalisa emehlweni ethu’?”
12 Basebedinga iqinga lokumbopha ngoba
babesazi ukuthi wayekhulume umzekeliso
lowo eqonde bona. Kodwa besaba ixuku
labantu; basebemtshiya bahamba. 13 Muva
basebethumela abanye babaFarisi lamaHerodiya
kuJesu ukuthi bambambe ngamazwi akhe. 14
Beza kuye bathi, “Mfundisi, siyakwazi ukuthi
uyindoda eqotho. Kawuguqulwanga ngabantu
ngoba kawulandeli ukuthi bangobani; kodwa
ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu mayelana
leqiniso. Kulungile yini ukuthela kuKhesari,
kumbe hatshi? 15 Sithele yini kumbe hatshi?”
Kodwa uJesu wayekubona ukuzenzisa kwabo,
wathi, “Lizamelani ukungithiya na? Ake
lingiphe idenari ngibone.” 16 Baluletha uhlamvu
lolo, wasebabuza wathi, “Ngumfanekiso
kabani lo? Lombhalo ngokabani?” Baphendula
bathi, “NgokaKhesari.” 17 UJesu wasesithi
kubo, “Phanini uKhesari okukaKhesari
loNkulunkulu okungokukaNkulunkulu.”
Bamangala kakhulu ngaye. 18 Kwasekusithi
abaSadusi abathi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo,
beza kuye belombuzo. 19 Bathi, “Mfundisi,
uMosi wasibhalela ukuthi nxa umfowabo
wendoda angafa atshiye umfazi, kodwa
bengelabantwana, leyondoda kayimthathe
umfelokazi izalele umfowabo abantwana. 20
Manje-ke, kwakulabafowabo abayisikhombisa.
Owokuqala wathatha wasesifa engazalanga.
21 Owesibili wamthatha umfelokazi waphinda
laye wafa engelamntwana. Kwabanjalo
lakowesithathu. 22 Iqiniso yikuthi kakho kubo
bonke beyisikhombisa owaba labantwana.
Ekucineni kwafa yena umfazi. 23 Ekuvukeni
kwabafileyo uzakuba ngumkabani njengoba
bonke boyisikhombisa babemthethe?” 24 UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Kalilahleki yini ngoba
lingayazi imibhalo loba amandla kaNkulunkulu?
25 Nxa abafileyo sebevuka kabayikuthatha loba
bende; bazakuba njengezingilosi ezulwini. 26
Mayelana lokuvuka kwabafileyo, kalibalanga
yini encwadini kaMosi, emlandweni wesixuku
esasibhebha umlilo ukuthi uNkulunkulu wathi
kuye, ‘NginguNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama,
uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka loNkulunkulu
kaJakhobe’? 27 KasuNkulunkulu wabafileyo,
kodwa owabaphilayo. Lilahlekile kakhulu!”
28 Omunye wabafundisi bomthetho wafika
wabezwa bephicana ngamazwi. Ngokubona
ukuthi uJesu wayebaphe impendulo enhle,
wabuza wathi, “Phakathi kwayo yonke imilayo
yiwuphi oqakatheke okudlula yonke?” 29 UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Oqakatheke kakhulu yilo:
‘Zwana, wena Israyeli, iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wethu, iNkosi yinye. 30 Thanda iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke
langomphefumulo wakho wonke langengqondo
yakho yonke langamandla akho wonke.’
31 Owesibili yilo: ‘Thanda umakhelwane
wakho njengoba uzithanda.’Kawukho umlayo
omkhulu kulale.” 32 Indoda yaphendula
yathi, “Utsho kuhle, mfundisi. Uqondile

nxa usithi uNkulunkulu munye, kakho
omunye ngaphandle kwakhe. 33 Ukumthanda
ngenhliziyo yakho yonke, ngokuzwisisa konke
kwakho langamandla akho wonke, lokuthanda
umakhelwane wakho njengoba uzithanda
wena kuqakathekile kulayo yonke iminikelo
yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo." 34 UJesu wathi
ebona ukuthi uphendule kuhle wathi kuye,
"Kawukho khatshana kombuso kaNkulunkulu."
Kusukela kulesosikhathi kakusabanga khona
owaba lesibindi sokumbuza eminye imibuzo. 35
Kwathi uJesu efundisa emagumeni ethempeli
wabuza wathi, "Kungani abafundisi bomthetho
besithi uKhristu uyindodana kaDavida na? 36
UDavida yena ngokwakhe ekhuluma ngoMoya
oNgcwele wathi: 'INkosi yathi eNkosini yami:
"Hlala ngakwesokunene sami ngize ngibeke
izitha zakho ngaphansi kwenyawo zakho."'
37 UDavida yena ngokwakhe umbiza athi
'Nkosi.' Pho-ke angaba yindodana yakhe
kanjani?" Ixuku labantu elikhulu lamlalela
ngokuthokoza. 38 Wathi elokhu efundisa,
uJesu wathi, "Libananzelele abafundisi
bomthetho. Bathanda ukuhambahamba bececе
ngezembatho ezinde eziphephezelayo lokube
bebingelelwa emisikeni, 39 futhi bathatha
izihlalo eziphakemeyo emasinagogweni
lezindawo zabahlonitshwa emadilini. 40
Bahuquluza izindlu zabafelokazi njalo
bazibonakalisa ngokwenza imikhuleko emide.
Abantu abanjalo bazajeziswa kabuhlungu."
41 UJesu wahlala phansi malungana lendawo
yokunikela wakhangela inengi lifaka imali
yalo esitsheni somnikelo ethempelini: Izikhulu
ezinengi zazifaka imali ezwayo. 42 Kodwa
kweza umfelokazi ongumyanga wafaka
okuzinhlamvana kwethusi okubili okulingana
lengxenyana yendibilitshi. 43 Esebizele kuye
abafundi bakhe uJesu wathi kubo, "Ngilitshela
iqiniso ukuthi umfelokazi lo ongumyanga ufake
okunengi esitsheni somnikelo kulabo bonke. 44
Bona bonke baphe ngokwenotho yabo, kodwa
yena, ebuyangeni bakhe ufake konke abelakho
ukuthi kumphilise."

13 Wathi esuka ethempelini omunye
wabafundi wathi kuye, "Khangela,
Mfundisi! Amatshe anganani! Bona ubuhle
bezindlu!" 2 UJesu waphendula wathi,
"Liyazibona yini zonke lezi izindlu ezinkulu
kangaka? Kakuyikusala litshe phezu kwelinye;
wonke azaphoselwa phansi." 3 Kwathi uJesu
ehlezi eNtabeni yama-Oliva malungana
lethempeli uPhethro, loJakhobe, loJohane
lo-Andreya bambuza ngasese bathi, 4
"Sitshele, zizakwenzakala nini izinto lezi?
Njalo kuzakuba lesibonelo bani ukuthi
sezizagcwaliseka?" 5 UJesu wathi kubo:
"Qaphelani ukuze lingakhohliswa muntu. 6
Banengi abazakuza ngebizo lami, besithi,
'Nginguye,' bakhohlise abanengi. 7 Nxa lisizwa
ngezimpi lamahungahunga ngezimpi, lingaze
lethuka. Lezozinto kumele zenzakale, kodwa
ukucina kulokhu kuseza. 8 Isizwe sizavukela
isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso. Kuzakuba
lokuzamazama komhlaba ezindaweni ezinengi,
lezindlala. Lezi ziyikuqala kokuhelelwa.
9 Libohlala liqaphele. Bazalimangalela
ezinkundleni zamacala njalo balibhaxabule
emasinagogweni abo. Ngenxa yami lizamiswa
phambi kwababusi lamakhosi libe ngofakazi
kubo. 10 Njalo ivangeli kufanele liqale
litshunyayelwe ezizweni zonke. 11 Lapho
libotshwa njalo lilethwa emthethwandaba
lingaze lazihlupha ngokuthi lizakuthini phambi
kwabo. Khulumani ingqe yini eliyiphiwa
ngalesosikhathi, ngoba kakusini elikhulumayo,
kodwa nguMoya oNgcwele. 12 Umfowabo
uzanikela umfowabo ukuthi abulawe, loyise
anikele umntanakhe. Abantwana bazahlamukela
abazali babo bababulalise. 13 Bonke abantu
bazalizonda ngenxa yami, kodwa lowo oma
aqine kuze kube sekupheleni uzasindiswa.
14 Kodwa nxa libona 'amanyala aletha
incithakalo'kumi lapho okungesikwakhona,
ofundayo kezwisise, lapho-ke akuthi labo
abaseJudiya babalekele ezintabeni. 15
Akungabikhona osephahleni lwendlu yakhe
ozakwehla loba angene endlini ukuthatha
ulutho. 16 Akungabi loyedwa osensimini
ozabuyela emuva ukuyathatha ijazi lakhe.
17 Yeka ubulukhuni obuzakuba khona
ngalezonsuku kwabesifazane abakhulelweyo
labangabadlezane! 18 Khulekani ukuthi

lokhu kungenzakali ebusika, 19 ngoba
lezo zizakuba yizinsuku zokuhlukuluzeka
okungakaze kube khona kwasekuqaleni,
lapho uNkulunkulu adala umhlaba, kuze
kube manje, njalo kakuzukubuye kube
khona. 20 Nxa iNkosi yayingaziphungulanga
lezinsuku, kwakungeyi kuphepha muntu. Kodwa
ngenxa yabakhethiweyo, eyabakhethayo,
iziphungulile. 21 Ngalesosikhathi nxa umuntu
esithi kini, 'Khangelani, nangu uKhristu!'
loba 'Khangelani, nanguya,' lingamkholwa.
22 Ngoba oKhristu bamanga labaphrofethi
bamanga bazavela benze izibonakaliso
lezimangaliso ukukhohlisa abakhethiweyo,
nxa lokho kungenzeka. 23 Ngakho lilimuke;
sengilitshelile konke ngaphambili. 24 Kodwa
ngalezonsuku, kulandela lokho kuhlukuluzeka,
'ilanga lizafiphala, lenyanga kayiyikukhanya;
25 izinkanyezi zizakuwa esibhakabhakeni,
lezisekelo zasezulwini zizazanyazanyiswa.' 26
Ngalesosikhathi abantu bazayibona iNdodana
yoMuntu isiza emayezini ilamandla amakhulu
lobukhosi. 27 Izathuma izingilosi zayo
ziqoqe abakhethiweyo bayo kumagumbi
womane omhlaba, kusukela emikhawulweni
yomhlaba kusiya emikhawulweni yamazulu.
28 Manje-ke, fundani lesisifundo esihlahleni
somkhiwa: Amahlumela aso angaqalisa ukuba
buthakathaka lamahlamvu aso ahlume, lihle
lazi ukuthi ihlobo selisondele. 29 Kanjalo-ke
nxa lingabona lezizinto sezisenzakala, lazi
ukuthi sekusondele, khonapho emnyango.
30 Ngilitshela iqiniso, lesisizukulwane
kasiyikudlula zize zenzakale zonke lezizinto.
31 Izulu lomhlaba kuzedlula, kodwa amazwi
ami kawayikwedlula lanini." 32 "Kodwa kakho
olwaziyo lolosuku lehola, loba izingilosi
zasezulwini, kumbe iNdodana, kodwa uBaba
kuphela. 33 Lindani! Qaphelani! Kalikwazi ukuthi
sizafika nini lesosikhathi. 34 Kunjengomuntu
ezathatha uhambo: utshiya indlu yakhe
ayinikele izisebenzi zakhe ukuba ziyilinde,
yileso sabelwe owaso umsebenzi, atshele lowo
olinda emnyango ukuthi aqaphele. 35 Ngakho
lindani ngoba kalikwazi ukuthi umninindlu
uzabuya nini, mhlawumbe kusihlwa, kumbe
phakathi kwamabili, loba inkukhu sezikhala
kumbe emathathakusa. 36 Nxa efika masinyane,
akangalifici lilele. 37 Engikutshoyo kini
ngikutsho emuntwini wonke: 'Lindani!'"

14 Kwasekusele insuku ezimbili kuphela
ukuba ufike uMkhosi wePhasika loMkhosi
weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo. Abaphristi
abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho babedinga
indlela ecatshileyo yokubopha uJesu ukuze
bambulale. 2 Kodwa bathi, "Kakungabi
ngesikhathi somkhosi, funa abantu benze
isiphithiphithi." 3 Kwathi eseBhethani
eyeme etafuleni emzini wendoda eyayithiwa
nguSimoni owayelobulephero, owesifazane
weza ephethe imbodlela yamakha adulayo
kakhulu, enziwe ngenadi elipheleleyo. Wayivula
imbodlela wathela amakha ekhanda likaJesu.
4 Abanye balabo ababekhona bacaphuka
babuzana bathi, "Udlaliselani amakha la?
5 Abengathengiswa ngokudlula umholo
womnyaka wonke imali leyo iphiwe abampofu."
Bamkhuza ngokumkhahlameza kakhulu. 6
UJesu wathi, "Myekeleni. Limkhathazelani
kanti? Wenze into enhle kimi. 7 Abampofu
lizahlala lilabo, yikho lingabasiza noma yisiphi
isikhathi elisifunayo. Kodwa kalisoze libe
lami kokuphela. 8 Wenze lokho abe lamandla
okukwenza. Uthele amakha emzimbeni wami
mandulo ukulungisela ukungcwatshwa kwami.
9 Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi loba kungaphi
okuzatshunyayelwa ivangeli emhlabeni wonke,
lokho akwenzileyo kuzakhulunywa, kube
yisikhumbuzo ngaye." 10 Yikho uJudasi
Iskariyothi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili
waya kubaphristi abakhulu ukuyanikela uJesu
kubo. 11 Bathokoza kakhulu bekuzwa lokhu,
bathembisa ukumupha imali. Yikho walindela
ithuba lokumnikela. 12 Ngelanga lokuqala
loMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo, lapho
kwakungumkhuba ukwenza umhlatshelo
wezinyane lePhasika, abafundi bakaJesu
bambuza bathi, "Ufuna ukuthi seyekwenza
ngaphi amalungiselelo okuthi udle iPhasika
na?" 13 Ngakho wathuma ababili kubafundi
bakhe wabatshela wathi, "Yanini edolobheni,
kuzakuthi indoda ezabe ithwele isigubhu
samanzi izalihlangabeza. Ilandeleni. 14

Libokuthi kumninindlu ezangena kuyo,
'UMfundisi uyabuza uthi: Ingaphi indlu
yezethekeli lapho engingadlela khona iPhasika
labafundi bami?' 15 Izalitshengisa ikamelo
laphezulu elikhulu, elilungisiweyo. Senzeleni
amalungiselelo khonapho." 16 Abafundi basuka
baya edolobheni bafica izinto zimi njengoba
uJesu wayetshilo. Yikho basebelungisela
iPhasika. 17 Kwathi kusihlwa uJesu wafika
labalitshumi lambili. 18 Bathi beyeme etafuleni
besidla wathi kubo, "Ngilitshela iqiniso
ukuthi omunye wenu uzanginikela, odla lami
khonapha." 19 Badana, bathi kuye ngamunye,
"Pho kawutsho mina?" 20 Waphendula wathi,
"Ngomunye wabalitshumi lambili, omunye
otsheba lami isinkwa emganwini. 21 Indodana
yoMuntu izahamba njengokulotshiweyo
ngayo. Kodwa maye kuleyondoda enikela
iNdodana yoMuntu! Kwakungaba ngcono
kuyo aluba yayingazalwanga." 22 Bathi
belokhu besidla uJesu wathatha isinkwa,
wabonga, wasihlephula, wasipha abafundi
bakhe esithi, "Sithatheni; lo ngumzimba wami."
23 Wasethatha inkezo, esebongile, wabanika,
bonke banatha kuyo. 24 Wathi kubo, "Leli ligazi
lami lesivumelwano, elichithelwa abanengi. 25
Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi angisayikuphinda
nginathe okwesithelo sevini njalo, kuze
kube yilolosuku lapho engizakunatha khona
kabutsha embusweni kaNkulunkulu." 26 Bathi
sebehlabele ihubo, baphuma baya eNtabeni
yama-Oliva. 27 UJesu wabatshela wathi,
"Lonke lizachitheka, ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
'Ngizatshaya umelusi, izimvu zihlakazeke.' 28
Kodwa ngemva kokuba sengivukile kwabafileyo,
ngizalandulela ukuya eGalile." 29 UPhethro
walandula wathi, "Loba bonke bengahlakazeka,
mina kangisoze ngikwenze." 30 UJesu
wamphendula wathi, "Ngikutshela iqiniso
ukuthi lamuhla lokhu, ngobusuku balamuhla,
iqhude lingakakhali kabili, wena ngokwakho
uzangiphika kathathu." 31 Kodwa uPhethro
waphika wagomela wathi, "Loba kungabe
ngifanele ngife lawe, kangisoze ngikuphike."
Bonke abanye labo batsho khona lokho. 32
Baya endaweni eyayithiwa yiGetsemane, uJesu
wathi kubafundi bakhe, "Hlalani lapha mina
ngisayakhuleka." 33 Wathatha uPhethro,
uJakhobe loJohane wasuduluka labo, waseqala
ukuhlulukelwa kakhulu lokukhathazeka. 34
Wathi kubo, "Umphefumulo wami udabukile
kakhulu kuze kuthi ngife. Hlalani lapha lilinde."
35 Wahamba ibanganyana, wazilahla phansi
wakhuleka ukuthi aluba kungenzeka lelohola
lingedlula kuye. 36 Wathi, "Abha, Baba, konke
kuyeneliseka kuwe. Ake ususe inkezo le kimi.
Kodwa kakungabi yintando yami, kodwa kube
yintando yakho." 37 Wasephenduka kubafundi
bakhe wabafica belele. Wathi kuPhethro,
"Simoni, ulele? Wehlulekile ukulinda ihola
elilodwa kuphela? 38 Lindani likhuleke ukuze
lingaweli ekulingweni. Umoya uyathanda,
kodwa umzimba ubuthakathaka." 39 Waphinda
wahamba wayakhuleka umkhuleko munye. 40
Wathi ekubuyeni wabafica njalo sebelele, ngoba
ubuthongo babubaphethe. Baswela ukuthi
bathini kuye. 41 Esebuya okwesithathu wathi
kubo, "Lilokhu lilele liphumula? Sekwanele!
Isikhathi sesifikile. Khangelani, iNdodana
yoMuntu isinikelwe ezandleni zezoni. 42
Phakamani! Kasihambeni! Nangu usesiza
onginikelayo." 43 Esakhuluma, uJudasi, omunye
wabalitshumi lambili, wafika. Wayehamba
lexuku behlomile ngezinkemba lezinduku,
bethunyiwe ngabaphristi abakhulu labafundisi
bomthetho kanye labadala. 44 Umthengisi
wayelungise isiboniso sokubatshengisa wathi:
"Lowo engizamanga nguye; limbophe lihle
lihambe laye elindiwe." 45 UJudasi wahle
waqonda kuJesu wathi, "Rabi!" wamanga. 46
Amadoda ahle amdumela uJesu ambopha. 47
Kwasekusithi omunye owayemi khonapho
wakhokha inkemba yakhe wagalela inceku
yomphristi omkhulu wayiquma indlebe yayo.
48 UJesu wathi, "Ngingumkhokheli womvukela
yini, selingaze lize lihlomile ngezinkemba
lezinduku ukuzangibamba? 49 Bengilani insuku
zonke ngifundisa emagumeni ethempeli, kodwa
kalingibophanga. Kodwa iMibhalo kufanele
igcwaliseke." 50 Khonokho bonke bamtshiya
babaleka. 51 Ijaha elalingagqokanga lutho
ngaphandle kwelembu lelineni lalimlandela
uJesu. Balibamba, 52 kodwa labaleka laze
latshiya isembatho salo. 53 UJesu bamthatha

bamusa kumphristi omkhulu, kwathi bonke
abaphristi abakhulu, labadala labafundisi
bomthetho babuthana ndawonye. 54 UPhethro
wamlandela ehambela khatshana, waze
wayangena egumeni lomphristi omkhulu.
Wahlala khonapho labalindi esotha umlilo.
55 Abaphristi abakhulu leSanihedrini yonke
babedinga ubufakazi obumlahlayo uJesu ukuze
bambulale, kodwa babuswela. 56 Abanengi
bafakaza amanga ngaye, kodwa amazwi abo
kawavumelananga. 57 Kwasekusukuma abanye
bethula lobu ubufakazi bamanga ngaye,
bathi, 58 "Samuzwa esithi, 'Ngizalibhidliza
ithempeli leli, elakhiwe ngabantu ngakhe elinye
ngezinsuku ezintathu, elizabe lingasakhiwanga
ngumuntu.'" 59 Lakulokhu kabuvumelananga
ubufakazi babo. 60 Umphristi omkhulu
wasesukuma phambi kwabo wabuza uJesu
wathi, "Kawuyikuphendula na? Kuyini kanti
lokhu okufakazwa ngamadoda la ngawe na?"
61 Kodwa uJesu wala elokhu ethule njalo
kazange aphendule. Umphristi omkhulu
waphinde wambuza wathi, "Unguye uKhristu,
iNdodana yoBusisiweyo na?" 62 UJesu wathi,
"Nginguye. Njalo lizayibona iNdodana yoMuntu
ihlezi kwesokunene salowo Olamandla isehla
ngamayezi ezulu." 63 Umphristi omkhulu
wadabula izigqoko zakhe wabuza wathi,
"Sisabadingelani abanye ofakazi? 64 Selikuzwile
ukuhlambaza. Lithini manje?" Bonke bamlahla
bathi ufanele ukufa. 65 Abanye basebeqalisa
ukumkhafulela; bamvala amehlo ngokumbopha,
bamdutshuza ngenqindi bathi, "Phrofitha!"
Abalindi basebemthatha bayamtshaya. 66
UPhethro wayengaphansi egumeni, enye
yamantombazana ayeyizincekukazi zomphristi
omkhulu yeza khonapho. 67 Yathi ibona
uPhethro esotha umlilo yamkhangelisisa.
Yathi, "Lawe wawulomNazarini lowaya,
uJesu." 68 Walandula. Wathi, "Angikwazi njalo
kangikuzwisisi lokho okhuluma ngakho."
Wahle waphuma waya esangweni. 69
Kuthe intombazana leyo isimbona khona
lapho yathi kwababemi lapho, "Indoda le
ingomunye wabo." 70 Walandula njalo.
Ngemva kwesikhatshana ababemi lapho eduze
kukaPhethro bathi, "Ngeqiniso ungomunye
wabo, ngoba ungumGalile." 71 Watshinga
uPhethro, waziqalekisa wabuye wafunga kubo
wathi, "Kangiyazi indoda le elikhuluma ngayo."
72 Masinyane lakhala iqhude ngokwesibili.
Khonapho uPhethro waselikhumbula ilizwi
uJesu ayelitshilo kuye, ukuthi: "Iqhude
lingakakhali kabili uzangiphika kathathu."
Ngakho waphihlika wakhala.

15 Ekuseni kakhulu abaphristi abakhulu,
labadala, labafundisi bomthetho kanye
leSanihedrini yonke bavumelana ngesinqumo
sabo. Bambopha uJesu bamqhuba bayamethula
kuPhilathu. 2 UPhilathu wambuza wathi,
"Uyinkosi yamaJuda na?" UJesu waphendula
wathi, "Usukutshilo lokho." 3 Abaphristi
abakhulu bamethesa amacala amanengi. 4
Ngakho uPhilathu wambuza njalo wathi,
"Kanti kungani ungaphenduli na? Khangela,
bakubeka amacala amanengi." 5 Kodwa uJesu
wala elokhu ethule, uPhilathu wamangala.
6 Kwakungumkhuba ukuthi ngomkhosi
kukhululwe isibotshwa esasizabe sicelwe
ngabantu. 7 Indoda eyayithiwa nguBharabhasi
yayisentolongweni kanye labahlamuki
ababebulele abantu kulowomvukela. 8 Ixuku
labantu leza kuPhilathu ukuthi abenzele leyo
nhlalayenza. 9 "Lifuna ukuthi ngilikhululele
inkosi yamaJuda na?" UPhilathu wabuza,
10 esazi ukuthi kwakungenxa yomhawu
okwenza abaphristi abakhulu banikela uJesu
kuye. 11 Kodwa abaphristi abakhulu badunga
abantu babakhuthaza ukuthi bacele uPhilathu
abakhululele uBharabhasi. 12 UPhilathu
wasebabuza wathi, "Pho ngithini ngalo elimbiza
ngokuthi uyinkosi yamaJuda na?" 13 Bamemeza
bathi, "Mbethele!" 14 UPhilathu wabuza
wathi, "Yindaba? Woneni?" Kodwa bamemeza
ngamandla bathi, "Mbethele!" 15 UPhilathu
wasebakhululela uBharabhasi ngoba wayefuna
ukusuthisa ixuku labantu. Wathi uJesu
katshaywe, ngemva kwalokho wasebapha ukuba
bambethele. 16 Amabutho amqhuba uJesu
amusa esigodlweni (kutshiwo iPhrethoriyamu)
basebebiza iviyo lonke lamabutho laqoqana
ndawonye. 17 Bamgqokisa ijazi eliyibubende,
basebeseluka umqhele wameva bamethesa

wona. 18 Basebememeza besithi kuye, “Bayethe,
nkosi yamaJuda!” 19 Bamtshaya ekhanda
ngomqwayi baphindaphinda, bamkhafulela.
Baguqa phansi ngamadolo bamkhonza. 20
Sebemhozile, bamhlubula ijazi eliyibubende
bamgqokisa ezakhe izigqoko. Basebephuma
laye bamqhuba ukuba bayombethela. 21 Indoda
ethile yaseKhureni, eyayithiwa nguSimoni,
uyise ka-Alekizanda loRufasi, wayezedlulela
khonapho evela emaphandleni, basebembamba
ngamandla ukuthi athwale isiphambano. 22
Baletha uJesu endaweni eyayithiwa yiGoligotha
(okutsho ukuthi, “Indawo yoKhakhayi”). 23
Basebemupha iwayini elihlanganiswe lemure,
kodwa wala ukulinatha. 24 Basebembethela.
Bahlukanisa izigqoko zakhe basebesenza
inkatho ukuze babone ukuthi ngulowo athathe
kuphi. 25 Kwakulihola lesithathu isikhathi
abambethela ngaso. 26 Umbhalo wecala lakhe
wawusithi: INkosi yamaJuda. 27 Babethela
kanye laye abaphangi ababili, omunye
kwesokunene sakhe, omunye kwesokhohlo.
[28 Kwagcwaliseka umbhalo othi, “Wabalwa
ndawonye lezephulamthetho.”] 29 Labo
ababedlula lapho babemthuka benikina
amakhanda abo besithi, “Ehe! Wena ozadiliza
ithempeli ulakhe ngezinsuku ezintathu,
30 yehla esiphambanweni uzisindise!” 31
Ngaleyondlela labaphristi abakhulu labafundisi
bomthetho bamklolodela behlekisana ngaye
phakathi kwabo. Bathi, “Wasindisa abanye,
kodwa uyehluleka ukuzisindisa yena! 32
Ake kuthi uKhristu lo, iNkosi le yako-
Israyeli, yehle esiphambanweni ukuze sibone,
sikholwe.” Lalabo ayebethelwe kanye labo,
labo babemhlambaza. 33 Ngehola lesithupha
ubumnyama bembesa ilizwe lonke kwaze kwaba
lihola lesificamunwemunye. 34 Kwathi ngehola
lesithathu emini uJesu wakhala ngelizwi
elikhulu wathi, “Eloyi, Eloyi, lamasabakithani?”
(okutsho ukuthi, “Nkulunkulu wami,
Nkulunkulu wami, ungitshiyelani na?”). 35
Kwathi abanye balabo ababemi eduzane
bekuzwa lokho bathi, “Zwanini, ubiza u-
Elija.” 36 Enye indoda yagcwalisa uzipho
ngewayini elimunyu, yaluxhumela oluthini,
yasiluqhubela uJesu ukuthi anathe. Yasisithi,
“Ake simyekele manje, kesibone ingabe u-
Elija uzakuza azomehlisa.” 37 Ngomkhosi
omkhulu, uJesu waphefumula okokucina. 38
Ikhetheni lethempeli ladabuka kabili lisuka
phezulu kusiya phansi. 39 Kwathi induna
yekhulu eyayimi khonapho phambi kukaJesu
isizwa ukukhala kwakhe njalo ikubonile
ukuthi ufe kanjani yathi, “Ngeqiniso indoda
le ibe iyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu!” 40 Abanye
abesifazane babebukele bebucwala. Phakathi
kwabo kwakuloMariya Magadalini loMariya
unina kaJakhobe omncinyane lokaJosefa
loSalome. 41 Laba abesifazane babemlandele
bemsebenzela eseGalile. Labanye abesifazane
abanengi ababeze laye eJerusalema labo
babekhona. 42 Kwakulusuku lokuLungiselela
(kutsho usuku olwandulela iSabatha). Kwathi
sekuntambama 43 uJosefa wase-Arimathiya
indoda elesithunzi eNkundleni, yona ngokwayo
eyayilindele umbuso kaNkulunkulu, yaqunga
isibindi yaya kuPhilathu yacela isidumbu
sikaJesu. 44 UPhilathu wamangala ukuthi
wayesefile. Wabiza induna yekhulu wayibuza
ukuthi uJesu wayesefile yini. 45 Wathi esezwile
ngenduna yekhulu ukuthi kwasekwenzakele,
wamupha uJesu isidumbu. 46 Ngakho uJosefa
wasethenga amalembu elineni, wathatha
isidumbu wasigoqela ngelineni wasibeka
ethuneni elaligujwe edwaleni. Wasegiqela
ilitshe emlonyeni wethuna. 47 UMariya
Magadalini loMariya unina kaJosefa babona
lapho abekwa khona.

16 Kwathi iSabatha seledlule, uMariya
Magadalini, loMariya unina kaJakhobe
loSalome bathenga amakha ukuze bayeqhola
ngawo isidumbu sikaJesu. 2 Ekuseni kakhulu
ngosuku lokuqala lweviki, ilanga liphuma
basebesendleleni besiya ethuneni, 3 babuzana
bathi, “Ngubani ozasigiqela ilitshe lisuke
emlonyeni wethuna na?” 4 Kodwa bathi
bayakhangela babona ilitshe, elalilikhulu
kakhulu, seligiqelwe eceleni. 5 Bathi bengena
ethuneni babona ijaha ligqoke isembatho
esimhlophe lihlezi ngakwesokunene, bethuka
kakhulu. 6 Lathi, “Lingaze lethuka. Lidinga uJesu
umNazarini obebethelwe. Usevukile! Kakho

lapha. Bonani, nansi indawo lapho bebembeke
khona. 7 Kodwa hambani liyotshela abafundi
bakhe loPhethro lithi, ‘Usehamba phambi
kwenu ukuya eGalile. Lizambona khonale,
njengoba walitshela.’” 8 Ngokuthuthumela
langokudideka, abesifazane baphuma bebaleka
ethuneni. Kabakhulumanga lutho lakubani
ngoba babesesaba. [9 (note: The most reliable and
earliest manuscripts do not include Mark 16:9-20.) UJesu
esevukile ekuseni ngelanga lokuqala evikini
waqala wabonakala kuMariya Magadalini
yena lowo ayekhuphe kuye amadimoni
ayisikhombisa. 10 Yena wahamba wayabikela
labo uJesu ayephile labo ababesesililweni
sakhe. 11 Bathi besizwa ukuthi uJesu uyaphila
lokuthi uMariya wayembonile, kabazange
bakukholwe. 12 Ngemva kwalokho uJesu
wabonakala ngesinye isimo kwababili babo
abafica behamba kulelolizwe emaphandleni.
13 Labo babuyela bayabikela abanye, kodwa
labo kabazange babakholwe. 14 Ngemva
kwalokho uJesu wabonakala kwabalitshumi
lanye besidla; wabakhuza ngokungakholwa
kwabo langobulukhuni benhliziyo zabo
bengabakholwa labo ababembonile ngemva
kokuvuka kwakhe. 15 Wathi kubo, “Hambani
emhlabeni wonke litshumayele ivangeli
kukho konke okwadalwayo. 16 Loba ngubani
okholwayo abhaphathizwe uzasindiswa,
kodwa lowo ongakholwayo uzalahlwa.
17 Lezizibonakaliso zizabalandela labo
abakholwayo: Ngebizo lami bazakhupha
amadimoni; bazakhuluma ngendimi ezintsha;
18 bazadobha izinyoka ngezandla zabo;
bazakuthi banganatha okubulalayo kungaze
kwabalimaza lakancinyane; bazabeka izandla
zabo phezu kwabantu abagulayo, basile.” 19
Ngemva kokuba iNkosi uJesu esekhulume
labo, wenyukiselwa ezulwini, wahlala
ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu. 20 Abafundi
bahamba bayatshumayela ezindaweni zonke
iNkosi yasebenza labo yaqinisa ilizwi layo
ngezibonakaliso ezazilisekela.]

ULukha

1 Banengi asebazimisela ukuqoqa umlando
wezinto esezigcwalisekile phakathi kwethu,
2 njengokwedluliselwa kwazo kithi yilabo
ababekhona ekuqaleni bengabafakazi lezinceku
zelizwi. 3 Ngakho-ke, njengoba mina
ngokwami sengichwayisisile konke kusukela
ekuqaleni, lami ngikubone kufanele ukuthi
ngikulobele umlando oqondileyo, komkhulu
ohloniphekayo uTheyofelasi 4 ukuze wazi
iqiniso lezinto lezo ozifundisiweyo. 5
Ngesikhathi sikaHerodi inkosi yaseJudiya
kwakulomphristi okwakuthiwa nguZakhariya,
owaye ngowesigaba sika-Abhija, umkakhe u-
Elizabethi laye wayengowosendo luka-Aroni. 6
Bobabili babelungile emehlweni kaNkulunkulu
beyilandela yonke imilayo leziqondiso zeNkosi
bengasoleki. 7 Kodwa babengelabantwana
ngoba u-Elizabethi wayeyinyumba njalo
bobabili basebeluphele. 8 Kwenzakala ukuthi
isigaba sikaZakhariya siyiso esasimiselwe
umsebenzi wethempeli ngalesosikhathi, 9
wadliwa yinkatho ngokomkhuba wobuphristi,
ukuthi angene ethempelini leNkosi ayetshisa
impepha. 10 Kwathi isikhathi sokutshisa
impepha sesifikile, wonke amakholwa
ayebuthene lapho ayekhuleka ephandle. 11
Kwasekubonakala kuye ingilosi yeNkosi imi
ngakwesokunene kwe-alithari lempepha. 12
UZakhariya wathi eyibona wethuka wesaba
kakhulu. 13 Kodwa ingilosi yathi kuye,
“Ungesabi, Zakhariya; umkhuleko wakho
usuzwakele. Umkakho u-Elizabethi uzakuzalela
indodana kufanele uyinike ibizo elithiwa
nguJohane. 14 Uzakuba yintokozo lenjabulo
kuwe njalo abanengi bazathokoza ngenxa
yokuzalwa kwakhe, 15 ngoba uzakuba mkhulu
emehlweni eNkosi. Kakumelanga anathe
iwayini lanini loba yini ebilisiweyo enathwayo,
njalo uzagcwaliswa ngoMoya oNgcwele
kusukela ekuzalweni kwakhe. 16 Uzaletha
abantu bako-Israyeli abanengi eNkosini
uNkulunkulu wabo. 17 Uzahamba phambili
kweNkosi ngomoya langamandla ka-Elija,
ukuguqulela inhliziyo zaboyise ebantwaneni
babo labayiziqholo elwazini lwabalungileyo,
ukuqondisa abantu abalungiselelwe iNkosi.” 18
UZakhariya wabuza ingilosi wathi, “Ngingaba
leqiniso lakho njani lokho? Sengilixhegu
njalo lomkami useluphele.” 19 Ingilosi
yaphendula yathi, “NginguGabhuriyeli mina.
Ngima phambi kukaNkulunkulu, ngithunywe
ukuzokhuluma lawe ngikutshela ngalezi
izindaba ezinhle. 20 Okwamanje uzakuba
yisimungulu wehluleke ukukhuluma kuze
kufike lolosuku okuzakwenzakala ngalo
lokhu, ngoba kawuzange uwakholwe amazwi
ami, wona azagcwaliseka ngesikhathi sawo
esifaneleyo.” 21 Sonke lesisikhathi abantu
babelokhu bemlindele uZakhariya sebemangele
ukuthi kungani wayethethe isikhathi eside
kangako ethempelini. 22 Waphuma esesehluleka
ukukhuluma labo. Babona ukuthi wayebone
umbono ethempelini ngoba wayelokhu
eqhweba ngezandla, kodwa esehluleka
ukukhuluma. 23 Izopha lakhe seliphelile
wabuyela ekhaya. 24 Ngemva kwalokhu
umkakhe u-Elizabethi wazithwala wasezifihla
okwezinyanga ezinhlanu, 25 esithi, “INkosi
ingenzele lokhu. Kulezi insuku ilutshengisile
uthando Lwayo yasusa ihlazo lami ebantwini.”
26 Ngenyanga yesithupha yokuzithwala kuka-
Elizabethi, uNkulunkulu wathuma ingilosi
uGabhuriyeli eNazaretha, idolobho elaliseGalile,
27 ukuya entombini egcweleyo eyayithembise
ukutshada lendoda eyayithiwa nguJosefa,
owesizukulwane sikaDavida. Ibizo lentombi
egcweleyo le kwakunguMariya. 28 Ingilosi
yaya kuye yathi, “Sabona wena othole umusa
kakhulukazi INkosi ilawe.” 29 Amazwi ayo
amhlupha kakhulu uMariya wamangala ukuthi
kanti kwakuyikubingelela bani lokhu. 30
Kodwa ingilosi yathi kuye, “Ungesabi Mariya,
uthole umusa kuNkulunkulu. 31 Uzakhulelwa
ubelethe indodana, uyethe ibizo uthi nguJesu.
32 Uzaba ngumuntu omkhulu abizwe ngokuthi
yiNdodana yoPhezukonke. INkosi uNkulunkulu
izamupha isihlalo sikayise uDavida, 33
njalo uzabusa phezu kwendlu kaJakhobe
laphakade; umbuso wakhe kawuyikuphela.”
(aiōn g165) 34 UMariya wayibuza ingilosi wathi,
“Lokho kuzakwenzakala njani njengoba

mina ngimsulwa ngingayazi indoda?” 35
Ingilosi yaphendula yathi, “UMoya oNgcwele
uzakwehlela phezu kwakho, lamandla akhe
oPhezukonke azakusibekela. Ngakho ongcwele
ozazalwa uzathiwa yiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.
36 Lo-Elizabethi isihlobo sakho uzakuba
lomntwana ekuluphaleni kwakhe, yena
okwakuthiwa yinyumba usesenyangeni yakhe
yesithupha. 37 Ngoba kakukho okwehlulayo
kuNkulunkulu.” 38 UMariya waphendula wathi,
“Ngiyincekukazi yeNkosi. Kakwenzeke kimi
njengoba utshilo.” Ingilosi yasisuka kuye. 39
Ngalesosikhathi uMariya waphanga wenza
amalungiselelo waya edolobheni elizweni
lamaqaqa eJudiya, 40 lapho angena khona
emzini kaZakhariya wabingelela u-Elizabethi.
41 Kwathi u-Elizabethi esizwa ukubingelela
kukaMariya, umntwana weqa esiswini sakhe,
u-Elizabethi wagcwala ngoMoya oNgcwele.
42 Wakhuluma ngelizwi eliphezulu wathi,
“Ubusisiwe wena phakathi kwabesifazane,
njalo ubusisiwe umntwana ozamzala! 43
Kodwa kungani ngithole umusa ongaka mina,
ukuba ngethekelelwe ngunina weNkosi yami?
44 Ngonele ukuzwa ukubingelela kwakho,
umntwana osesiswini sami weqa ngentokozo. 45
Ubusisiwe lowo osekholiwe ukuthi lokho iNkosi
ethe kuzakwenzeka kuye kuzagcwaliseka!”
46 UMariya wathi: “Umphefumulo wami
uyayidumisa iNkosi 47 lomoya wami uyathokoza
kuNkulunkulu uMsindisi wami, 48 ngoba
ukunanzile ukuzehlisa kwencekukazi yakhe.
Kusukela manje zonke izizukulwane zizakuthi
ngibusisiwe, 49 ngoba uSomandla ungenzele
izinto ezinkulu, lingcwele ibizo lakhe. 50
Isihawu sakhe sifinyelela kulabo abamesabayo,
kulandela isizukulwane ngesizukulwane. 51
Uyenzile imisebenzi emikhulu ngengalo yakhe:
ubachithizile labo abaziqakisa ngemicabango
yezinhliziyo zabo. 52 Uwethule amakhosi
ezihlalweni zawo, kodwa wabaphakamisa
abantukazana. 53 Ubasuthisile abalambileyo
ngezinto ezinhle, kodwa abanothileyo
ubaxotshe bengaphathanga lutho. 54 Uyisizile
inceku yakhe u-Israyeli, wakhumbula ukuba
lesihawu 55 ku-Abrahama lezizukulwane zakhe
laphakade, njengoba wakutsho kubokhokho
bethu.” (aiōn g165) 56 UMariya wahlala lo-
Elizabethi izinyanga ezazingaba ntathu
wasebuyela ekhaya. 57 Kwathi isikhathi
sika-Elizabethi sesiphelele esokubeletha
wazala indodana. 58 Omakhelwane bakhe
lezihlobo bezwa ukuthi iNkosi yayimzwele
isihawu esikhulu bathokoza kanye laye. 59
Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili beza ukuzasoka
umntwana, bafuna ukuthi bamethe ibizo
likayise uZakhariya, 60 kodwa unina wala
wathi, “Hatshi! Kathiwe nguJohane.” 61 Bathi
kuye, “Kakho ebantwini bakini olebizo lelo.” 62
Bakhuluma ngezandla kuyise bedinga ukuthi
yena uthanda ukuthi umntwana aphiwe liphi
ibizo. 63 Wacela isibhebhedu sokulobela,
wamangalisa wonke umuntu ngoba waloba
ukuthi, “Ibizo lakhe nguJohane.” 64 Masinyane
umlomo wakhe wavuleka lolimi lwakhe
lwatshwaphuluka, waqalisa ukukhuluma
edumisa uNkulunkulu. 65 Omakhelwane
bonke bamangala kakhulu, kwathi elizweni
lonke lamaqaqa eJudiya abantu babekhuluma
ngalezizinto. 66 Wonke owezwayo ngalokho
wamangala ebuza esithi, “Kambe uzakuba
yini umntwana lo?” Ngoba isandla seNkosi
sasilaye. 67 Uyise uZakhariya wagcwala
ngoMoya oNgcwele waphrofitha wathi: 68
“Udumo kalube seNkosini, uNkulunkulu
ka-Israyeli, ngoba ubuyile ukuzahlenga
abantu bakhe. 69 Iluphakamisile uphondo
lwensindiso yethu endlini yenceku yayo
uDavida 70 (njengoba yatsho ngabaphrofethi
bayo abangcwele ekadeni), (aiōn g165) 71
ukusindiswa ezitheni zethu lesandleni sabo
bonke abasizondayo, 72 ukuze atshengise
isihawu kubokhokho bethu lokukhumbula
isivumelwano sakhe esingcwele, 73 isifungo
asifunga kubaba wethu u-Abhrahama: 74
ukusikhululula esandleni sezitha zethu, size
siyikhonze singelakwesaba 75 ngobungcwele
langokulunga phambi kwayo ngazozonke
insuku zethu. 76 Wena mntanami, uzathiwa
ungumphrofethi woPhezukonke; ngoba
uzahamba phambili kweNkosi uyilungisele
indlela, 77 ukunika abantu bayo ukwazi
insindiso ngokuthethelelwa kwezono zabo, 78
ngenxa yomusa kaNkulunkulu wethu, ilanga

liphuma lize kithi livela ezulwini, 79 likhanyise
kulabo abahlezi ebumnyameni lasethunzini
lokufa, ukukhokhelela inyawo zethu endleleni
yokuthula." 80 Umntwana wakhula waqina
emoyeni; waphila enkangala waze wavela obala
ku-Israyeli.

2 Ngalezonsuku uKhesari Agastasi wakhupha
isimemezelo sokuthi abantu babalwe
kulolonke ilizwe lombuso wamaRoma. 2
(Lokhu kwakuyikubalwa kwabantu kokuqala
okwenzakala uKhwirinu engumbusi wase-
Asiriya.) 3 Wonke umuntu waya edolobheni
lakibo wayabhalisa. 4 UJosefa laye wahamba
esuka edolobheni leNazaretha eseGalile
waya eJudiya, eBhethilehema idolobho
likaDavida, ngoba wayengowendlu losendo
lukaDavida. 5 Waya khona ukuyabhalisa
eloMariya, owayesethembise ukwendela
kuye, esekhulelwe. 6 Bathi bekhonale safika
isikhathi sokubelethwa komntwana, 7 wazibula
ngendodana. Wayigoqela ngamalembu,
wayilalisa emkolweni wokudlela izifuyo
ngoba babengelandawo endlini yezihambi.
8 Kwakulabelusi ababehlala emlageni eduze
kwalapho, belinda imihlambi yabo yezimvu
ebusuku. 9 Ingilosi yeNkosi yabonakala kubo,
inkazimulo yeNkosi yakhanya ibazingelezile,
ngakho besaba kakhulu. 10 Kodwa ingilosi yathi
kubo, "Lingesabi. Ngizolitshela izindaba ezinhle
ezizaletha intokozo enkulu ebantwini bonke. 11
Lamuhla lizalelwe uMsindisi emzini kaDavida;
unguKhristu iNkosi. 12 Lokhu kuzakuba
yisibonakaliso kini: Lizathola umntwana
egoqelwe ngamalembu elele emkolweni."
13 Masinyane kwaqhamuka ixuku lebandla
lasezulwini lengilosi lidumisa uNkulunkulu
lisithi, 14 "Udumo kuNkulunkulu emazulwini
aphezulu, lokuthula emhlabeni kulabo abathole
umusa kuye." 15 Kwathi izingilosi sezibatshiyile
zabuyela ezulwini, abelusi bakhulumisana
bathi, "Kasihambeni siye eBhethilehema
siyobona into le esiyenzakele, iNkosi esisitshele
ngayo." 16 Bahle basuka ngokuphangisa, bafica
uMariya loJosefa losane olwalulele emkolweni
wokudlela izifuyo. 17 Bathi sebembonile
umntwana, batshela abanengi ngalokho
ababekutshelwe mayelana lomntwana lo,
18 kwathi bonke abalizwayo bamangaliswa
yilokho abakuzwa ngabelusi. 19 Kodwa uMariya
wazenza igugu zonke lezizinto wazishicilela
enhliziyweni yakhe. 20 Abelusi babuyela,
bedumisa njalo bebabaza uNkulunkulu ngezinto
zonke ababezizwile njalo bazibona, zaba
yikho kanye ababekutsheliwe. 21 Ngosuku
lwesificaminwembili, sekuyisikhathi sokuthi
asokwe, wethiwa ibizo elithi nguJesu, ibizo
ayelithiwe yingilosi engakabunjwa esiswini.
22 Kwathi lapho sesiphelile isikhathi sabo
sokuhlanjululwa ngokomthetho kaMosi, uJosefa
loMariya bamusa eJerusalema ukuyamnikela
eNkosini 23 (njengokulotshiweyo eMthethweni
weNkosi ukuthi, "Lonke izibulo lesilisa kumele
linikelwe eNkosini"), 24 njalo kwenziwe
umhlatshelo kulandelwa lokho okutshiwo
nguMthetho weNkosi othi: "amajuba amabili
loba inkwilimba ezisesezincane ezimbili." 25
Kwakukhona eJerusalema indoda eyayithiwa
nguSimiyoni, yayilungile njalo ikholwa.
Yayilindele ukududuzwa kuka-Israyeli, njalo
uMoya oNgcwele wawuphezu kwayo. 26
Kwakwambuliwe kuye nguMoya oNgcwele
ukuthi wayengayikufa engakaboni uKhristu
weNkosi. 27 Waholwa nguMoya wangena
emagumeni ethempeli. Kwathi abazali
sebemlethile umntwana uJesu ukumenzela
lokho okwakufunwa ngumkhuba woMthetho,
28 uSimiyoni wamgona ngezingalo zakhe
wadumisa uNkulunkulu esithi: 29 "Thixo,
Nkosi, njengoba wavele wathembisa, manje-
ke iyekele ihambe ngokuthula inceku yakho.
30 Ngoba amehlo ami aseyibonile insindiso
yakho, 31 oyilungisileyo phambi kwezizwe
zonke, 32 ukukhanya kokwambulela abeZizwe
lokwenkazimulo yabantu bakho bako-Israyeli."
33 Oyise lonina womntwana bamangala
kakhulu ngalokho okwakukhulunywa ngaye.
34 USimiyoni wasebabusisa, wathi kuMariya
unina: "Umntwana lo umiselwe ukuwa
lokuvuka kwabanengi ko-Israyeli, lokuba
yisibonakaliso esizagconwa, 35 ukwenzela
ukuthi imicabango yabanengi ivele obala. Njalo
inkemba izawugwaza umphefumulo wakho
lawe." 36 Kwakukhona njalo umphrofethikazi,

u-Ana, indodakazi kaFanuweli, owesizwana
sika-Asheri. Wayesemdala kakhulu: wayephile
lomkakhe okweminyaka eyisikhombisa ngemva
kokwenda kwakhe, 37 wasesiba ngumfelokazi
waze waba leminyaka engamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili lane. Kazange lanini
asuke ethempelini kodwa wayekhonza
ubusuku lemini, ezila njalo ekhuleka. 38
Wabuya kubo ngalesosikhathi wabonga
kuNkulunkulu, wakhuluma ngomntwana
kubo bonke ababelindele ukuhlengwa
kweJerusalema. 39 Kwathi lapho uJosefa
loMariya sebekwenzile konke okwakufuneka
ngoMthetho weNkosi babuyela eGalile,
edolobheni lakibo elaseNazaretha. 40 Umntwana
wakhula, waqina; wagcwala inhlakanipho,
njalo umusa kaNkulunkulu waba phezu
kwakhe. 41 Iminyaka yonke abazali bakhe baya
eJerusalema belanda uMkhosi wePhasika. 42
Kwathi eseleminyaka elitshumi lambili baya
emkhosini njengenjayelo. 43 Kwathi uMkhosi
usuphelile, abazali bakhe sebebuyela ekhaya,
umfana uJesu wasala eJerusalema, kodwa bona
belibele. 44 Bazihambela ilanga lonke bona
becabanga ukuthi ukhona edwendweni lwabo.
Basebeqalisa ukumdinga phakathi kwezihlobo
zabo labangane. 45 Bathi sebemswele
babuyela eJerusalema bayamdinga. 46 Ngemva
kwensuku ezintathu bamfumana emagumeni
ethempeli ehlezi phakathi kwabafundisi elalele
njalo ebabuza imibuzo. 47 Wonke umuntu
owamuzwayo wamangala ngokuzwisisa kwakhe
kanye lempendulo zakhe. 48 Abazali bakhe bathi
bembona bamangala kakhulu. Unina wathi
kuye, “Ndodana, kungani usinqinekisa kangaka?
Uyihlo lami besesikhathazekile sikudinga.” 49
Yena wabuza wathi, “Belivele lingidingelani
kanti? Belingazi yini ukuthi bekumele ngibe
sendlini kaBaba?” 50 Kodwa kabazwisisanga
lokho ayekutsho kubo. 51 Wasehamba labo
eNazaretha wahlala ebalalela. Kodwa unina
wazenza igugu zonke lezi izinto enhliziyweni
yakhe. 52 UJesu wakhula ngenhlakanipho,
langomzimba langokuthandwa nguNkulunkulu
labantu.

3 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlanu wokubusa
kukaThibheriyasi Khesari ngesikhathi
uPhontiyasi Philathu engumbusi eJudiya,
uHerodi engumbusi eGalile, umfowabo uFiliphu
engumbusi wase-Ithuriya leThrakhonithi,
njalo loLisaniya engumbusi wase-Abhilene
2 ngesikhathi leso u-Anasi loKhayifasi
bengabaphristi abakhulu, kwafika ilizwi
likaNkulunkulu kuJohane indodana kaZakhariya
esenkangala. 3 Wawuhamba wonke umango
waseJodani, etshumayela ubhaphathizo
lokuphenduka ukuze izono zithethelelwe. 4
Njengoba kulotshiwe encwadini yamazwi ka-
Isaya umphrofethi: “Ilizwi lalowo omemezayo
enkangala, ‘Lungisani indlela kaThixo,
yenzani indlela zakhe ziqonde. 5 Zonke
izigodi zizagcwaliswa, izintaba zonke
lamaqaqa kuzakwehliselwa phansi. Izindlela
zonke ezimazombe zizaqonda, izindlela
ezimakhilikithi zizakuba butshelezi. 6 Abantu
bonke bazayibona insindiso kaNkulunkulu.’” 7
UJohane wathi emaxukwini abantu ababuya
ukuzobhaphathizwa nguye, “Lina nzalo
yezinyoka! Lilimukiswe ngubani ukuthi
libalekele ulaka oluzayo na? 8 Thelani
izithelo ezihambelana lokuphenduka. Njalo
lingaqali ukuzitshela ukuthi, ‘Silo-Abhrahama
ongubaba wethu.’ Ngoba ngilitshela ukuthi
kuwonala amatshe uNkulunkulu angamenzela
u-Abhrahama abantwana. 9 Ihloka selivele
selisezimpandeni zezihlahla, njalo zonke
izihlahla ezingatheli izithelo ezilungileyo
zizaganyulwa, ziphoselwe emlilweni.” 10
Abantu bambuza bathi, “Pho kumele senzeni?”
11 UJohane waphendula wathi, “Leyondoda
elamajazi amabili kayimuphe ongelalo
elinye lalowo olokudla kenze njalo.” 12
Labathelisi labo beza ukuzabhaphathizwa.
Babuza bathi, “Mfundisi, kumele senzeni?”
13 Wabatshela wathi, “Lingathelisi ledlulise
okufunekayo.” 14 Abanye abebutho bambuza
bathi, “Thina-ke senzeni?” Waphendula wathi,
“Lingancindezeli ukuthi liphiwe imali njalo
lingabeki muntu umlandu wamanga njalo
lisuthiseke ngomholo wenu.” 15 Abantu
babehlezi belindele njalo bonke babezibuza
ezinhliziyweni zabo ingabe uJohane wayenguye

yini uKhristu. 16 UJohane wabaphendula bonke
wathi, “Mina ngilibhaphathiza ngamanzi.
Kodwa yena olamandla kulami uyeza,
akungilinganang a ukuthukulula imichilo
yamanyathela akhe. Uzalibhaphathiza ngoMoya
oNgcwele langomlilo. 17 Isitsha sakhe sokwela
sisesandleni sakhe ukuba athanyele isiza sakhe
njalo abuthele amabele akhe esiphaleni, kodwa
uzatshisa amakhoba ngomlilo ongacitshekiyo.”
18 Waphinda walaya abantu ngamanye amazwi
amanengi njalo watshumayela kubo ivangeli.
19 Kodwa kwathi uJohane esekhuze uHerodi
umbusi ngenxa kaHerodiyasi, umkamfowabo,
langezinye izinto ezimbi ayezenzile, 20 uHerodi
wakuhlanganisa lokhu konke: Wamvalela
uJohane entolongweni. 21 Kwathi bonke abantu
bebhaphathizwa, loJesu laye wabhaphathizwa.
Wathi ekhuleka izulu lavuleka 22 uMoya
oNgcwele wehlela kuye elesimo sejuba. Kweza
ilizwi livela ezulwini lathi: “Wena uyiNdodana
yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza kakhulu
ngawe.” 23 UJesu wayeseleminyaka engaba
ngamatshumi amathathu eqalisa umsebenzi
wakhe wokutshumayela. Kwakukhunjulwa
ukuthi uyindodana kaJosefa, indodana kaHeli,
24 indodana kaMathathi, indodana kaLevi,
indodana kaMeliki, indodana kaJanayi,
indodana kaJosefa, 25 indodana kaMathathiyasi,
indodana ka-Amosi, indodana kaNahumi,
indodana ka-Esili, indodana kaNagayi, 26
indodana kaMahathi, indodana kaMathathiyasi,
indodana kaSemeyini, indodana kaJoseki,
indodana kaJoda, 27 indodana kaJohanani,
indodana kaResa, indodana kaZerubhabheli,
indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, indodana kaNeri,
28 indodana kaMeliki, indodana ka-Adi,
indodana kaKhosamu, indodana ka-Elimadami,
indodana ka-Eri, 29 indodana kaJoshuwa,
indodana ka-Eliyezeri, indodana kaJorimu,
indodana kaMathathi, indodana kaLevi,
30 indodana kaSimiyoni, indodana kaJuda,
indodana kaJosefa, indodana kaJonami,
indodana ka-Eliyakhimu, 31 indodana kaMeleya,
indodana kaMena, indodana kaMathatha,
indodana kaNathani, indodana kaDavida, 32
indodana kaJese, indodana ka-Obhedi, indodana
kaBhowazi, indodana kaSalimoni, indodana
kaNashoni, 33 indodana ka-Aminadabi, indodana
kaRamu, indodana kaHezironi, indodana
kaPherezi, indodana kaJuda, 34 indodana
kaJakhobe, indodana ka-Isaka, indodana ka-
Abhrahama, indodana kaThera, indodana
kaNahori, 35 indodana kaSerugi, indodana
kaRewu, indodana kaPhelegi, indodana ka-Ebha,
indodana kaShela, 36 indodana kaKhayinani,
indodana ka-Ariphazadi, indodana kaShemu,
indodana kaNowa, indodana kaLameki, 37
indodana kaMethusela, indodana ka-Enoki,
indodana kaJaredi, indodana kaMahalaleli,
indodana kaKhenani, 38 indodana ka-Enoshi,
indodana kaSethi, indodana ka-Adamu,
indodana kaNkulunkulu.

4 UJesu egcwele uMoya oNgcwele wasuka evela
eJodani wasekhokhelwa nguMoya wamusa
enkangala, 2 lapho alingwa khona nguSathane
okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane. Kadlanga
lutho ngalezonsuku, ekupheleni kwazo,
wayeselambile. 3 USathane wathi kuye, “Nxa
uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, tshela ilitshe
leli ukuthi liphenduke libe yisinkwa.” 4
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kulotshiwe ukuthi:
‘Umuntu kaphili ngesinkwa kuphela.’” 5
USathane wamholela endaweni ephakemeyo
wamtshengisa ngesikhathi esifitshane yonke
imibuso yomhlaba. 6 Wasesithi kuye,
“Ngizakunika amandla lenkazimulo yayo yonke
ngoba kuphiwe mina njalo ngingapha loba
ngubani engifuna ukumupha. 7 Ungangikhonza
konke kuzakuba ngokwakho.” 8 UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Kulotshiwe ukuthi: ‘Khonza
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho njalo usebenzele
yena yedwa.’” 9 USathane wamholela
eJerusalema wayamisa engqongeni yethempeli.
Wathi kuye “Nxa uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu,
ziphosele phansi usuka lapha. 10 Kalokho
kulotshiwe ukuthi: ‘Uzayala izingilosi zakhe
ngawe ukuthi zikulondoloze ngokunanzelela;
11 zizakuphakamisa ezandleni zazo, ukuze
ungatshayeki ngonyawo lwakho elitsheni.’”
12 UJesu waphendula wathi “Kuthiwa khona,
‘Ungayilingi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho.’”
13 Kwathi uSathane eseqedile ukumlinga
konke wamtshiya walindela ukuzamlinga

njalo ngesinye isikhathi. 14 UJesu wabuyela
eGalile elamandla kaMoya, izindaba ngaye
zanda kuwo wonke umango. 15 Wafundisa
emasinagogweni abo, abantu bonke bamdumisa.
16 Waya eNazaretha lapho akhulela khona
kwathi ngeSabatha waya esinagogweni
njengenjayelo yakhe. Wasukuma wabala. 17
Umqulu womphrofethi u-Isaya wedluliselwa
kuye. Wawutshombulula wafumana indawo
okulotshwe khona kwathiwa: 18 "Umoya
kaThixo uphezu kwami, ngoba uThixo
ungigcobile ukuba ngitshumayele izindaba
ezinhle kwabampofu. Ungithumile ukuba
ngimemezele ukukhululwa kwabathunjiweyo
lokusiliswa kweziphofu ukuthi zibone,
ukukhululwa kwabancindezelweyo, 19
lokumemezela umnyaka womusa kaThixo."
20 Wasewugoqa, wawubuyisela esikhonzini
sebandla, wahlala phansi. Amehlo abo
bonke esinagogweni athi nhlo kuye, 21
waseqalisa ngokuthi kubo, "Lamhla umbhalo
usugcwalisekile lizizwela." 22 Bonke bakhuluma
kuhle ngaye bemangaliswa ngamazwi amnandi
ayephuma emlonyeni wakhe. Babuzana
besithi, "Kanti lo kasindodana kaJosefa
na?" 23 UJesu wathi kubo, "Ngeqiniso
lizasitsho kimi lesi isaga esithi: 'Nyanga,
zelaphe! Yenza lapha edolobheni lakini lokho
esizwa kuthiwa wakwenza eKhaphenawume.'"
24 Waqhubeka wathi, "Ngiqinisile ngithi
kakulamphrofethi oyamukelekayo edolobheni
lakibo. 25 Ngiyaqinisa kini ukuthi babebanengi
abafelokazi ko-Israyeli ngesikhathi sika-Elija,
lapho umkhathi wavaleka okweminyaka
emithathu elengxenye kwaba lendlala enzima
elizweni lonke. 26 Kodwa u-Elija kazange
athunywe lakoyedwa wabo, ngaphandle
komfelokazi waseZarefathi emangweni
waseSidoni. 27 Babebanengi ko-Israyeli
ababelobulephero ngesikhathi sika-Elisha
umphrofethi, kodwa munye kuphela phakathi
kwabo owahlanjululwayo, uNamani waseSiriya."
28 Bonke abantu ababesesinagogweni bathi
bekuzwa lokhu bathukuthela kakhulu. 29
Basukuma, bamtshovela phandle kwedolobho
bamusa eliweni loqaqa okwakwakhelwe kulo
idolobho beqonde ukumsunduzela phansi
edongeni. 30 Kodwa wasuka wahamba wadabula
phakathi kwexuku labantu. 31 Wasesiya
eKhaphenawume, idolobho elaliseGalile, kwathi
ngeSabatha wafundisa abantu. 32 Bamangaliswa
yikufundisa kwakhe ngoba intshumayelo
yakhe yayilesisindo. 33 Esinagogweni lapho
kwakulendoda eyayiphethwe lidimoni, umoya
ongcolileyo. Yaklabalala ngelizwi layo lonke
yathi, 34 "Hamba khatshana! Ufunani kithi,
Jesu waseNazaretha? Ulande ukuza sibhubhisa
na? Ngiyakwazi ukuthi ungubani, ungoNgcwele
kaNkulunkulu!" 35 UJesu wamkhuza wathi,
"Thula! Phuma kuye!" Idimoni layilahla
phansi indoda phambi kwabo bonke laphuma
lingayilimazanga indoda. 36 Bonke abantu
bamangala kakhulu bakhulumisana besithi,
"Yikufundisa bani lokhu? Ulaya imimoya emibi
ngegunya langamandla layo iphume!" 37
Zamemetheka izindaba ngaye kuwo wonke
umango walapho. 38 UJesu wasuka esinagogweni
waya emzini kaSimoni. Uninazala kaSimoni
wayegula ebanjwe ngumkhuhlane woqhuqho
onzima basebecela uJesu ukuthi amsize. 39
Wasekhothamela kuye wakhuza umkhuhlane
lowo wahle waphuma kuye. Yena wathi
lothu, waqalisa ukubaphakela. 40 Kwathi
ilanga selitshona abantu baletha kuJesu bonke
ababe lemikhuhlane eyehlukeneyo, wabasilisa
ngokubeka izandla phezu kwalowo lalowo
ngamunye. 41 Phezu kwalokho amadimoni
aphuma kwabanengi ememeza esithi, "Wena
uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu!" Kodwa wawakhuza
kazawavumela ukuthi akhulume ngoba ayemazi
ukuthi unguKhristu. 42 Emadabukakusa uJesu
wasuka waya endaweni ethuleyo. Abantu
babemdinga bathi sebefike lapho ayekhona,
bazama ukumvimba ukuthi angabatshiyi. 43
Kodwa wathi, "Kumele ngitshumayele izindaba
ezinhle zombuso kaNkulunkulu kwamanye
amadolobho, ngoba yikho engakulandayo."
44 Waqhubeka etshumayela emasinagogweni
aseJudiya.

5 Ngelinye ilanga uJesu emi eduze kweChibi
laseGenezaretha abantu beminyezelana kuye
belalela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, 2 wabona
ekhunjini lechibi izikepe ezimbili zitshiywe

khonapho ngabagoli benhlanzi ababegezisa
omambule babo. 3 Wangena kwesinye isikepe
esasingesikaSimoni, wamcela ukuthi akathi
gudlu asuke kancane okhunjini. Wasehlala
phansi wafundisa abantu ehlezi esikepeni. 4
Eseqedile ukukhuluma wathi kuSimoni, “Gwedla
ungene enzikini uphosele omambule bakho
ukuze ubambe inhlanzi.” 5 USimoni waphendula
wathi, “Nkosi, sisebenze gadalala ubusuku
bonke, kodwa kasibambanga lutho. Kodwa
njengoba usitsho njalo ngizabehlisa omambule.”
6 Kwathi sebenze njalo babamba inhlanzi ezaba
zinengi kwaze kwaqalisa ukudabuka omambule.
7 Basebebiza abakhula babo kwesinye isikepe
ukuthi bazobelekelela. Beza abakhula babo
kwesinye isikepe ukuthi bazobelekelela. Beza
bazigcwalisa zombili izikepe zathi phamu
zaze zaqalisa ukutshona. 8 Kwathi uSimoni
Phethro ekubona lokhu wazilahla phansi
phambi kukaJesu wathi, “Suka kimi, Nkosi;
ngingumuntu oyisoni!” 9 Ngoba yena labakhula
bakhe babemangele ngenhlanzi ababezibambile,
10 kwamangalisa njalo uJakhobe loJohane
amadodana kaZebhediya, ababe phathisana
loSimoni. UJesu wasesithi kuSimoni, “Ungesabi;
kusukela manje usuzagola abantu.” 11
Basebedonsela izikepe zabo okhunjini batshiya
konke bamlandela. 12 Kwathi uJesu ekwelinye
lamadolobho kweza indoda eyayigcwele
ubulephero. Yathi ibona uJesu yathi mbo
phansi ngobuso yamncenga yathi, “Nkosi, nxa
uthanda ungangihlambulula.” 13 UJesu welula
isandla sakhe wayithinta indoda leyo. Wathi,
“Ngiyathanda. Hlambuluka!” Masinyane nje
ubulephero bahle baphela. 14 UJesu waseyilaya
wathi, “Ungatsheli muntu kodwa hamba
uyeziveza kumphristi ubusunikela umhlatshelo
wokuhlanjululwa kwakho owamiswa nguMosi
ukuze kube yibufakazi kubo.” 15 Kodwa
udumo lwakhe lwanda ngamandla, yikho
amaxuku abantu eza ukuzamuzwa lokusiliswa
emikhuhlaneni yabo. 16 Kodwa kanengi
uJesu wayesithi nyelele ayesithela ezindaweni
ezithuleyo ayekhuleka. 17 Ngelinye ilanga
elokhu efundisa, kwakuhlezi khonapho abaFarisi
labafundisi bomthetho ababephuma emizini
yonke yaseGalile abanye bevela eJudiya
laseJerusalema. Amandla eNkosi ayekhona kuye
ukuze asilise abagulayo. 18 Kwafika amanye
amadoda ethwele indoda eyayome umhlubulo
ngecansi efuna ukungena laye endlini ambeke
phambi kukaJesu. 19 Athi esehlulekile
ngenxa yokuminyana kwabantu, akhwela
ephahleni, amehlisela phansi ngesikhala amuthi
qithi phakathi laphakathi kwabantu phambi
kukaJesu. 20 Kwathi uJesu ebona ukholo lwawo
wathi, “Mngane, izono zakho sezithethelelwe.”
21 AbaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho bakhonona
bathi, “Ungubani yena lo umuntu okhuluma
ehlambaza na? Ngubani ongathethelela izono
ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu kuphela?” 22 UJesu
wayekwazi abakucabangayo wasebuza wathi,
“Kungani linakana izinto ezinje ezinhliziyweni
zenu? 23 Yikuphi okulula: ukuthi, ‘Izono
zakho sezithethelelwe,’ loba ukuthi, ‘Sukuma
uhambe’? 24 Kodwa ukuze lazi ukuthi
iNdodana yoMuntu ilamandla okuthethelela
izono emhlabeni.” Wasesithi kuyo indoda
eyome umhlubulo, “Sukuma, thatha icansi
lakho uhambe uye ekhaya.” 25 Masinyane
wathi lothu phambi kwabo, wabutha ayekade
elele phezu kwakho waya ekhaya edumisa
uNkulunkulu. 26 Wonke umuntu wamangala,
badumisa uNkulunkulu. Bamangala kakhulu
bathi, “Lamuhla sibone izimanga.” 27 Ngemva
kwalokhu uJesu waphuma wasebona umthelisi
owayethiwa nguLevi ehlezi endaweni yakhe
yokuthelisa. UJesu wathi kuye, “Ngilandela,” 28
uLevi wasukuma watshiya konke wamlandela.
29 ULevi wasesenzela uJesu idili elikhulu
endlini yakhe kukhona ixuku labathelisi
labanye besidla labo. 30 Kodwa abaFarisi
labafundisi bomthetho abeqembu labo basola
kubafundi bakhe bathi, “Lenzelani ukudla
linathe labathelisi kanye lezoni na?” 31 UJesu
wabaphendula wathi, “Kakusibo abaphilayo
abaswela umelaphi, kodwa ngabagulayo. 32
Kangilandanga ukubiza abulungileyo, kodwa
ukubiza izoni ukuba ziphenduke.” 33 Bathi
kuye, “Abafundi bakaJohane bazila kanengi
bekhuleka njalo labafundi babaFarisi labo benza
njalo, kodwa abakho bahlala besidla, benatha.”
34 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kungenzeka
yini ukuzilisa izethekeli zomyeni emthimbeni

umyeni eseselazo na? 35 Kodwa sizafika
isikhathi lapho umyeni ezasuswa kuzo; zizazila
ngalezonsuku." 36 Wabatshela umzekeliso lo:
"Kakho odabula isichibi esigqokweni esitsha
asithungele esigqokweni esidala. Angenzenjalo,
uzakuba esesidabule isigqoko esitsha, ikanti
isichibi sesitsha kasiyikufanela esidala. 37
Njalo kakho othela iwayini elitsha emigodleni
yezikhumba emidala. Angenza njalo iwayini
elitsha lizaziqhekeza izikhumba iwayini livuze
kuthi lemigodla yezikhumba leyo ihle yonakale.
38 Hatshi, iwayini elitsha lithelwa emigodleni
yezikhumba emitsha. 39 Njalo kakho othi eseqale
wanatha iwayini elidala afune elitsha, ngoba
uthi, 'Elidala lingcono.'"

6 Ngelinye iSabatha uJesu wayedabula
emasimini alamabele, abafundi bakhe
basebekhwebula izikhwebu zamabele, bakha
bazihlikihlela ezandleni, badla inhlamvu
zakhona. 2 Abanye abaFarisi babuza bathi,
"Kungani lisenza okungaphandle komthetho
ngeSabatha na?" 3 UJesu wabaphendula wathi,
"Kalifundanga yini okwenziwa nguDavida lapho
yena labakhula bakhe sebelambile? 4 Wangena
endlini kaNkulunkulu wathatha isinkwa
esingcwelisiweyo wadla lokho umthetho
owawusithi kudliwe ngabaphristi kuphela.
Futhi okunye wakupha abakhula bakhe." 5
UJesu wasesithi kubo, "INdodana yoMuntu
iyiNkosi yeSabatha." 6 Ngelinye iSabatha
waya esinagogweni wafundisa, khonapho
kulendoda elesandla sokudla esitshwabheneyo.
7 AbaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho babedinga
izaba lokubeka uJesu icala, yikho bamlinda
ukubona ingabe wayezasilisa ngeSabatha.
8 Kodwa uJesu wakwazi ababekucabanga,
wasesithi endodeni yesandla esitshwabheneyo,
"Sukuma ume phambi kwabantu bonke."
Lakanye yasukuma yema khonapho. 9
UJesu wasesithi kubo, "Ngiyalibuza, kuyini
okusemthethweni ngeSabatha: ukwenza okuhle
loba ukwenza okubi, ukusindisa impilo kumbe
ukuyibhubhisa?" 10 Wabakhangela wababhoda
bonke, wasesithi endodeni leyo, "Yelula isandla
sakho." Yenza njalo, isandla sayo sasiliswa
ngokupheleleyo. 11 Kodwa bazonda babheda
basebecebisana ukuthi benzeni ngoJesu. 12
Ngelinye ilanga uJesu waphuma waya ewatheni
lwentaba esiya khuleka, waba khonale ubusuku
bonke ekhuleka kuNkulunkulu. 13 Kwathi
sokusile wasebiza abafundi bakhe wakhetha
kubo abalitshumi lambili, wasebaphawula
ngokuthi ngabapostoli: 14 uSimoni (owambiza
ngokuthi Phethro), lomfowabo u-Andreya,
uJakhobe, uJohane, uFiliphu, uBhatholomewu,
15 uMatewu, uThomasi, uJakhobe umfoka-
Alifewu, uSimoni owayethiwa ngumZilothi, 16
uJudasi umfokaJakhobe loJudasi Iskariyothi,
owaba ngumthengisi. 17 Wehla labo bema
esigcawini. Kwakubuthene ixuku elikhulu
elabafundi bakhe njalo kulabantu abanengi
bevela kulolonke elaseJudiya, leJerusalema
lasemakhunjini olwandle eThire leSidoni,
18 ababeze ukuzamuzwa lokuzakwelatshwa
izifo zabo. Labo ababehlutshwa yimimoya
emibi basiliswa, 19 bonke abantu bazama
ukumthinta ngoba amandla ayephuma kuye
ayebasilisa bonke. 20 Wakhangela abafundi
bakhe wathi: "Libusisiwe lina elimpofu, ngoba
umbuso kaNkulunkulu ngowenu. 21 Libusisiwe
lina elilambileyo manje, ngoba lizasuthiswa.
Libusisiwe lina elililayo manje, ngoba lizahleka.
22 Libusisiwe lina nxa abantu belizonda, nxa
belibandlulula njalo belichothoza, bephika
ibizo lenu besithi lingcolile, ngenxa yeNdodana
yoMuntu. 23 Thokozani ngalolosuku liqolotshe
ngokuthokoza ngoba mkhulu umvuzo wenu
ezulwini. Ngoba yiyo indlela okhokho babo
abaphatha ngayo abaphrofethi. 24 Kodwa
maye kini lina elinothileyo, ngoba livele
selikwamukele ukuhlala kuhle kwenu. 25
Maye kini lina elidla kamnandi manje, ngoba
lizalamba. Maye kini lina elihlekayo manje,
ngoba lizakhala lilile. 26 Maye kini nxa bonke
abantu belincoma, ngoba yiyo indlela okhokho
benu abaphatha ngayo abaphrofethi bamanga."
27 "Kodwa ngiyalitshela lina elingizwayo,
ngithi: Thandani izitha zenu, lenze okuhle
kwabalizondayo, 28 libusise labo abaliqalekisayo,
libakhulekele labo abalihlukuluzayo. 29
Umuntu angakutshaya esihlathini, muphe
esinye. Umuntu angakwemuka ijazi lakho
ungamaleli ukuthatha leyembe. 30 Phanini

loba ngubani ocela kini, njalo nxa umuntu
ethatha ulutho lwakho ungaluthonisi. 31
Yenza kwabanye lokho ofuna ukuthi bakwenze
kuwe. 32 Nxa lithanda labo abalithandayo
kuphela, lizazuzani kulokho? Lezoni lazo
ziyabathanda abazithandayo. 33 Njalo nxa
lisenza okuhle kulabo abalungileyo kini,
lizazuzani kulokho? Lezoni ziyakwenza lokho.
34 Njalo nxa liseboleka labo elizazuza imbadalo
kubo, lizazuzani kulokho? Lezoni ziboleka
izoni zilindele ukubhadalwa ngokugcweleyo. 35
Kodwa thandani izitha zenu, lizenzele okuhle,
njalo lizeboleke lingalindeli lutho kuzo. Lapho-
ke umvuzo wenu uzakuba mkhulu, njalo
lizakuba ngamadodana akhe oPhezukonke,
ngoba ulomusa kwabangabongiyo labayizigangi.
36 Wobani lesihawu njengoYihlo olesihawu."
37 "Lingahluleli ukuze lani lingahlulelwa.
Lingamlahli omunye ukuze lani lingalahlwa.
Thethelelani ukuze lani lithethelelwe. 38
Phanini, lani lizaphiwa. Kuzathiwa qithi
kini kugcwaliswe phamu, kwagqitshwa,
kwakhuhluzwa kwaze kwaphuphuma.
Ngoba ngesilinganiso elisisebenzisayo, lani
lizalinganiselwa ngaso." 39 Waphinde
wabatshela umzekeliso lo, "Isiphofu kambe
singakhokhela isiphofu na? Kazizukuwela
emgodini zombili na? 40 Umfundi ungaphansi
kombalisi wakhe, kodwa wonke osefundiswe
ngokupheleleyo usenjengombalisi wakhe. 41
Kungani ukhangela uvava lokhuni oluselihlweni
lomfowenu, unganqinekeli ukhuni olukwelakho
ilihlo na? 42 Ungatsho kanjani kumfowenu
ukuthi, 'Mfowethu, wothi ngikukhuphe
uvava oluselihlweni lakho,' kodwa wena
usehluleka ukubona ukhuni oluselihlweni lakho
na? Wena mzenzisi, qala ukhuphe ukhuni
oluselihlweni lakho ukuze ubone kuhle nxa
usukhupha uvava oluselihlweni lomfowenu."
43 "Kakulasihlahla esihle esithela izithelo
ezimbi njalo lesihlahla esibi kasitheli izithelo
ezinhle. 44 Isihlahla sinye ngasinye saziwa
ngezithelo zaso. Abantu kabakhi umkhiwa
ezihlahleni zameva loba amagrebisi esingeni.
45 Umuntu olungileyo uveza izinto ezinhle
eziphuma kokuhle okugcinwe enhliziyweni
yakhe, njalo lomuntu omubi uphihliza ububi
obugcinwe enhliziyweni yakhe. Ngoba umlomo
ukhuluma lokho okuphuphuma enhliziyweni."
46 "Kungani lingibiza lisithi, 'Nkosi, Nkosi,'
kodwa lingakwenzi engikutshoyo? 47
Lowo oza kimi ezwe amazwi ami akwenze
akutshoyo, ngizalitshela ukuthi unjengani. 48
Unjengendoda eyakha indlu, yagebha yatshona
phansi, yasibeka isisekelo sayo phezu kwedwala.
Kwathi kufika isikhukhula, isiphepho sayitshaya
indlu, kodwa asaze sayizamazamisa, ngoba
yayakhiwe kuhle. 49 Kodwa lowo owezwayo
amazwi ami, kodwa angakwenzi akutshoyo,
unjengomuntu owakha indlu emhlabathini
kungelasisekelo. Umsinga wonela ukuyitshaya
leyondlu, yabhidlika yaphela du."

7 Kwathi uJesu eseqedile ukukhuluma konke
lokhu abantu labo besizwa wayangena
eKhaphenawume. 2 Khonapho inceku yenduna
yekhulu eyayiligugu kakhulu enkosini yayo,
yayigula isibangwa lezibi. 3 Induna yekhulu
yezwa ngoJesu yathuma kuye abanye abadala
bamaJuda icela ukuba eze azosilisa inceku
yayo. 4 Bafika kuJesu bamncenga kakhulu
bathi, "Indoda le ifanele ukuthi uyenzele
lokhu, 5 ngoba iyasithanda isizwe sakithi
njalo yiyo eyakha isinagogu yethu." 6 Ngakho
uJesu wahamba labo. Wayengasekhatshana
lendlu lapho induna yekhulu yathuma
abangane bayo ukuyakuthi kuye, "Nkosi,
ungazihluphi, akungifanelanga mina ukuthi
ungene ngaphansi kophahla lwami. 7 Yikho
okwenze ngazibona ngingafanele ukuthi ngize
kuwe. Kodwa tshono ilizwi nje inceku yami
izasila. 8 Ngoba mina ngokwami ngingumuntu
ongaphansi komthetho, ngilamabutho
angaphansi kwami. Lo ngimtshela ngithi,
'Hamba,' ahambe; ngithi kuloyana, 'Buya,'
lakanye abuye. Ngithi encekwini yami, 'Yenza
lokhu,' ikwenze." 9 UJesu wathi ekuzwa
lokhu wamangala ngaye, wasephendukela
exukwini labantu ababemlandela wathi,
"Ngiyalitshela, kangikaluboni ukholo olukhulu
kangaka kanye lako-Israyeli." 10 Abantu
ababethunyiwe babuyela endlini bafica inceku
isiziphilela. 11 Kungakabi yisikhathi eside
ngemva kwalokhu, uJesu waya edolobheni

okwakuthiwa yiNayini, abafundi bakhe kanye
lexuku labantu elikhulu babehamba laye. 12
Wathi esebanga entubeni yedolobho, khonapho
umuntu ofileyo wayethwelwe ekhutshelwa
ngaphandle. Indodana eyiyo yodwa kunina
njalo unina engumfelokazi. Ixuku elikhulu
labantu bedolobheni lalilaye. 13 Kwathi
uJesu embona umfelokazi, wamhawukela
wathi kuye, “Ungakhali.” 14 Wasesondela
wathinta ithala elalilesidumbu, kwathi labo
ababelithwele bema mpo. Wathi, “Jaha,
ngithi kuwe, vuka!” 15 Indoda efileyo yavuka
yahlala, yasikhuluma, uJesu wayinika unina.
16 Bonke bamangala kakhulu badumisa
uNkulunkulu. Bathi, “Umphrofethi omkhulu
usevelile phakathi kwethu. UNkulunkulu
usefikile ukuzasiza abantu bakhe.” 17
Udumo lukaJesu lwamemetheka kulolonke
elaseJudiya lemangweni wakhona. 18 Abafundi
bakaJohane bamtshela ngazozonke lezizinto.
Wabiza ababili babo 19 wabathuma eNkosini
ukuyabuza ukuthi, “Unguye yini ozayo, kumbe
silindele omunye?” 20 Amadoda lawo athi
efika kuJesu athi, “UJohane uMbhaphathizi
usithumile kuwe ukuthi sizobuza sithi, ‘Unguye
yini ozayo kumbe silindele omunye’?” 21
Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wasilisa abanengi
ababelezifo, lemikhuhlane lemimoya emibi,
wazivula amehlo iziphofu ezinengi. 22 UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Buyelani liyebikela uJohane
lokhu elikubonayo lelikuzwayo ukuthi iziphofu
zenziwa zibone, abaqhugezelayo bayahamba,
abalobulephero bayahlanjululwa, izacuthe
ziyezwa, abafileyo bayavuswa, levangeli
liyatshunyayelwa kubayanga. 23 Ubusisiwe
lowomuntu ongakhubekiyo ngenxa yami.”
24 Sezihambile izithunywa zikaJohane uJesu
waqala ukukhuluma labantu ngoJohane
esithi: “Laphuma lisiyabonani enkangala
na? Umhlanga owazunguzwa ngumoya na?
25 Nxa kwakungenjalo, pho lalisiyabonani?
Indoda eyayicecile na? Hatshi, labo abagqoka
izigqoko ezidulayo bazitike ngezinto ezinhle
basezigodlweni. 26 Kodwa kanti kuyini
elaphuma lisiyakubona? Umphrofethi yini?
Yebo, ngiyalitshela, omkhulu kulomphrofethi. 27
Lo nguye okulotshwe ngaye ukuthi: ‘Ngizathuma
isithunywa sami phambi kwakho, esizalungisa
indlela yakho phambi kwakho.’ 28 Ngiyalitshela
ukuthi kubo abazalwa ngabesifazane kakho
omkhulu kuloJohane; ikanti lowo omncinyane
kakhulu embusweni kaNkulunkulu mkhulu
kulaye.” 29 (Bonke abantu, kanye labathelisi,
bathi sebewazwile amazwi kaJesu bavuma
ukuthi indlela kaNkulunkulu yayilungile,
ngoba babebhaphathizwe nguJohane. 30
Kodwa abaFarisi lezazi zomthetho bayala
injongo kaNkulunkulu ngabo, ngoba
babengabhaphathizwanga nguJohane.) 31
UJesu waqhubeka wathi, “Pho ngingabafanisa
lani abantu besizukulwane lesi? Bafanana
lani? 32 Banjengabantwana behlezi emkambo
bememeza abanye besithi: ‘Salitshayela
umhubhe, kodwa kaligidanga, salihlabelela
ingoma yesililo, kodwa kalililanga.’ 33 Ngoba
uJohane uMbhaphathizi weza engadli isinkwa
njalo enganathi iwayini, lina lithi, ‘Uledimoni.’
34 INdodana yoMuntu yafika yadla, yanatha,
laselisithi, ‘Nansi isidli lesidakwa, umngane
wabathelisi lezoni.’ 35 Kodwa ukuhlakanipha
kuziveza ukuthi kuqondile ebantwaneni bakho
bonke.” 36 Omunye wabaFarisi wanxusa uJesu
ukuzakudla laye isidlo sakusihlwa, ngakho
waya endlini yalowo mFarisi wahlala etafuleni.
37 Kwathi owesifazane othile owayephila
impilo yesono kulelodolobho esezwile ukuthi
uJesu wayesidla endlini yomFarisi weza
ephethe imbodlela yamakha, 38 kwathi esemi
ngemva kukaJesu ngasezinyaweni ekhala,
wamanzisa inyawo zakhe ngezinyembezi.
Wasezesula inyawo zikaJesu ngenwele
zakhe, wazanga wasethela amakha kuzo. 39
Kwathi lowomFarisi owayemnxusile ekubona
lokho wazitshela wathi, “Aluba indoda le
ibingumphrofethi, ibizakwazi ukuthi ngubani
oyibambabambayo lokuthi umfazi lo uyisoni.”
40 UJesu wamphendula wathi, “Simoni,
kukhona engifuna ukukutshela khona.”
Wathi, “Ngitshela, mfundisi.” 41 “Amadoda
amabili ayelesikwelede semali kumeboleki
wemali. Oyedwa wayelesikwelede samadenari
angamakhulu amahlanu, omunye esamatshumi
amahlanu. 42 Bobabili babengelayo imali
yokumbhadala, ngakho wasewesula umlandu

wabo bobabili. Manje nguphi wabo ozamthanda
okudlula omunye na?" 43 USimoni waphendula
wathi, "Ngibona kungathi ngulowo owesulelwa
isikwelede esikhulu." UJesu wathi, "Wahlulele
kuhle." 44 Wasephendukela kowesifazane
wathi kuSimoni, "Uyambona na owesifazane
lo? Ngifikile endlini yakho, kawungiphanga
amanzi okugeza inyawo zami, kodwa yena
uthambise inyawo zami ngezinyembezi zakhe,
wazesula ngenwele zakhe. 45 Kawunganganga,
kodwa owesifazane lo selokhu ngingenileyo
lapha akemanga ukwanga inyawo zami.
46 Kawuthelanga amafutha ekhanda lami,
kodwa yena uthele amakha ezinyaweni
zami. 47 Yikho-ke ngiyakutshela ukuthi
izono zakhe ezinengi sezithethelelwe,
ngoba utshengise uthando olukhulu. Kodwa
lowo othethelelwe okuncinyane uthanda
kancinyane." 48 UJesu wasesithi kowesifazane,
"Izono zakho sezithethelelwe." 49 Ezinye
izethekeli zasezibuzana zisithi, "Ungubani kanti
yena lo oze athethelele izono na?" 50 UJesu
wasesithi kowesifazane, "Ukukholwa kwakho
kukusindisile; hamba ngokuthula."

8 Ngemva kwalokho uJesu wahambahamba
engena kuleli laleli idolobho lemizi,
ememezela izindaba ezinhle zombuso
kaNkulunkulu. Abalitshumi lambili babelaye, 2
kanye labesifazane ababesiliswe emimoyeni
emibi lemikhuhlaneni: uMariya (owayethiwa
nguMagadalini) okwakuphume kuye amadimoni
ayisikhombisa; 3 uJowana umkaTshuza,
umlawuli wendlu kaHerodi; uSusana labanye
abanengi. Abesifazane laba babebasiza
ngabakuswelayo. 4 Kwathi sekubuthana
ixuku labantu elikhulu labantu besiza kuJesu
beqhamuka emadolobheni atshiyeneyo
wabatshela lo umzekeliso: 5 "Umlimi waphuma
wayahlanyela. Wathi elokhu eyihaza inhlanyelo,
eyinye yawela endleleni; yanyathelwa, izinyoni
zemoyeni zayidobha. 6 Eyinye yawela
edwaleni, yathi isathi iyakhula yabuna ngoba
yayingelabumanzi. 7 Eyinye inhlanyelo
yawela phakathi kwameva, akhula kanye
layo ayiminyezela. 8 Eyinye inhlanyelo
yawela emhlabathini ovundileyo. Yakhula
yathela amabele, yanda ngekhulu." Wathi
esetsho lokhu wamemeza wathi, "Lowo
olendlebe zokuzwa, kezwe." 9 Abafundi bakhe
bambuza ukuthi umzekeliso lowo wawusitshoni.
10 Wathi, "Ulwazi lwemfihlo yombuso
kaNkulunkulu seluphiwe lina, kodwa kwabanye
ngikhuluma kubo ngemizekeliso, ukuze kuthi,
'loba bekhangele, bangaboni; loba besizwa,
bengaqedisisi.' 11 Nansi ingcazelo yomzekeliso:
Inhlanyelo iyilizwi likaNkulunkulu. 12 Labo
abasendleleni ngabalizwayo, kodwa uSathane
eze alihluthune ilizwi ezinhliziyweni zabo,
ukuze bangakholwa basindiswe. 13 Labo
abasokhetheni ngabemukela ilizwi ngentokozo
nxa belizwa, kodwa kabalampande. Bayakholwa
okwesikhatshana, kodwa kuthi ngesikhathi
sobunzima bawe. 14 Inhlanyelo eyawela emeveni
imele labo abezwayo, kodwa baqhubeke
ngeyabo indlela bakhanywe yizinhlupheko
zempilo, inotho kanye lezikholisisayo, bangabe
besakhula baphelele. 15 Kodwa inhlanyelo
esemhlabathini ovundileyo imele labo
abalenhliziyo enhle, elungileyo, abalizwayo
ilizwi, baligcine bathi ngokubambelela bathele
izithelo." 16 "Kakho olumathisa isibane asifihle
ngaphansi kwesitsha kumbe asibeke ngaphansi
kombheda. Kodwa usibeka esiqobaneni
ukuze labo abangenayo babone ukukhanya.
17 Ngoba kakukho okufihliweyo okungayi
kudazululwa, njalo akukho okuthukuziweyo
okungayikwaziwa kumbe kuvezwe obala. 18
Ngakho nanzelelani ukuthi lilalela kanjani. Lowo
olakho uzakwengezelelwa; lowo ongelakho
lalokho athi ulakho uzakwemukwa." 19
Unina kaJesu labafowabo beza ukuzambona,
kodwa behluleka ukufinyelela kuye ngenxa
yokuminyana kwabantu. 20 Omunye wamtshela
wathi, "Unyoko labafowenu bakulindele
phandle, bafuna ukukubona." 21 Waphendula
wathi, "Umama labafowethu yilabo abalizwayo
ilizwi likaNkulunkulu balenze." 22 Ngelinye
ilanga uJesu wathi kubafundi bakhe, "Kasiyeni
ngaphetsheya kwechibi." Basebengena
esikepeni bahamba. 23 Bathe belokhu behamba
yena walala. Kwafika isiphepho echibini isikepe
saqalisa ukugalula, baba sengozini embi. 24
Abafundi bahamba bayamvusa besithi, "Nkosi,

Nkosi, sesigalula bo!” Wavuka wawukhuza
umoya kanye lamagagasi; isiphepho sadeda,
kwasekuthula cwaka. 25 Wababuza abafundi
bakhe, wathi, “Kungaphi ukukholwa kwenu?”
Babuzana ngokumangala lokwesaba bathi,
“Kanti ungubani lo? Ukhuza kanye lomoya
lamanzi kumlalele.” 26 Bagwedla isikepe baya
emangweni wamaGerazini, okungaphetsheya
kwechibi kusuka eGalile. 27 Kwathi uJesu
esehla okhunjini wahlangabezwa yindoda
eyayiledimoni iqhamuka ngasedolobheni.
Indoda le yayisilesikhathi eside ingavunuli
zigqoko, ingahlali endlini, kodwa ihlala
emathuneni. 28 Yathi ibona uJesu yahlaba
umkhosi yazilahla ezinyaweni zakhe iklabalala
ngelizwi elikhulu isithi, “Ufuna ukungenzani,
Jesu, Ndodana kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke?
Ngiyakuncenga, ungaze wangihlukuluza!”
29 Ngoba uJesu wayeseyale umoya omubi
ukuthi uphume kuleyondoda. Izikhathi
ezinengi wawumbamba, kuthi loba ebotshwe
ngamaketane ezandleni lezinyaweni njalo
elindiwe, wayewaqamula amaketane idimoni
limuse enkangala. 30 UJesu wambuza
wathi, “Ungubani ibizo lakho?” Waphendula
wathi, “NginguLigiyoni,” ngoba amadimoni
amanengi ayengene kuye. 31 Amncenga ukuthi
angawalayi ukuthi ayewolokohlela emgodini
ongelamkhawulo. (Abyssos g12) 32 Umhlambi
omkhulu wengulube wawusidla khonapho
eceleni koqaqa. Amadimoni amncenga uJesu
ukuthi awavumele ukuyangena engulubeni,
laye wawavumela. 33 Amadimoni aphuma
endodeni ayangena ezingulubeni, umhlambi
wathi zimu usehlela eliweni lodonga wangena
echibini wagalula. 34 Labo ababezelusile
bonela ukubona okwasekwenzakele babaleka
bayabika edolobheni lemangweni wakhona,
35 abantu basebeqonda khonale ukuyabona
okwasekwenzakele. Bathi befika kuJesu
bayifumana indoda okwakukhutshwe kuyo
amadimoni ihlezi ezinyaweni zikaJesu, igqokile
njalo ingqondo isibuyile; besaba kakhulu.
36 Labo ababebonile kusenzakala batshela
abantu ukuthi indoda eyayiphethwe lidimoni
yasiliswa njani. 37 Kwasekusithi bonke abantu
bomango wamaGerazini bamcela uJesu ukuthi
kasuke kubo ngoba babekhulelwa yikwesaba.
Ngakho wangena esikepeni wahamba. 38 Indoda
leyo eyakhutshwa amadimoni yamncenga
ukuthi ahambe layo, kodwa uJesu wala
wathi, 39 “Buyela ekhaya uyefakaza ukuthi
uNkulunkulu ukwenzeleni.” Yikho indoda
yahamba yafakaza kulolonke idolobho konke
uJesu ayeyenzele khona. 40 Kwathi uJesu
esebuyile wahlangabezwa lixuku labantu
elikhulu, ngoba bonke babemlindele. 41
Indoda eyayithiwa nguJayirosi, umbusi
wesinagogu, yeza yazilahla ezinyaweni zikaJesu,
imncenga ukuthi eze endlini yayo 42 ngoba
indodakazi yayo eyodwa zwi, intombazana
eyayileminyaka elitshumi lambili, yayisifa.
Kwathi uJesu esesiya khona abantu baminyezela
ingathi bazampatshaza. 43 Khonapho
kwakulowesifazane owayeseleminyaka
elitshumi lambili esopha kodwa kungekho
owayengamelapha. 44 Weza ngemva kukaJesu
wathinta umphetho wesembatho sakhe,
masinyane nje ukopha kwahle kwaphela. 45
UJesu wabuza wathi, “Ngubani ongithintileyo?”
Kwathi ngoba bonke bephika uPhethro wathi,
“Nkosi, abantu bayaminyezelana besondela
kuwe.” 46 Kodwa uJesu wathi, “Ukhona
ongithintileyo; ngiyazi ukuthi amandla
aphumile kimi.” 47 Owesifazane esebone
ukuthi uzacina eboniwe weza ethuthumela
wazilahla ezinyaweni zakhe. Wachaza phambi
kwabantu bonke ukuthi kungani wayemthintile
uJesu lokuthi wasiliswa njani masinyane. 48
UJesu wasesithi kuye, “Ndodakazi, ukholo
lwakho lukusilisile. Hamba ngokuthula.” 49
Kwathi uJesu elokhu esakhuluma omunye weza
evela endlini kaJayirasi umphathi wesinagogu,
wafika wathi, “Indodakazi yakho isifile. Ungabe
usamhlupha umfundisi.” 50 UJesu wathi ekuzwa
lokhu wathi kuJayirasi, “Ungesabi, kholwa
nje kuphela, izasiliswa.” 51 Wathi esefikile
endlini kaJayirasi, kavumelanga muntu ukuthi
angene laye ngaphandle kukaPhethro, uJohane
loJakhobe, kanye loyise womntwana lonina.
52 Ngalesosikhathi abantu bonke babeqhinqa
isililo bekhalela intombazana. UJesu wathi kubo,
“Thulani, lingakhali. Kafanga kodwa ulele.”
53 Bamhleka usulu uJesu ngoba besazi ukuthi

intombazana yayisifile. 54 Kodwa wayibamba
ngesandla wathi, “Mntanami, vuka!” 55 Umoya
wayo wabuya, masinyane yasukuma yathi lothu!
UJesu wasesithi kabamnike ukudla. 56 Abazali
bakhe bamangala, kodwa wabalaya ukuthi
bangatsheli muntu ngalokho okwakwenzakele.

9 UJesu wabizela ndawonye abalitshumi
lambili wabapha amandla lemvumo
yokuthi baxotshe wonke amadimoni,
belaphe lemikhuhlane, 2 njalo wasebathuma
ukuyatshumayela umbuso kaNkulunkulu
lokuphilisa abagulayo, 3 Wabatshela wathi,
“Lingathwali lutho kuloluhambo, loba
udondolo, isikhwama, loba isinkwa, imali
loba isigqoko sokuntshintsha. 4 Loba
yiphi indlu elingena kuyo, hlalani kuyo
lize lisuke kulelodolobho. 5 Nxa abantu
bengalemukeli, sukani kulelodolobho lithintithe
uthuli ezinyaweni zenu, kube yibufakazi
bokubalahla.” 6 Basebesuka bangena imizi
ngemizi, betshumayela ivangeli njalo besilisa
abantu ezindaweni zonke. 7 Ngalesosikhathi
uHerodi umbusi wakuzwa konke lokho
okwakusenzakala. Wakhathazeka kakhulu
ngoba abanye babesithi uJohane wayesevusiwe
kwabafileyo, 8 abanye labo bathi u-Elija
wayebonakele, kanti abanye njalo bathi omunye
wabaphrofethi bekadeni wayesevukile waphila.
9 Kodwa uHerodi wathi, “UJohane ngamquma
ikhanda. Pho ungubani-ke lo engizwa izinto
ezinje ngaye?” Wazama ukuthi ambone. 10
Abapostoli sebebuyile babika kuJesu ngakho
konke ababekwenzile. Wasebathatha waya
labo edolobheni elalithiwa yiBhethisayida
beyibo bodwa, 11 kodwa amaxuku abantu ezwa
ukuthi ukhonale basebemlandela. Wabemukela
wabatshela ngombuso kaNkulunkulu, wasilisa
labo ababekuswela ukusiliswa. 12 Emini
abalitshumi lambili beza kuye bathi, “Wothi
abantu bahambe ukuze baye emadolobheni
lasemizini bayezidingela ukudla lezindawo
zokulala ngoba lapha sisendaweni ekhatshana
eyisikhala.” 13 Waphendula wathi, “Bapheni
lina ukudla.” Baphendula bathi, “Thina
silezinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili
kuphela, ngaphandle kokuthi sihambe
siyothenga ukudla kwabantu bonke laba.”
14 (Kwakulamadoda angaba zinkulungwane
ezinhlanu khonapho.) Kodwa wathi kubafundi
bakhe, “Bahlaliseni phansi ngamaxuku abantu
abangamatshumi amahlanu ngalinye.” 15 Benza
njalo abafundi, wonke umuntu wahlala phansi.
16 Ethatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili
wakhangela ezulwini, wabonga wazihlephula.
Waseziqhubela abafundi ukuba bazabele abantu.
17 Bonke badla basutha, abafundi basebebutha
bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili imvuthu
ezasalayo. 18 Ngesinye isikhathi uJesu wathi
ekhuleka ekusithekeni, abafundi bakhe belaye,
wabuza wathi, “Kanti abantu abanengi bathi
ngingubani na?” 19 Baphendula bathi, “Abanye
bathi unguJohane uMbhaphathizi; abanye
bathi ungu-Elija; kuthi abanye njalo bathi
ungomunye wabaphrofethi bekadeni osephila
njalo.” 20 Wabuza bona wathi, “Pho lina-ke?
Lithi ngingubani?” Waphendula uPhethro
wathi, “UnguKhristu kaNkulunkulu.” 21 UJesu
wabaqonqosela ukuthi lokhu bangakutsheli
muntu. 22 Wasesithi, “iNdodana yoMuntu
kumele ihlupheke kakhulu, yaliwe ngabadala
bebandla, abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi
bomthetho, njalo lokuthi kumele ibulawe,
kuthi ngelanga lesithathu ivuswe kwabafileyo.”
23 Wasesithi kubo bonke: “Nxa ekhona ofisa
ukungilandela kufanele azidele athwale
isiphambano sakhe insuku zonke angilandele.
24 Ngoba lowo ofisa ukulondoloza impilo yakhe
izamlahlekela, kodwa lowo olahlekelwa yimpilo
yakhe ngenxa yami uzayiphephisa. 25 Kumsizani
umuntu ukuzuza wonke umhlaba, kodwa
alahlekelwe loba ancitshwe ubunguye bakhe
na? 26 Lowo oyangeka ngami kanye lamazwi
ami, iNdodana yoMuntu izayangeka ngaye nxa
isifikile ngenkazimulo yayo langenkazimulo
kaYise lezingilosi ezingcwele. 27 Ngilitshela
iqiniso ngithi abanye abemi khonapha
kabayikukuzwa ukufa bengakawuboni
umbuso kaNkulunkulu.” 28 Emva kwensuku
eziyisificaminwembili uJesu ekukhulumile
lokho, wathatha uPhethro loJohane loJakhobe
waya entabeni ukuyakhuleka. 29 Wathi
ekhuleka isimo sobuso bakhe saguquka
lezigqoko zakhe zakhazimula njengokuphazima

kombane. 30 Amadoda amabili, uMosi lo-
Elija, 31 abonakala ecwebezela ngenkazimulo,
ekhuluma loJesu. Babekhuluma ngokufa
kwakhe okwasekusondele ukuthi kugcwaliseke
eJerusalema. 32 UPhethro labakhula bakhe babe
lobuthongo kakhulu, kodwa sebephapheme,
bayibona inkazimulo yakhe lamadoda amabili
ayemi laye. 33 Kwathi amadoda lawo esesuka
kuJesu uPhethro wathi kuye, "Nkosi, kumnandi
kithi ukuba lapha. Kasakhe izihonqo ezintathu,
esakho, esinye esikaMosi lesinye esika-Elija."
(Wayengakwazi lokho ayekutsho.) 34 Wathi
esakhuluma, iyezi labuya labagubuzela, baba
lokwesaba ekungeneni kwabo eyezini. 35 Ilizwi
labuya livela eyezini lisithi, "Le yiNdodana
yami engiyikhethileyo; ilaleleni." 36 Ilizwi
selikhulumile, uJesu bambona eseyedwa.
Abafundi bakugcina ezifubeni zabo lokhu
kabaze batshela muntu ngalesosikhathi
ngababekubonile. 37 Ngosuku olulandelayo
sebehlile entabeni, wahlangabezwa lixuku
labantu abanengi. 38 Enye indoda exukwini
yamemeza yathi, "Mfundisi, ngiyakuncenga,
khangela indodana yami yiyo yodwa umntwana
engilaye. 39 Umoya uyamjuma abeseklabalala;
uyamgiqa abhinqike abuye abhubhudle
amagwebu emlonyeni. Usuhlezi udlala ngaye
nje usufuna ukumbulala. 40 Bengicele abafundi
bakho ukuthi bawuxotshe, kodwa behlulekile."
41 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Oh, sizukulwane
esingakholwayo, esixhwalileyo, ngihlale lani
kuze kube nini ngilokhu ngilibekezelela na?
Ilethe lapha indodana yakho." 42 Kwathi
lapho umfana elokhu esalethwa kuye idimoni
lambhuqa phansi ebhinqika. Kodwa uJesu
wawukhuza umoya omubi, wamsilisa umfana
wambuyisela kuyise. 43 Bonke bamangala
kakhulu ngobukhulu bukaNkulunkulu. Kwathi
wonke umuntu esamangele ngalokho uJesu
ayekwenzile, wathi kubafundi bakhe, 44
"Likulalele kuhle lokhu esengizalitshela khona:
Indodana yoMuntu izanikelwa ezandleni
zabantu." 45 Kodwa kabezwisisanga ukuthi
lokhu kwakusitshoni. Kwakufihliwe kubo, yikho
kabakubambisisanga, kodwa besaba ukumbuza
ngakho. 46 Kwaba lokuphikisana kubafundi
ngokuthi ngubani kubo owayezabamkhulu
kulabanye. 47 UJesu eyazi imicabango yabo
wathatha umntwana omncinyane wamisa
eceleni kwakhe. 48 Wasesithi kubo, "Lowo
owamukela lo umntwana omncane ngebizo
lami wamukela mina, lalowo owamukela mina
wamukela lowo ongithumileyo. Ngoba lowo
onguye omncinyane kulani lonke phakathi
kwenu lonke, nguye omkhulu kini lonke." 49
UJohane wathi, "Nkosi, sibone indoda ikhupha
amadimoni ngebizo lakho sazama ukuyenqaba
ngoba ingayisuye omunye wethu." 50 UJesu
wathi, "Lingamaleli ngoba lowo ongamelani lani
ukanye lani." 51 Kwathi isikhathi sesisondele
ukuthi athathwe aye ezulwini, uJesu wazimisela
ukuthi aye eJerusalema. 52 Wasethuma
izithunywa phambi kwakhe zaya eSamariya
emzini othile ukumlungisela ukufika kwakhe;
53 kodwa abantu bakhona kabamemukelanga
ngoba wayesedlulela eJerusalema. 54 Kwathi
abafundi uJakhobe loJohane bekubona lokho
bathi, "Nkosi, uyafuna na ukuthi sibize umlilo
uvele ezulwini uzobabhubhisa?" 55 Kodwa
uJesu waphenduka wabakhuza 56 Yikho yena
labafundi bakhe basebesiya komunye umuzi.
57 Bathi belokhu behamba endleleni, enye
indoda yathi kuye, "Ngizakulandela loba
ungaze uye ngaphi." 58 UJesu waphendula
wathi, "Amakhanka alemilindi lezinyoni
zemoyeni zilezidleke, kodwa iNdodana yoMuntu
kayilandawo yokufihla ikhanda layo." 59
Wathi kwenye indoda, "Ngilandela." Kodwa
indoda yaphendula yathi, "Nkosi, akuthi
ngiqale ngihambe ngiyengcwaba ubaba
wami." 60 UJesu wathi kuyo, "Yekela abafileyo
bangcwabe abafileyo babo, kodwa wena hamba
uyemememezela umbuso kaNkulunkulu." 61
Kwathi omunye njalo wathi, "Ngizakulandela,
Nkosi, kodwa akuthi kengiyevalelisa abakithi."
62 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kakho othi
angabamba ikhuba elima athalaze emuva
owufaneleyo umsebenzi oqondane lombuso
kaNkulunkulu."

10 Ngemva kwalokhu iNkosi yakhetha
abanye abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa
lambili ukuba bamandulele baye kuwo wonke
amadolobho lezindawo lezo ayesezazihambela.

2 Wabatshela wathi, “Isivuno sinengi, kodwa
izisebenzi zimbalwa. Ngakho celani iNkosi
yesivuno ukuthi ithumele izisebenzi ensimini
yayo yokuvuna. 3 Hambani! Ngilithuma
linjengamazinyane ezimvu phakathi kwempisi.
4 Lingathwali isikhwama kumbe umxhaka
loba amanyathela; njalo lingabingeleli muntu
endleleni. 5 Nxa lingena endlini, qalani
lithi, ‘Ukuthula akube kule indlu.’ 6 Nxa
kulomuntu woxolo lapho, ukuthula kwenu
kakube kuye; nxa kungenjalo kuzabuyela
kini. 7 Hlalani kuleyondlu, lidle njalo linathe
loba yini abalinika khona ngoba osebenzayo
ufanele aphiwe iholo lakhe. Linganqumi
ngezindlu lihlala lapha lalapha. 8 Nxa lifika
edolobheni lamukelwe khona, dlanini lokho
elikuphiwayo. 9 Silisani abagulayo abayabe
belapho, njalo libatshele ukuthi, ‘Umbuso
kaNkulunkulu useduze kwenu.’ 10 Kodwa nxa
lingafika edolobheni lingemukelwa, yanini
emigwaqweni yalo lithi, 11 ‘Lalo uthuli
lwedolobho lenu olunamathele ezinyaweni
zethu siyaluthintithela kini. Kodwa yazini
lokhu: Umbuso kaNkulunkulu ususeduze.’ 12
Ngiyalitshela, okweSodoma kuzakuba ngcono
ngalelolanga kulokwalelodolobho. 13 Maye
kuwe Khorazini! Maye kuwe Bhethisayida!
Aluba izimangaliso lezo ezenziwa kuwe
zazenziwe eThire leSidoni ngabe kudala
baphenduka begqoke izigqoko zamasaka
bazithela ngomlotha. 14 Kodwa kuzakuba
ngcono okweThire leSidoni mhla wokwahlulela
kulokuza kuwe. 15 Lawe, Khaphenawume, kambe
uzaphakanyiselwa emazulwini na? Hatshi,
uzatshona phansi uye eHadesi. (Hadēs g86) 16
Lowo olalela lina ulalela mina; lowo olahla
lina ulahla mina; kodwa lowo ongalayo wala
yena owangithumayo.” 17 Abangamatshumi
ayisikhombisa lambili babuya bethokoza
bathi, “Nkosi, lamadimoni ayasithobela
ngebizo lakho.” 18 Waphendula wathi,
“Ngimbonile uSathane esiwa njengombane
esuka ezulwini. 19 Ngiliphile amandla okugxoba
izinyoka lenkume lokunqoba wonke amandla
esitha; kakukho okuzalilimaza. 20 Kodwa
lingathatshiswa yikuthi imimoya iyazithoba
kini, kodwa thokoziswani yikuthi amabizo
enu alotshiwe ezulwini.” 21 Ngalesosikhathi
uJesu egcwele intokozo ngoMoya oNgcwele
wathi, “Ngiyakudumisa, Baba, Nkosi yasezulwini
lasemhlabeni, ngoba uzifihlile lezizinto
kwabahlakaniphileyo labafundileyo wazambula
ebantwaneni abancinyane. Yebo, Baba, ngoba
lokhu kwakuyikuthanda kwakho okuhle. 22
Zonke izinto zethulwe kimi nguBaba. Kakho
owaziyo ukuthi ingubani iNdodana ngaphandle
kukaBaba, njalo kakho omaziyo uBaba ukuthi
ungubani ngaphandle kweNdodana lalabo
iNdodana ekhethe ukuba imveze kubo.”
23 Wasephendukela kubafundi bakhe wathi
kubo ngasese, “Abusisiwe amehlo abona
lokhu elikubonayo lina. 24 Ngoba ngiqinisile
ukuthi abaphrofethi abanengi lamakhosi
babefisa ukubona lokhu elikubonayo, kodwa
kabakubonanga, lokuzwa lokhu elikuzwayo,
kodwa kabakuzwanga.” 25 Ngesinye isikhathi
isazi somthetho saphakama samlinga uJesu.
Sabuza sathi, “Mfundisi, ngingenzani ukuze
ngizuze ilifa lempilo engapheliyo na?” (aiōnios
g166) 26 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kubhalweni
emthethweni, uwufunda njani?” 27 Waphendula
wathi, “‘Thanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
ngenhliziyo yakho yonke, langomphefumulo
wakho wonke, langamandla akho wonke, njalo
langengqondo yakho yonke’; njalo, ‘Thanda
umakhelwane wakho njengoba uzithanda
wena.’” 28 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Uphendule
kuhle. Kwenze lokhu, uzaphila.” 29 Kodwa
wayefuna ukuzigeza, wasebuza kuJesu, wathi,
“Kanti ngubani ongumakhelwana wami na?”
30 UJesu waphendula ngokuthi: “Indoda
yayihamba iphuma eJerusalema isiya eJerikho,
yaqabuka isihlaselwa ngabaphangi. Bayihlubula
izigqoko zayo, bayitshaya basebehamba,
beyitshiya iqalekile. 31 Kwakulomphristi
owayehamba ngaleyondlela, owathi eyibona
indoda leyo waceza kwelinye icele. 32
Wenza njalo lomLevi, wafika kuleyondawo
wayibona indoda wakhekheleza wedlula.
33 Kodwa umSamariya, wathi ezihambela
wafika lapho indoda eyayikhona, wathi
eyibona wayizwela usizi. 34 Waya kuyo,
wabopha amanxeba ayo, wawathela amafutha
lewayini. Waseyikhweza kubabhemi wakhe,

wayisa endlini yezihambi, wayinakekela. 35
Ngosuku olulandelayo wakhupha inhlamvu
ezimbili zamadenari wazinika umphathi
wendawo. Wathi, ‘Mgcine, kuzakuthi nxa
sengibuya ngizabhadala lezondleko eziyabe
zisele.’ 36 Ngubani pho kulaba abathathu
ombona ukuthi wayengumakhelwane wendoda
leyo eyahlaselwa ngabaphangi na?” 37
Isazi somthetho saphendula sathi, “Ngulowo
owaba lesihawu kuyo.” UJesu wamtshela
wathi, “Hamba wenzenjalo.” 38 Kwathi
uJesu labafundi bakhe besekuhambeni kwabo,
wafika emzini okwakukhona owesifazane
othiwa nguMatha, owamamukela ngesihle
emzini wabo. 39 Wayelodadewabo owayethiwa
nguMariya, owahlala ezinyaweni zeNkosi
elalele lokho eyayikukhuluma. 40 Kodwa
uMatha waphazanyiswa yikulungiselela konke
okwakumele kwenziwe. Wabuya kuJesu wabuza
wathi, “Nkosi, kawukhathali na ukuthi
udadewethu ungitshiye ukuba ngenze ngedwa
umsebenzi? Mtshele ukuthi angincedise!” 41
INkosi yaphendula yathi, “Matha, Matha,
uhlutshwa njalo ukhathazeke ngezinto ezinengi,
42 kodwa kusweleka into eyodwa. UMariya
ukhethe okungcono, okungasoze akwemukwe
futhi.”

11 Ngelinye ilanga uJesu wayekhuleka
kwenye indawo. Wathi eseqedile, omunye
wabafundi bakhe wathi kuye, “Nkosi, sifundise
ukukhuleka, njengoJohane owafundisa abafundi
bakhe.” 2 Wathi kubo, “Nxa likhuleka,
alibokuthi: ‘Baba, kalidunyiswe ibizo lakho,
umbuso wakho kawuze. 3 Siphe ukudla
kwethu kwansukuzonke usuku ngosuku. 4
Sithethelele izono zethu, njengoba lathi
sibathethelela bonke abasonelayo. Njalo
ungasingenisi ekulingweni.’” 5 Wasesithi
kubo, “Akesithi omunye wenu ulomngane,
aye kuye phakathi kobusuku athi, ‘Mfowethu,
akungeboleke izinkwa ezintathu, 6 kulomngane
wami ophakathi kohambo ozofihla ikhanda
kwami, kodwa kangilalutho engingamupha
lona.’ 7 Besekusithi osendlini aphendule athi,
‘Ungangikhathazi. Umnyango usukhiyiwe
njalo mina labantwabami sesilele. Ngingezake
ngivuke ngikuphe loba yini.’ 8 Ngiyalitshela
ukuthi loba ubengafuni ukuvuka amuphe
isinkwa ngoba engumngane, kodwa ngenxa
yokuphikelela kwendoda uzaze avuke amuphe
konke akufunayo. 9 Ngakho ngithi kini: Celani
lizaphiwa; dingani lizafumana; qoqodani
lizavulelwa. 10 Ngoba wonke ocelayo uyaphiwa;
lowo odingayo uyafumana; lalowo oqoqoda
emnyango uzavulelwa. 11 Ngubani kini bobaba,
okuthi nxa indodana yakhe icela inhlanzi
yena ayiphe inyoka? 12 Loba icela iqanda
ayiphe inkume na? 13 Nxa lina, elithi loba
libabi likwazi ukupha abantwabenu izipho
ezilungileyo, pho uYihlo osezulwini uzabapha
ngokwengezwe kangakanani uMoya oNgcwele
labo abacela kuye!” 14 UJesu wayexotsha idimoni
elaliyisimungulu. Lathi idimoni seliphumile,
indoda eyayiyisimungulu yakhuluma, ixuku
labantu lamangala. 15 Kodwa abanye bathi,
“Ukhupha amadimoni ngoBhelizebhubhi
inkosi yamadimoni.” 16 Abanye bamlinga
ngokumcela isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini. 17
UJesu wayeyazi imicabango yabo wasesithi
kubo: “Umbuso ongabambananga uyadilika,
lendlu engabambananga iyawa. 18 Nxa
uSathane engabambananga, umbuso wakhe
ungema kanjani na? Ngikutsho lokhu
ngoba lithi mina ngikhupha amadimoni
ngoBhelizebhubhi. 19 Nxa ngikhupha
amadimoni ngoBhelizebhubhi, pho abalandeli
benu bawakhupha ngobani? Ngakho, bazakuba
ngabahluleli benu. 20 Kodwa nxa ngikhupha
amadimoni ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu, kutsho
ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile kini.
21 Nxa indoda eyisiqhwaga ihlome yaphelela,
ilinde indlu yayo, impahla zayo zivikelekile.
22 Kodwa kungahlasela umuntu olamandla
kulayo ayehlule, uyayemuka izikhali ebikade
izithembile, abesezehlukanisela impango.
23 Lowo ongemanga lami uphikisana lami,
lalowo ongabuthi lami uyachithiza. 24 Lapho
umoya omubi uphuma emuntwini, uyazula
enkangala udinga ukuphumula, kodwa nxa
ungakuswela, uyathi ‘Ngizabuyela endlini
engaphuma kuyo.’ 25 Uthi ufika, uthole leyondlu
ithanyelwe yahlanzeka konke kumi kuhle.
26 Ubusuhamba uyethatha eminye imimoya

eyisikhombisa exhwale ukwedlula wona, ingene ihlale khona. Isiphetho salowomuntu sizakuba sibi kulasekuqaleni." 27 Kwathi uJesu elokhu esakhuluma lezizinto, owesifazane wamemeza exukwini wathi, "Ubusisiwe lowomama owakuzalayo wakondla." 28 Waphendula wathi, "Kungenani, ababusisiweyo yilabo abalizwayo ilizwi likaNkulunkulu baliphile." 29 Kwathi amaxuku esanda uJesu wathi, "Lesi yisizukulwane esixhwalileyo. Sidinga isibonakaliso kodwa kasisoze sisiphiwe ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sikaJona. 30 NjengoJona owaba yisibonakaliso kwabaseNiniva, ngokunjalo iNdodana yoMuntu izakuba njalo kulesisizukulwane. 31 INdlovukazi yaseNingizimu izavuka ekwahlulelweni kanye labantu balesi sizukulwane ibalahle ngoba yeza ivela emaphethelweni omhlaba izokuzwa inhlakanipho kaSolomoni kodwa manje lowo omkhulu kuloSolomoni usekhona lapha. 32 Abantu baseNiniva bazasukuma kanye lalesi sizukulwane ngosuku lokwahlulelwa basilahle ngoba bona baphenduka ekutshumayeleni kukaJona, kodwa khathesi lowo omkhulu kuloJona uselapha." 33 "Kakho olumathisa isibane abesesibeka ekusithekeni kumbe ngaphansi kwesitsha. Kodwa usibeka esiqobaneni ukuze labo abangenayo babone ukukhanya. 34 Ilihlo lakho liyisibane somzimba. Nxa amehlo akho elungile umzimba wakho wonke ugcwele ukukhanya. Kodwa nxa emabi, umzimba wakho lawo ugcwele ubumnyama. 35 Qaphelani-ke ukuthi ukukhanya okuphakathi kwenu kakusibumnyama. 36 Ngakho-ke, nxa umzimba wakho wonke ugcwele ukukhanya kungekho ingxenye esemnyameni, wonke uzagcwala ukukhanya njengokukhanya kwesibane kukukhanyisa." 37 UJesu eseqedile ukukhuluma umFarisi othile wamnxusa ukuthi azokudla laye; wasehamba wayahlala etafuleni. 38 Kodwa umFarisi wananzelela ukuthi uJesu kaqalanga ngokugeza engakadli, kwamangalisa. 39 INkosi yathi kuye, "Lina baFarisi ligezisa inkezo lomganu ngaphandle kodwa ngaphakathi ligcwele ubuhwaba lobubi. 40 Lina bantu abayiziwula! Lowo owenza ingaphandle kenzanga lengaphakathi na? 41 Ngakho-ke, mayelana lokungaphakathi kwenu, wobani lomusa kwabampofu, lapho-ke konke kuzabe sekuhlanzekile kini. 42 Maye kini baFarisi, ngoba lipha uNkulunkulu okwetshumi kweminti, lazozonke izithelo zesivande senu, kodwa lidele ukwenza okulungileyo kanye lokuthanda uNkulunkulu. Kumele likwenze konke okulungileyo, ukuthanda uNkulunkulu lokukhipha lokwetshumi. 43 Maye kini baFarisi, ngoba lithanda izihlalo eziqakathekileyo emasinagogweni njalo lithanda lokubingelelwa ezindaweni zokuthengisela. 44 Maye kini, ngoba linjengamathuna angakhelwanga, abantu abahamba phezu kwawo bengazi ukuthi akhona." 45 Omunye wezazi zomthetho wamphendula wathi, "Mfundisi, nxa usitsho njalo uyasithuka lathi." 46 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Lani zazi zomthetho, maye kini, ngoba lethesa abantu ngemithwalo abangeke bayithwale, ikanti lani livele kalithi thika lokuyithwala. 47 Maye kini, ngoba lakha amathuna abaphrofethi, bona ababulawa ngokhokho benu. 48 Lifakaza ukuthi liyakuvuma lokho okhokho benu abakwenzayo; bababulala abaphrofethi, lina-ke selisakha amangcwaba abo. 49 Ngenxa yalokhu, uNkulunkulu wathi, ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe, 'Ngizabathumela abaphrofethi labapostoli, abanye bazababulala abanye babaphathe ngochuku.' 50 Ngakho-ke, lesisizukulwana yiso esizathwala umlandu wegazi labaphrofethi bonke elachithwa kusukela ekudabukeni komhlaba, 51 kusukela egazini lika-Abheli kusiya egazini likaZakhariya owabulawa phakathi laphakathi kwe-alithari lendlu engcwele. Yebo, ngiyalitshela, isizukulwane lesi sizakwetheswa umlandu wakho konke. 52 Maye kini zazi zomthetho, ngoba seliyivalile intuba yolwazi. Lina ngokwenu kalingenanga, laphinda lavimbela labo abebefuna ukungena." 53 UJesu wathi esesuka lapho, abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho baqala ukuphikisana laye kubi, bemthela ngemibuzo, 54 bezama ukumgcona ngokunye ayengakutsho.

12 Ngalesosikhathi sekubuthene ixuku lezinkulungwane zabantu, sebenyathelana, uJesu waqala ukukhuluma kubafundi bakhe

esithi, “Qaphelani imvubelo yabaFarisi,
iyikuzenzisa. 2 Kakukho okufihliweyo
okungayi kuvezwa obala, lokufihliweyo
okungayikwaziwa. 3 Lokho okukhulume
emnyameni kuzazwakala emini lithe
bha, lalokho obukunyenyezela endlebeni
ezindlini zangaphakathi kuzamenyezelwa
phezu kophahla lwezindlu. 4 Ngiyalitshela
bangane, lingabesabi labo ababulala umzimba
kungabikhona okunye abangakwenza
ngemva kwalokho. 5 Kodwa ngizalitshengisa
lowo okumele limesabe: Mesabeni lowo,
othi esebulele umzimba, abe lamandla
okuwuphosela esihogweni. Yebo, ngithi
mesabeni. (Geenna g1067) 6 Intaka ezinhlanu
kazithengiswa ngendibilitshi ezimbili na?
Kodwa kayikho lanye yazo uNkulunkulu
ayilibalayo. 7 Ngempela, inwele zekhanda
lakho zibaliwe. Lingesabi; lina liligugu
ukwedlula intaka ezinengi. 8 Ngiyalitshela,
lowo ongivuma phambi kwabantu, iNdodana
yoMuntu layo izamvuma phambi kwezingilosi
zikaNkulunkulu. 9 Kodwa lowo ongiphikayo
phambi kwabantu uzaphikwa phambi
kwezingilosi zikaNkulunkulu. 10 Njalo wonke
umuntu okhuluma okubi ngeNdodana yoMuntu
uzathethelelwa kodwa lowo ohlambaza
uMoya oNgcwele akayikuthethelelwa. 11 Nxa
limiswa phambi kwamasinagogu, phambi
kwababusi labaphathi, lingazihluphi ngokuthi
lizazivikela lisithini kumbe ukuthi lizakuthini,
12 ngoba uMoya oNgcwele uzalifundisa
ngalesosikhathi lokho elifanele likutsho.” 13
Omunye emphakathini wathi kuye, “Mfundisi,
tshela umfowethu ukuthi angabele ilifa lami.”
14 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ndoda, ngibekwe
ngubani ukuba ngumahluleli kumbe umlamuli
wenu?” 15 Wasesithi kubo, “Qaphelani!
Limukani inhlobo zonke zobuhaga; isiqokoqela
sempilo yomuntu kasikho ebunengini benotho
yakhe.” 16 Wasebatshela umzekeliso wathi,
“Insimu yenye indoda eyayinothile yaba lenala
eyesabekayo. 17 Yasinakana yathi, ‘Kambe
ngenzeni? Angilandawo yokubeka amabele ami.’
18 Yasisithi, ‘Nanku engizakwenza. Ngizazidiliza
iziphala zami ngakhe ezinkulu kulalezi,
besengithela khona wonke amabele ami kanye
lezinye impahla zami. 19 Ngizazitshela ngithi,
“Usulezinto ezinengi ezinhle njalo ezizakwanela
iminyaka eminengi. Kholisa impilo, udle,
unathe uthokoze.”’ 20 Kodwa uNkulunkulu
wathi kuye, ‘Wena siwula ndini! Ngalobubusuku
impilo yakho izathathwa. Pho ngubani ozazuza
lokhu obusuzilungisele khona na?’ 21 Yikho
lokhu okuzakwenzeka kulowo ozibekela inotho
kodwa enganothanga kuNkulunkulu.” 22 UJesu
wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: “Ngakho ngilitshela
ukuthi lingakhathazeki ngokuphila kwenu,
ukuthi lizakudlani kumbe ngomzimba wenu,
ukuthi lizagqokani. 23 Impilo iyakudlula ukudla,
lomzimba uyazedlula izembatho. 24 Khumbulani
amawabayi, kawahlanyeli, kawavuni, kawalaso
isiphala kodwa uNkulunkulu uyawapha ukudla.
Manje lina liqakatheke okwedlula izinyoni! 25
Ngubani kini othi ngokukhathazeka angezelele
ihola elilodwa empilweni yakhe na? 26
Njengoba lingeke liyenze linto encinyane
kangaka, lizihluphelani na ngokunengi? 27 Ake
libone ukuthi amaluba eganga akhula njani.
Kawasebenzi njalo aweluki. Kodwa ngilitshela
ukuthi laye uSolomoni ekucwebezeleni
kwakhe kazange acece njengawo. 28 Nxa
uNkulunkulu ececisa kanjalo utshani beganga,
obukhona namuhla, kusasa sebuphoselwa
emlilweni, kambe uzalicecisa kanganani na,
lina bokukholwa okuncinyane! 29 Lingazihluphi
ezinhliziyweni zenu ngokuthi lizakudlani
kumbe lizanathani; lingakhathazeki ngalokho.
30 Ngoba umhlaba wabezizwe uxotshana
lezinto ezinjalo, ikanti uYihlo uyazi ukuthi
liyazidinga. 31 Kodwa funani umbuso wakhe,
zonke lezizinto lizaziphiwa lazo. 32 Lingesabi,
mhlambi omncane, ngoba uYihlo uthandile
ukulipha umbuso. 33 Thengisani impahla
yenu liphe abampofu. Zidingeleni izikhwama
ezingagugiyo, inotho ezulwini engayikuphela,
lapho okungasondeli khona isela loba
impehlane engabhubhisi khona. 34 Ngoba
lapho okulenotho yakho khona, inhliziyo
yakho layo ilapho.” 35 “Gqokani lilindele
inkonzo lezibane zenu zihlale zibhebha 36
njengamadoda elindele inkosi yawo ukuba
ibuye edilini lomthimba ukuze kuthi nxa ifika
iqoqoda aphange ayivulele umnyango. 37

Kuzakuba kuhle kulezozinceku inkosi yazo
ezazifica zilindile nxa ifika. Ngilitshela iqiniso
ukuthi yona izagqokela ukubaphakela, bona
bahlale etafuleni, yona ibaphakele. 38 Kuzakuba
kuhle kulezozinceku inkosi yazo ezazifica
zilindile loba ingabe ifika ngomlindo wesibili
loba owesithathu ebusuku. 39 Kodwa zwisisani
lokhu: Aluba umninindlu ubesazi ukuthi
isela lizafika ngasiphi isikhathi ubengasoze
ayekele indlu yakhe igqekezwe. 40 Lani hlalani
lilindile ngoba iNdodana yoMuntu izafika
ngesikhathi elingayilindelanga ngaso." 41
UPhethro wabuza wathi, "Nkosi, umzekeliso
lo uwuqondise kithi kumbe ebantwini
bonke na?" 42 INkosi yaphendula yathi,
"Ngubani kambe ongumphathi othembekileyo,
ohlakaniphileyo, othi inkosi yakhe imbeke
ukukhangela izisebenzi zayo ukuba aziphe
isabelo sazo sokudla ngesikhathi esifaneleyo?
43 Kuzakuba kuhle kuleyo nceku inkosi
ezayifica isenza njalo ekuphendukeni kwayo.
44 Ngilitshela iqiniso, izakumbeka ukuthi
aphathe yonke impahla yayo. 45 Kodwa cabanga
nxa inceku ingazitshela ithi, 'Inkosi yami
isiphuzile ukubuya,' ibisiqalisa ukutshaya ezinye
izisebenzi zesilisa lezesifazane, ibisisidla, inatha
idakwe. 46 Inkosi yaleyonceku izabuya ngosuku
engacatshangelwa khona langesikhathi inceku
engasaziyo. Izayiqumaquma iyiphe indawo
phakathi kwabangakholwayo. 47 Leyonceku ethi
ikwazi okufunwa yinkosi yayo kodwa ingalindi
kumbe ingalungisi lokho inkosi yayo ekufunayo
izatshaywa okuzwayo. 48 Kodwa lowo ongaziyo
njalo owenza izinto eziholela ekubhujisweni
uzatshaywa mbijana. Kulowo ophiwe okunengi,
kuzafuneka okunengi kuye; lakulowo ogciniswe
okunengi, kuzafuneka okunengi kulalokho." 49
"Ngilande ukuzalumathisa umlilo emhlabeni,
ngize ngifise ukuthi ngabe uvele usungunguma!
50 Kodwa ngiseselobhaphathizo okusamele
ngilungene, kodwa ngikhathazekile kakhulu
kuze kugcwaliseke lokho! 51 Licabanga ukuthi
ngalanda ukuletha ukuthula emhlabeni na?
Hatshi, zwanini, ngalanda ukuzehlukanisa. 52
Kusukela manje bazakuthi bebahlanu emulini
behlukane, abathathu bexabana lababili, lababili
bexabana labathathu. 53 Bazakwehlukana, uyise
axabane lendodana, indodana ixabane loyise,
unina lendodakazi, indodakazi ixabane lonina,
uninazala axabane lomalukazana, umalukazana
loninazala." 54 Wathi exukwini labantu: "Lithi
lingabona iyezi liqhamuka entshonalanga
liphange lithi, 'Izulu lizakuna,' lakanye line.
55 Kuthi kungavunguza umoya weningizimu
lithi, 'Kuzatshisa,' lakanye kube njalo. 56
Bazenzisi! Liyakwazi ukuchaza izibonakaliso
zomhlaba lezomkhathi. Kungani pho lingakwazi
ukuchaza isikhathi lesi esikuso na? 57 Kungani
kanti lingaziboneli lina ngokwenu okuyikho
okulungileyo na? 58 Nxa uhamba lalowo
okumangalelayo lisiya kumahluleli, zama
ngamandla ukuthi liqedelane lisesendleleni,
funa akudonsele kumahluleli, lomahluleli
abesekudlulisela enxuseni lona inxusa likuthele
entolongweni. 59 Ngiyakutshela, kawusoze
uphume uze uhlawule kanye lohlamvana
lokucina lwemali."

13 Bakhona ababelapho ngalesosikhathi
abatshela uJesu ngamaGalile uPhilathu
axubanisa imihlatshelo yawo legazi lawo. 2
UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kambe likhumbula
ukuthi amaGalile lawo ayeyizoni kulamanye
amaGalile ngoba ahlupheka kanjalo na? 3
Ngithi, hatshi! Kodwa, ngaphandle kokuba
liphenduke lani lonke lizabhubha. 4 Kumbe
labo abalitshumi lasificaminwembili abafayo
baze bawelwe ngumphotshongo waseSilowami,
licabanga ukuthi babonile okudlula bonke
ababehlala eJerusalema na? 5 Ngithi, hatshi!
Kodwa, ngaphandle kokuba liphenduke lani
lonke lizabhubha." 6 Wasebatshela umzekeliso
lo wathi, "Indoda ethile yayilesihlahla somkhiwa
uhlanyelwe esivinini sayo, yasisiyacinga
izithelo kuwo, kodwa yaziswela. 7 Yasisithi
kuleyondoda eyayigcina isivini, 'Sekuyiminyaka
emithathu ngilokhu ngisiza ngizofuna izithelo
kulesisihlahla somkhiwa kodwa ngingatholi
lutho. Sigamule! Senzani kambe siqeda
ukudla emhlabathini?' 8 Indoda yaphendula
yathi, 'Nkosi, ake usiyekele nje okomnyaka
owodwa, kengisihlakulele kuhle ngithele
umvundiso. 9 Singathela ngomnyaka ozayo,
kuzabe kulungile! Kodwa singangatheli,

usungasigamula.'" 10 Ngelinye iSabatha
uJesu wayefundisa kwelinye isinagogu, 11
khonapho kulowesifazane owangenwa ngumoya
wamenza waba yisilima okweminyaka elitshumi
lasificaminwembili. Wayegogekile esehluleka
ukuhlala aqonde. 12 Kwathi uJesu embona
wambizela phambili wathi kuye, "Mama,
usukhululwe ekugogekeni kwakho." 13
Wasebeka izandla zakhe phezu kwakhe,
masinyane nje owesifazane watshwaphuluka,
waqonda, wasedumisa uNkulunkulu. 14
Umphathi wesinagogu wacunuka ngoba uJesu
wayesilise ngeSabatha, wathi ebantwini,
"Ziyisithupha insuku zokwenza umsebenzi.
Ngakho libobuya lizosiliswa ngalezonsuku,
hatshi ngeSabatha." 15 INkosi yamphendula
yathi, "Lina bazenzisi! Kalizikhululi yini lonke
lapha izifuyo zenu ngeSabatha esibayeni
liyezinathisa na? 16 Manje-ke, owesifazane
lo oyindodakazi ka-Abhrahama, obebotshwe
nguSathane okweminyaka eminengi, elitshumi
lasificaminwembili, lithi kangakhululwa yini
ngeSabatha kulokho obekumbophile?" 17
Wathi esekutshilo lokhu, bonke ababephikisana
laye bayangeka, kodwa abantu babethokoza
ngazozonke izinto ezimangalisayo ayezenza. 18
UJesu wasebuza wathi, "Umbuso kaNkulunkulu
ufana lani na? Kambe ngiwulinganise lani?
19 Unjengentanga yemastadi eyathathwa
ngenye indoda yayihlanyela esivandeni sayo.
Yamila yakhula yaba yisihlahla, izinyoni
zemoyeni zahlala engatsheni zaso." 20
Waphinda wabuza wathi, "Ngiwufanise lani
umbuso kaNkulunkulu na? 21 Unjengemvubelo
eyathathwa ngowesifazane wayixubanisa
lempuphu enengi, yabila yagcwala inhlama
yonke." 22 UJesu wasehamba engena
emadolobheni lemizini efundisa, ejonge ukuya
eJerusalema. 23 Omunye wambuza wathi,
"Nkosi, ngabalutshwana kuphela abazasindiswa
na?" Wathi kubo, 24 "Zamani ngamandla
ukuthi lingene ngomnyango omncinyane,
ngoba ngiyalitshela ukuthi abanengi bazazama
ukungena kodwa bazakwehluleka. 25 Angavele
aphakame umninindlu avale umnyango
lizakuma phandle liqoqode lincenga lisithi,
'Nkosi, sivulele umnyango.' Kodwa uzaphendula
athi, 'Kangilazi, kangazi njalo ukuthi livela
ngaphi.' 26 Lapho lizakuthi, 'Sadla lawe, sanatha
sonke, njalo wafundisa emigwaqweni yakithi.'
27 Kodwa uzaphendula athi, 'Kangilazi, njalo
kangikwazi ukuthi livela ngaphi. Sukani kimi,
lonke lina benzi bobubi!' 28 Kuzakuba khona
ukukhala lokugedla kwamazinyo nxa selibona
u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe labo bonke
abaphrofethi embusweni kaNkulunkulu, kodwa
lina ngokwenu lilahlelwe phandle. 29 Abantu
bazavela empumalanga lasentshonalanga kanye
lasenhla laseningizimu, bathathe izindawo
zabo edilini lombuso kaNkulunkulu. 30
Ngempela bakhona labo abangabokucina
abazakuba ngabokuqala, labangabokuqala
abazakuba ngabokucina." 31 Ngalesosikhathi
abanye abaFarisi beza kuJesu bathi kuye,
"Suka lapha uye kwenye indawo. UHerodi
ufuna ukukubulala." 32 Waphendula wathi,
"Hambani liyotshela ikhanka lelo lithi,
'Ngizawaxotsha amadimoni, ngisilise abantu,
lamuhla lakusasa langosuku lwesithathu
ngize ngiyiphethe indima yami.' 33 Loba
kunjani kumele ngiqhubeke ngohambo lwami
lamuhla lakusasa langelanga elilandelayo,
ngoba ngempela kakho umphrofethi ongafela
ngaphandle kweJerusalema! 34 Jerusalema,
Jerusalema, wena obulala abaphrofethi,
ubakhande ngamatshe labo abathunywe kuwe,
sekukanengi ngiloyisa ukuqoqa ndawonye
abantwabakho, njengesikhukhukazi siqoqa
amatsiyane aso ngaphansi kwamaphiko aso,
kodwa wawulokhu ungafuni! 35 Khangela,
indlu yakho isitshiywe ilunxiwa. Ngiyalitshela,
kalisayikungibona futhi lize lithi, 'Ubusisiwe
lowo obuya ngebizo leNkosi.'"

14 Ngelinye iSabatha uJesu wayakudla
endlini yomFarisi owayedume kakhulu,
babemkhangele kakhulu. 2 Phambi
kwakhe khonapho kwakulendoda eyayilesifo
sikambizankulu, esivuvukisa izitho. 3 UJesu
wasebuza abaFarisi lezazi zomthetho wathi,
"Kusemthethweni yini ukusilisa ngosuku
lweSabatha kumbe hatshi?" 4 Kodwa bathula.
Ngakho waseyibamba indoda leyo wayisilisa
wathi kayihambe. 5 Wasebabuza wathi, "Nxa

omunye wenu elendodana loba inkabi yakhe
ewele emgodini ngeSabatha, kayikuphanga
ayikhuphe masinyane na?" 6 Baswela ukuthi
bathini. 7 Wananzelela ukuthi izethekeli
zazikhetha izindawo eziqakathekileyo etafuleni
wasebatshela umzekeliso wathi: 8 "Nxa omunye
ekunxusa edilini lomthimba, ungaze wathatha
indawo eqakathekileyo funa kunxuswe umuntu
omkhulu kulawe. 9 Nxa kunjalo umalinxusa
uzakuza athi kuwe, 'Ake uxekele lo omunye
isihlalo sakho.' Uzabe usuyangekile ususiyahlala
endaweni ephansi kakhulu. 10 Kodwa nxa
unxusiwe, hlala endaweni ephansi kakhulu
ukuze kuthi nxa umakunxusa efika kuwe athi,
'Mngane, sukuma uye endaweni engcono.'
Lapho-ke, uzabe uphakanyisiwe phambi kwabo
bonke abanxuswe kanye lawe. 11 Ngoba
wonke umuntu oziphakamisayo uzakwehliswa,
kuthi lowo ozehlisayo aphakanyiswe." 12
UJesu wasesithi emanxuseni, "Nxa usenza
idili emini loba kusihlwa unganxusi abangane
bakho loba abafowenu kumbe izihlobo kumbe
omakhelwane abanothileyo; ungenza njalo labo
bangakunxusa, kuthi-ke lawe usuwenanisiwe. 13
Kodwa nxa usenza idili, nxusa abayanga, izilima,
izigoga, iziphofu, 14 lapho uzabusiswa. Loba
bengasoze bakwenanise lawe, uzakwenaniswa
ekuvukeni kwabalungileyo." 15 Kwathi omunye
walabo abahlezi etafuleni laye esekuzwile lokhu,
wathi kuJesu, "Ubusisiwe lowomuntu ozakudla
edilini embusweni kaNkulunkulu." 16 UJesu
waphendula wathi, "Umuntu othile wayesenza
idili elikhulu ngakho wanxusa abantu
abanengi. 17 Sekuyisikhathi sedili wathuma
isisebenzi sakhe ukuyatshela ababenxusiwe
ukuthi, 'Wozani, konke sekulungile.' 18
Kodwa bonke baqala ukuxolisa. Owokuqala
wathi, 'Ngisanda kuthenga isivande ngakho
kusamele ngiyesibona. Ngicela ungixolisele.'
19 Omunye wathi, 'Khathesi nje ngisanda
kuthenga izipani ezinhlanu zenkabi, ungifica
ngivele ngisendleleni yokuyazihlola. Ngicela
ungixolisele.' 20 Omunye njalo wathi, 'Ngisanda
kutshada nje khathesi ngakho angingeke ngize.'
21 Inceku yabuya yakubika konke lokhu enkosini
yayo. Inkosi yathukuthela yasilaya inceku
yayo yathi, 'Hamba khathesi, uye ezitaladini
lemikotweni yedolobho umeme abayanga,
abagogekileyo, iziphofu labaqhulayo.' 22 Inceku
yathi, 'Nkosi, lokho okulayileyo sokwenziwe
kodwa indawo isesekhona.' 23 Inkosi yatshela
inceku yayo yathi, 'Hamba uye emigwaqweni
lasezindleleni zemaphandleni uze labo ukuze
indlu yami igcwale. 24 Ngiyalitshela kakho
loyedwa walabo bantu ababenxusiwe ozalizwa
idili lami.'" 25 Abantu abanengi babehamba
loJesu, wasephendukela kubo wathi: 26
"Nxa umuntu esiza kimi, kodwa engeke
azonda uyise lonina, umkakhe labantwana,
abafowabo labodadewabo, kanye lempilo yakhe
uqobo, ngeke abe ngumfundi wami. 27 Lowo
ongathwali isiphambano sakhe angilandele
ngeke abe ngumfundi wami. 28 Akesithi omunye
wenu afune ukwakha umphotshongo. Kambe
kazukuqala ahlale phansi abalise indleko ukuze
abone ingabe ulayo yini imali yokuwuqeda na?
29 Ngoba engakha isisekelo, kodwa ehluleke
ukusiqeda, wonke okubonayo uzamhleka, 30
esithi, 'Indoda le yaqalisa ukwakha, kodwa
yehluleka ukuqeda.' 31 Kumbe sithi inkosi
ilungisela ukuya empini isilwa lenye inkosi.
Kayizukuqala ihlale phansi yini ihluzisise
engqondweni ingabe yona ngamabutho ayo
azinkulungwane ezilitshumi ingaqondana
laleyo elezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili na? 32 Nxa ingeyikuma, izathuma
amanxusa kuleyana isesekude icele uxolo. 33
Ngaleyondlela, loba ngubani phakathi kwenu
ongadeli konke alakho ngeke abe ngumfundi
wami. 34 Itswayi lilungile kodwa lingalahlekelwa
yibumunyu balo, lingavuselelwa kanjani na? 35
Kaliwulungelanga lomhlabathi loba inqumbi
yomvundiso kodwa liyalahlwa. Lowo olendlebe
zokuzwa, kezwe."

15 Ngalesosikhathi kwasekubuthana kuye
abathelisi lezoni ukuzokuzwa imfundiso
yakhe. 2 Kodwa abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho
bakhonona bathi, "Umuntu lo wemukela izoni
adle lazo." 3 UJesu wasebatshela umzekeliso
lo, wathi: 4 "Ake kuthiwe omunye wenu
ulezimvu ezilikhulu besekulahleka eyodwa
kuzo. Kazukuzitshiya yini lezo ezingamatshumi
ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye

khonale egangeni ayidinge leyo elahlekileyo
aze ayithole na? 5 Kuthi lapho eseyitholile
ayithwale emahlombe ngokuthokoza 6 aye
layo ekhaya. Abesebiza abangane bakhe
labomakhelwane athi, 'Thokozani lami;
sengiyitholile imvu yami ebilahlekile.' 7
Ngilitshela ukuthi ngaleyondlela kuzakuba
lokuthokoza ezulwini ngokuphenduka kwesoni
esisodwa okudlula labobantu abalungileyo
abangamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye
lasificamunwemunye abangakudingiyo
ukuphenduka." 8 "Kumbe kuthi owesifazane
elenhlamvu zesiliva ezilitshumi kulahleke
uhlamvu olulodwa. Kalumathisi yini isibane,
athanyele endlini, adingisise kuhle aze
aluthole na? 9 Kuthi eselutholile abize
abangane bakhe labomakhelwane, athi kubo,
'Thokozani lami; sengilutholile uhlamvu lwami
lwesiliva obelulahlekile.' 10 Ngiyalitshela
ukuthi ngaleyondlela kulokuthokoza phambi
kwezingilosi zikaNkulunkulu ngokuphenduka
kwesoni esisodwa." 11 UJesu waqhubeka
wathi: "Kwakukhona indoda eyayilamadodana
amabili. 12 Encinyane yathi kuyise, 'Baba,
ngipha esami isabelo selifa.' Ngakho uyise
wabehlukanisela impahla yakhe bobabili. 13
Ngemva kwesikhatshana indodana encane
yabutha konke okungokwayo yasuka yaya
elizweni elikhatshana, yafika khonale yayichitha
inotho yayo ngempilo yokuxhwala. 14
Isitshaye yachitha konke, kwaba lendlala
enkulu kulolonke ilizwe, yasiswela kakhulu.
15 Yasisiyadinga umsebenzi komunye umuntu
wakulelolizwe owayisa esiqintini sakhe
ukuyagcina ingulube. 16 Yabona kungcono kuyo
ukuthi ixotshe iphango ngokudla okwakudliwa
zingulube, kodwa kayizange iphiwe lutho
langubani. 17 Kwathi lapho ingqondo yayo
isicabanga kuhle, yathi, 'Kambe zingaki izinceku
zikababa ezidla zizezitshiye kodwa nanku
mina ngifa ngendlala! 18 Ngizasuka ngibuyele
kubaba ngifike ngithi kuye: Baba, ngenze isono
phambi kwezulu lakuwe. 19 Kangisafanelanga
ukuthiwa ngiyindodana yakho; ngenza
ngibe njengomunye wezinceku zakho.' 20
Ngakho yaphakama yaya kuyise. Kodwa
yathi isesebucwala uyise wayibona wayizwela
isihawu; wagijimela kuyo indodana yakhe,
wayigona, wayanga. 21 Indodana yathi kuye,
'Baba, ngenze isono phambi kwezulu lakuwe.
Kangisafanelanga ukuthiwa ngiyindodana
yakho.' 22 Kodwa uyise wathi ezincekwini
zakhe, 'Phangisani! Lethani isembatho esihle
ukwedlula ezinye limgqokise. Lifake indandatho
emunweni wakhe, limgqokise lamanyathela
ezinyaweni zakhe. 23 Beseliletha ithole
elinonisiweyo lilihlabe. Asenzeni idili sithokoze.
24 Ngoba indodana yami le yayisifile, kodwa
isiphila njalo; yayilahlekile manje isifunyenwe.'
Waqalisa manje umkhosi wokujabula. 25 Sonke
lesisikhathi indodana endala yayisensimini.
Yathi isibanga endlini yezwa kuhlatshelelwa
njalo kugidwa. 26 Yasibiza omunye wezinceku
yambuza ukuthi kwakusenzakalani. 27
Waphendula wathi, 'Umfowenu usebuyile,
ngakho uyihlo usemhlabele ithole elinonisiweyo
ngoba ubuye ephilile, ephelele.' 28 Umnewabo
wazonda kakhulu, wala ukungena ngekhaya.
Uyise wasephuma esiya kuye ukuyamncenga.
29 Kodwa waphendula uyise wathi, 'Khangela!
Iminyaka yonke le bengikusebenzela kanzima
njalo kangizange ngeqe imilayo yakho. Kodwa
kawuzange ungiphe lokulizinyane kodwa
lokhu ukuthi lami kengithokoze labangane
bami. 30 Kodwa lokhu kuthi nxa indodana
yakho le esitshaye yathintitha inotho yakho
lezifebe, isibuyile ekhaya uyihlabele ithole
elinonisiweyo!' 31 Uyise wathi, 'Ndodana
yami, uhlezi ulami sonke isikhathi njalo konke
engilakho ngokwakho. 32 Kodwa bekufanele
sithokoze sijabule ngoba umfowenu lo
wayesefile, manje usephila njalo; ubelahlekile,
usefunyenwe.'"

16 UJesu watshela abafundi bakhe wathi,
"Kwakulendoda eyayinothile ilomphathi
owetheswa icala lokuthi wayechithachithe
inotho yayo. 2 Yambiza yambuza yathi,
'Kuyini lokhu engikuzwayo ngawe? Landisa
kuhle ukuthi uhambisa njani izinto ngoba
ungeke usaba ngumphathi njalo.' 3
Umphathi wazibuza wathi, 'Ngizakuthini?
Inkosi yami isingithathela umsebenzi wami.
Kangilamandla okugebha, njalo ngilenhloni

zokucela. 4 Ngiyazi engizakwenza ukuthi
nxa ngilahlekelwa ngumsebenzi wami
abantu bangamukele ezindlini zabo.' 5
Ngakho yasibiza labo ababelezikwelede
enkosini yayo munye ngamunye yathi,
kowokuqala, 'Isikwelede sakho enkosini yami
singakanani?' 6 Wathi, 'Ngamalitha amafutha
e-oliva azinkulungwane ezine.' Umphathi
wamtshela wathi, 'Phangisa, thatha incwadi
yakho yesikwelede ubhale izinkulungwane
ezimbili.' 7 Yasibuza owesibili yathi, 'Wena
ulesikwelede esingakanani?' Wathi, 'Yimigodla
yengqoloyi eyinkulungwane.' Yamtshela
yathi, 'Thatha incwadi yakho yesikwelede
ubhale amakhulu ayisificaminwembili.' 8
Inkosi yamncoma lowomphathi owayeliqili
ngoba wayenze ukuhlakanipha. Ngoba
abantu balumhlaba balezindledlana zabo
zokuhlakanipha ekuphathaneni kwabo
ukwedlula abantu bokukhanya. (aiōn g165)
9 Ngiyalitshela ngithi, sebenzisani inotho
yomhlaba ukuzuza abangane ukuze kuthi nxa
isiphelile lamukeleke ezindlini ezimi laphakade.
(aiōnios g166) 10 Lowo othembeke kokuncinyane
uzakwethembeka njalo kokunengi, ikanti
lowo ongathembekanga kokuncinyane angeke
njalo athembeke kokunengi. 11 Ngakho-ke,
nxa lingathembekanga ekuphatheni inotho
yasemhlabeni, pho ngubani ongalithemba
ngenotho yeqiniso na? 12 Njalo nxa
belingathembekanga ngempahla yomunye
umuntu, ngubani kambe ozalipha impahla
ibe ngeyenu na? 13 Kakulanceku engakhonza
amakhosi amabili. Funa izonde enye kodwa
ithande enye, kumbe izinikele kwenye yeyise
enye. Ngezake likhonze uNkulunkulu lemali
ngokufanayo." 14 AbaFarisi ababethanda
imali bakuzwa konke lokhu, bamklolodela
uJesu. 15 Wathi kubo, "Yini elizigezayo
emehlweni abantu kodwa uNkulunkulu
uyazazi inhliziyo zenu. Lokho okuligugu
ebantwini kuyisinengiso kuNkulunkulu." 16
"UMthetho labaPhrofethi kwatshunyayelwa
kwaze kwaba yisikhathi sikaJohane. Kusukela
kulesosikhathi izindaba ezinhle zombuso
kaNkulunkulu ziyatshunyayelwa njalo bonke
abantu bazifuqela kuwo. 17 Kungaba lula
ukuthi izulu lomhlaba kunyamalale kulokuthi
kucitshe ichatha loMthetho elilodwa nje. 18
Loba ngubani olahla umkakhe athathe omunye
umfazi uyafeba njalo lendoda ethatha umfazi
owalahlwayo iyafeba." 19 "Kwakulendoda
enothileyo eyayigqoka izigqoko zombala
oyibubende lezelembu lelineni, iphakathi
kobutifitifi insuku zonke. 20 Entubeni yomuzi
wayo kwakuhlezi isiceli esasithiwa nguLazaro,
sigcwele izilonda emzimbeni, 21 siloyisa ukudla
lokho okwakukhithika etafuleni yalesosicebi.
Izinja zazifika zikhothe izilonda zaso. 22 Kwafika
isikhathi lapho isiceli esafa khona, izingilosi
zasithwala zasisa eceleni lika-Abhrahama.
Lesicebi laso safa, sabekwa. 23 Esihogweni
lapho esasisitsha khona; savusa ubuso
sabona u-Abhrahama ekude le, kuloLazaro
eceleni kwakhe. (Hadēs g86) 24 Sasesimemeza
sathi, 'Baba Abhrahama, ake ungihawukele
uthume uLazaro agxamuze umunwe wakhe
emanzini athambise ulimi lwami, ngoba
ngisebuhlungwini emlilweni lo.' 25 Kodwa
u-Abhrahama waphendula wathi, 'Ndodana,
khumbula ukuthi ngesikhathi usaphila wazuza
izinto zakho ezinhle kodwa uLazaro wemukela
izinto ezimbi, khangela manje useduduzwa
lapha, ikanti wena ususebuhlungwini. 26 Njalo
ngaphandle kwakho konke lokhu, phakathi
kwethu lawe kulodonga olukhulu, ukwenzela
ukuthi labo abafisa ukuza ngapho besuka lapha
behluleke, futhi kakho ongapho ongachaphela
ngakithi.' 27 Saphendula sathi, 'Nxa kunjalo-ke,
ngiyakuncenga, baba, thuma uLazaro endlini
kababa, 28 ngoba ngilabafowethu abahlanu.
Ayebaxwayisa ukuze labo bangezi kule indawo
yobuhlungu.' 29 U-Abhrahama waphendula
wathi, 'BaloMosi labaPhrofethi; kabalalele
bona.' 30 Sathi, 'Hatshi, baba Abhrahama, kodwa
nxa kusuka umuntu kwabafileyo aye kubo
bazaphenduka.' 31 Wathi kuso, 'Nxa bengalaleli
uMosi labaPhrofethi, kabasoze bavume loba
omunye angaze avuke kwabafileyo.'"

17 UJesu wathi kubafundi bakhe: "Izinto
ezenza abantu benze isono zizakuba
khona kodwa maye kulowomuntu ezizafika
ngaye. 2 Bekungaba ngcono kuye ukuphoselwa

olwandle kubotshelwe imbokodo entanyeni
yakhe kulokuba yena akhubekise omunye
walaba abancinyane ukuthi enze isono. 3
Ngakho lina ziqapheleni. Nxa umfowenu
esenza isono, mkhuze, kuthi nxa ezisola,
mthethelele. 4 Nxa engakonela kasikhombisa
ngosuku lunye, ebuye kuwe kasikhombisa
esithi, 'Ngiyaxolisa,' mthethelele." 5 Abapostoli
bathi eNkosini, "Yengeza ukholo lwethu!" 6
Waphendula wathi, "Nxa lilokukholwa loba
kukuncinyane njengentanga yemastadi, lingathi
kulesisihlahla somabhulosi, 'Quphuka lapha
uyowela olwandle,' sizalilalela. 7 Kesithi omunye
wenu ulesisebenzi, silima loba siselusa izimvu.
Kambe kungenzeka yini ukuthi nxa isisebenzi
singena sivela emasimini athi kuso, 'Kulungile,
hlala phansi udle'? 8 Kambe kayikuqala athi,
'Lungisa ukudla kwami, ulungele ukungiphakela
ngize ngidle, nginathe; ngemva kwalokho lawe
usungadla, unathe'? 9 Angasibonga na isisebenzi
ngoba senze lokho ebesikuyaliwe na? 10 Kunjalo
lani nxa selenzile konke okuthiwe likwenze
kufanele lithi, 'Siyizinceku ezingafanelanga;
sesenze kuphela lokho okungumlandu wethu.'"
11 Ngalesosikhathi eseqonde ukuya eJerusalema,
uJesu wahamba ngendlela esemngceleni
phakathi kweSamariya leGalile. 12 Wathi efika
komunye umuzi, wahlangabezwa ngamadoda
alitshumi ayelobulephero. Ema bucwala,
13 amemeza ngelizwi elikhulu athi, "Jesu,
Nkosi, sihawukele!" 14 Wathi ewabona wathi
kuwo, "Hambani liyoziveza kubaphristi." Athi
esahamba ahlambuluka. 15 Omunye wawo
wathi ngokubona ukuthi usesilile waphenduka,
edumisa uNkulunkulu ngelizwi elikhulu.
16 Wazilahla phansi ezinyaweni zikaJesu
wambonga, yena wayengumSamariya. 17 UJesu
wabuza wathi, "Kanti kabahlanjululwanga
bonke abalitshumi yini? Bangaphi abanye
abayisificamunwemunye na? 18 Ubengekho yini
obengabuya azoletha udumo kuNkulunkulu
ngaphandle kwalo owezizweni na?" 19 Wasesithi
kuye, "Phakama uhambe; ukukholwa kwakho
kukusilisile." 20 Ngesinye isikhathi uJesu ebuzwe
ngabaFarisi ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu
wawuzafika nini, waphendula wathi, "Umbuso
kaNkulunkulu kawuzi ngendlela yokucubungula
kwenu ukuma kwezinto, 21 njalo abantu
kabayikutsho bathi, 'Nanku lapha,' loba bathi,
'Nanko laphaya,' ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu
uphakathi kwenu." 22 Wasesithi kubafundi
bakhe, "Siyeza isikhathi lapho elizaloyisa
khona ukubona olunye lwezinsuku zeNdodana
yoMuntu kodwa kalisoze lilubone. 23 Abantu
bazalitshela bathi, 'Nanguyana laphaya!' kumbe,
'Nangu lapha!' Lingathatheki ngabo. 24
Ngoba ngosuku lwayo iNdodana yoMuntu
izakuba njengombane ophazima ukhanyise
umkhathi kusukela ngapha kusiyafika ngale.
25 Kodwa kumele iqale ihlupheke ezintweni
ezinengi njalo ilahlwe yilesisizukulwane. 26
Njengoba kwakunjalo ensukwini zikaNowa,
kuzakuba njalo ensukwini zeNdodana yoMuntu.
27 Abantu babesidla, benatha, bethathana
njalo besendiselana kwaze kwafika usuku
uNowa angena ngalo emkhunjini. Kwasekufika
uzamcolo wababhubhisa bonke. 28 Kwakunjalo
futhi ngezinsuku zikaLothi. Abantu babesidla,
benatha, njalo bethenga, bethengisa, behlanyela
njalo besakha. 29 Kodwa ngosuku uLothi
aphuma ngalo eSodoma, umlilo lesalufa
kwathululeka kuvela ezulwini kwababhubhisa
bonke. 30 Kuzakuba njalo langosuku lapho
iNdodana yoMuntu ifika. 31 Ngalolosuku kakho
ozakuthi ephezulu ophahleni lwendlu yakhe,
impahla zakhe ziphakathi, ehle ukuyazithatha.
Njalo kakho osensimini ozakuyathatha loba
yini. 32 Khumbulani umkaLothi! 33
Lowo ozama ukulondoloza impilo yakhe
izamlahlekela, lalowo olahlekelwa yimpilo
yakhe uzayilondoloza. 34 Ngiyalitshela,
kuzakuthi ngalobobusuku abantu bebabili
embhedeni omunye uzathathwa, kodwa omunye
atshiywe. 35 Abesifazane ababili bazabe bechola
elitsheni ndawonye; omunye uzathathwa
omunye atshiywe. [36 Ababili bazabe
besensimini; oyedwa uzathathwa omunye
atshiywe.]" 37 Babuza bathi, "Ngaphi, Nkosi?"
Waphendula wathi, "Lapho okulesidumbu
khona, kulapho okuqoqana khona amanqe."

18 UJesu wasetshela abafundi bakhe
umzekeliso ukubatshengisa ukuthi
kumele bakhuleke kokuphela bangadinwa. 2

Wathi, “Kwelinye idolobho kwakulomahluli
owayengamesabi uNkulunkulu njalo
engakhathaleli muntu. 3 Kwakukhona
umfelokazi kulelodolobho owayehlezi esiza
kuye kokuphela emncenga esithi, ‘Akungincede
ngalowo engixabana laye.’ 4 Okwesikhathi
eside umahluli wayesala. Kodwa wacina
esithi, ‘Loba ngingamesabi uNkulunkulu
njalo ngingakhathali ngomuntu, 5 kodwa
ngenxa yokuthi umfelokazi lo usengijinge
kakhulu sengizamlungisela ukuthi angaze
abuya anginenge ngoba elokhu engilanda!’”
6 Njalo iNkosi yasisithi, “Likuzwisise lokho
okutshiwo ngumahluli ongalunganga. 7
Kambe uNkulunkulu kayikubalwela yini
abakhethiweyo bakhe, abakhuleka kuye imini
lobusuku? Uzabe elokhu ebanina yini? 8
Ngiyalitshela, uzabalwela, njalo masinyane.
Kodwa, nxa iNdodana yoMuntu isifika,
izakufumana ukukholwa emhlabeni na?” 9
Kulabo ababezethemba ngokulunga kwabo
beseyisa abanye, uJesu wakhuluma umzekeliso
lo wathi: 10 “Amadoda amabili aya ethempelini
ukuyakhuleka, omunye engumFarisi njalo
omunye engumthelisi. 11 UmFarisi wasukuma
wakhuleka ngalokho ayeyikho khona
wathi: ‘Nkulunkulu, ngiyakubonga ukuthi
kanginjengabanye abantu, izigebenga, izixhwali,
izifebe njalo kangifani lomthelisi lo. 12 Ngizila
kabili ngeviki njalo nginikela okwetshumi
okwenzuzo yami yonke.’ 13 Kodwa umthelisi
wema bucwadlana laye. Wesaba lokukhangela
ezulwini kodwa wazehlisa kakhulu wathi,
‘Nkulunkulu, woba lesihawu kimi, ngiyisoni.’ 14
Ngiyalitshela ukuthi indoda le, hatshi leyana
enye, yabuyela ekhaya isilungisiwe phambi
kukaNkulunkulu. Ngoba lowo oziphakamisayo
uzakwehliswa, lozehlisayo uzaphakanyiswa.”
15 Abantu njalo babeletha abantwana kuJesu
ukuthi ababeke izandla. Abafundi bonela
ukukubona lokhu babakhuza. 16 Kodwa uJesu
wabizela kuye abantwana wathi, “Yekelani
abantwana beze kimi, lingabavimbeli ngoba
umbuso kaNkulunkulu ungowabanjengalaba. 17
Ngiqinisile ngithi kini, lowo ongayikwemukela
umbuso kaNkulunkulu njengomntwana
omncane kayikungena kuwo.” 18 Umbusi
othile wambuza wathi, “Mfundisi olungileyo,
ngingenzani ukuze ngizuze ilifa lokuphila
kwaphakade na?” (aiōnios g166) 19 UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Ungibizelani ngokuthi
ngilungile na? Kakho olungileyo ngaphandle
kukaNkulunkulu kuphela. 20 Uyayazi imilayo:
‘Ungafebi, ungabulali muntu, ungebi, ungaphi
ubufakazi bamanga, hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko.’”
21 Wathi umbusi, “Yonke le ngiyigcine kusukela
ebutsheni bami.” 22 UJesu esekuzwile lokho
wathi kuye, “Usasilele into eyodwa. Thengisa
konke olakho uphe abampofu, lapho-ke
inotho yakho izakuba sezulwini. Ubusubuya
ungilandele.” 23 Wathi esezwe lokhu wadana
kakhulu ngoba wayeyindoda eyayinothe
kakhulu. 24 UJesu wamkhangela wathi,
“Koba nzima kakhulu ukuthi isinothi singene
embusweni kaNkulunkulu! 25 Ngempela
kulula ukuthi ikamela lingene embotsheni
yenalithi kulokuthi umuntu onothileyo
awungene umbuso kaNkulunkulu.” 26 Labo
abakuzwayo lokho babuza bathi, “Ngubani pho
ongasindiswa?” 27 UJesu waphendula wathi,
“Lokho okungenzekiyo emandleni abantu
kuyenzakala kwakaNkulunkulu.” 28 UPhethro
wathi kuye, “Sesadela konke esasilakho
sakulandela!” 29 UJesu wathi kubo, “Ngilitshela
iqiniso ukuthi kakho osetshiye ikhaya loba
umfazi kumbe abafowabo loba abazali kumbe
abantwana ngenxa yombuso kaNkulunkulu 30
ozakwehluleka ukuzuza ngokuphindwe kanengi
esikhathini samanje lesikhathini esizayo,
ukuphila okungapheliyo.” (aiōn g165, aiōnios
g166) 31 UJesu wasebizela abalitshumi lambili
eceleni wabatshela wathi, “Sesisiya eJerusalema
lapho konke okulotshwe ngabaphrofethi
ngeNdodana yoMuntu sekusiya gcwaliseka. 32
Izanikelwa kwabeZizwe. Bazayihoza, bayithuke,
bayikhafulele, bayibhule njalo bayibulale. 33
Ngosuku lwesithathu izavuka.” 34 Abafundi
kabazange bakuzwisise konke lokhu. Ingcazelo
yakho yayifihlakele kubo yikho kabazanga
ukuthi wayekhuluma ngani. 35 UJesu esebanga
eJerikho kwakulendoda eyisiphofu eyisiceli
ihlezi eceleni kwendlela icela. 36 Yathi isizwa
kudlula ixuku labantu yabuza ukuthi kuyini
okwakusenzakala. 37 Bayitshela bathi, “UJesu

waseNazaretha uyedlula khonapha.” 38
Yamemeza yathi, “Jesu, Ndodana kaDavida,
ake ungihawukele!” 39 Labo ababehamba
phambili bayikhuza bathi kayithule, kodwa
yona yasimemeza ngamandla yathi, “Ndodana
kaDavida ake ungihawukele!” 40 UJesu wema
wathi indoda leyo ilethwe kuye. Isifikile
uJesu wayibuza wathi, 41 “Ufuna ukuthi
ngikwenzeleni?” Yaphendula yathi, “Nkosi,
ngifuna ukuthi ngibone.” 42 UJesu wathi
kuyo, “Kuzuze-ke ukubona; ukukholwa kwakho
kukusindisile.” 43 Masinyane yahle yabona,
yasimlandela uJesu idumisa uNkulunkulu.
Kwathi bonke abantu bekubona lokho, labo
bamdumisa uNkulunkulu.

19 UJesu wangena eJerikho kodwa esedlula.
2 Kwakulendoda eyayithiwa nguZakhewu;
wayeyinduna yabathelisi njalo enothile. 3
Wayefuna ukubona uJesu ukuthi wayengumuntu
onjani, kodwa ngenxa yokuthi wayengumuntu
omfitshane, wehluleka ngenxa yesiminyeminye.
4 Wasegijimela phambili, wakhwela phezu
komkhiwa wesikhamore ukuze ambone
njengoba uJesu wayesiza ngaleyondlela.
5 Kwathi uJesu esefikile kuleyondawo,
wakhangela phezulu wathi kuye, “Zakhewu,
yehla masinyane. Ngizakwethekelela endlini
yakho lamuhla.” 6 Wasesehla uZakhewu
masinyane wamamukela ngokuthokoza. 7
Bonke abantu bakubona lokhu bangunguna
besithi, “Useyekuba yisethekeli sesoni.” 8
Kodwa uZakhewu wasukuma wathi eNkosini,
“Khangela, Nkosi! Okwamanje senginika
ingxenye yenotho yami kwabampofu
njalo nxa ngike ngadlelezela omunye
umuntu loba ngakuphi, ngizambhadala
ngokuphindwe kane lokho engakuthathayo.”
9 UJesu wasesithi kuye, “Lamuhla insindiso
isifikile kulindlu ngoba indoda le layo
iyindodana ka-Abhrahama. 10 Ngoba iNdodana
yoMuntu yalanda ukudinga lokusindisa
lokho okwakulahlekile.” 11 Bathi besalalele
lokhu, wabatshela omunye umzekeliso,
ngoba wayesesondele eJerusalema, abantu
sebecabanga ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu
wawusuzahle uvele masinyane. 12 Wathi,
“Indoda ethile yasesikhosini ngokuzalwa yaya
elizweni elikhatshana isiyagcotshwa ukuba
yinkosi andubana iphenduke. 13 Yasibiza
izinceku zayo ezilitshumi yazinika imali
engamamina alitshumi. Yathi, ‘Isebenziseni
imali le ngize ngiphenduke.’ 14 Kodwa
labobantu ayezababusa babemzonda lumuntu,
bathumela izithunywa ukuthi zimlandele
ziyekuthi, ‘Kasimfuni lumuntu ukuthi abe
yinkosi yethu.’ 15 Lanxa kunjalo wagcotshwa
waba yinkosi, waphenduka ekhaya. Wasebiza
izinceku lezo ayezinike imali ukuze ezwe ukuthi
zazithole nzuzo bani ngayo. 16 Owokuqala
weza wathi, ‘Nkosi, imali yakho isizele amanye
amadola alitshumi.’ 17 Inkosi yayo yathi, ‘Wenze
kuhle, nceku yami elungileyo! Ngenxa yokuthi
uthembekile entweni encinyane, usuzabusa
amadolobho alitshumi.’ 18 Owesibili weza
wathi, ‘Nkosi, imali yakho isizele amanye
amadola amahlanu.’ 19 Inkosi yayo yaphendula
yathi, ‘Busa phezu kwamadolobho amahlanu.’
20 Kwasekusiza enye inceku yathi, ‘Nkosi,
nansi imali yakho; bengiyigoqele ngelembu. 21
Bengikwesaba wena ngoba uyindoda elukhuni.
Ucupha lapho ongathelanga khona njalo ubuye
uvune lapho ongahlanyelanga khona.’ 22
Inkosi yayo yaphendula yathi, ‘Ngizakwahlulela
ngamazwi akho wena nceku exhwalileyo!
Angithi ubukwazi ukuthi ngingumuntu
olukhuni, ocupha lapho angathelanga khona
lovuna lapho angahlanyelanga khona? 23
Kungani pho ungabekanga imali yami ebhanga
ukuze kuthi ekubuyeni kwami ngiyithathe
isilenzuzo na?’ 24 Yasisithi kwababemi
khonapho, ‘Mthatheleni lelo alalo liliphe
lowo olalitshumi.’ 25 Basebesithi, ‘Nkosi,
angithi uvele uselalitshumi?’ 26 Yaphendula
yathi, ‘Ngithi kini, lowo olakho uzaphiwa
okunye okunengi kodwa lowo ongelalutho,
lalokho alakho uzakwemukwa. 27 Kodwa izitha
zami lezo ebezingafuni ukuthi ngizibuse,
zileteni lapha lizibulalele phambi kwami.’”
28 UJesu esezitshilo zonke lezizinto wahamba
wabandulela eqonda eJerusalema. 29 Wathi
esebanga eBhethifage kanye leBhethani
entabeni eyayithiwa yiNtaba yama-Oliva
wathuma abafundi bakhe ababili wathi kubo:

30 “Yanini emzini ophambi kwenu, lizakuthi
lingena kuwo libone inkonyane kababhemi
ibotshelwe khonapho, engakaze igadwe muntu.
‘Ikhululeni liyilethe lapha. 31 Nxa kungaba
lozalibuza ukuthi, Liyikhululelani na?’ kumele
lithi, ‘INkosi iyayifuna.’” 32 Labo ababethunyiwe
bahamba njalo bathola kunjengoba ebetshilo.
33 Besayikhulula inkonyane kababhemi, abanini
bayo bababuza bathi, “Liyikhululelani na?”
34 Baphendula bathi, “INkosi iyayifuna.”
35 Bayiletha kuJesu, baphosela amajazi
abo phezu kwenkonyane, bagadisa uJesu
phezu kwayo. 36 Wathi eseqhubeka, abantu
bendlala amajazi abo endleleni. 37 Esefikile
eduze kwalapho indlela eyehla khona isuka
eNtabeni yama-Oliva abafundi lexuku lonke
lasuka ngokuthokoza ladumisa uNkulunkulu
ngamazwi amakhulu ngenxa yemimangaliso
yonke ababeyibonile, bathi: 38 “Ibusisiwe
inkosi ebuya ngebizo likaThixo!” “Ukuthula
ezulwini lodumo kweliphezulu!” 39 Abanye
abaFarisi exukwini bathi kuJesu, “Mfundisi,
khuza abafundi bakho!” 40 Waphendula
wathi, “Ngiyalitshela ngithi nxa bethula
amatshe azamemeza.” 41 Wathi esebanga
eJerusalema ekhangele idolobho, walikhalela
42 wathi, “Nxa wena, wena ngokwakho,
ubukwazi namhla lokho obekungakulethela
ukuthula kodwa okwamanje kufihliwe
emehlweni akho. 43 Zizafika insuku kuwe
lapho izitha zakho zizakwakha umthangala
zikuhonqolozele njalo zikuphahle inxa zonke.
44 Zizakusakazela phansi emhlabathini, wena
kanye labantwana abaphakathi kwemiduli
yakho. Kaziyikutshiya lalinye ilitshe phezu
kwelinye ngoba kawusinanzelelanga isikhathi
sokuza kukaNkulunkulu kuwe.” 45 Wasengena
ethempelini wadudula ababethengisa khona
46 esithi kubo, “Kubhaliwe ukuthi, ‘Indlu
yami iyindlu yokukhuleka,’kodwa lina
seliyenze ubhalu lwabaphangi.” 47 Insuku
zonke wayefundisa ethempelini. Kodwa
abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho
kanye labakhokheli ababephakathi kwabantu
babezama ukumbulala. 48 Kodwa kabayizuzanga
indlela yokukwenza lokho ngoba abantu bonke
babewakholwa amazwi akhe.

20 Ngelinye ilanga kwathi efundisa abantu
ethempelini, etshumayela ivangeli,
abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho,
kanye labadala bebandla beza kuye. 2 Bathi, “Ake
usitshele ukuthi uwathatha ngaphi amandla
okwenza lezizinto. Ngubani okunike amandla
la?” 3 Waphendula wathi, “Lami ngizalibuza
umbuzo. Ngitshelani, 4 ukubhaphathiza
kukaJohane kwakuvela ezulwini loba ebantwini
na?” 5 Bahlanganisa amakhanda bathi,
“Singathi, ‘Kwakuvela ezulwini,’ uzabuza athi,
‘Kungani lingazange limkholwe?’ 6 Kodwa
singathi, ‘Kwakuvela ebantwini,’ abantu bonke
bazasikhanda ngamatshe ngoba bakholwa
ukuthi uJohane wayengumphrofethi.” 7 Ngakho
baphendula bathi, “Kasikwazi ukuthi kwakuvela
ngaphi.” 8 UJesu wathi, “Lami kangizukulitshela
ukuthi lezizinto ngizenza ngawaphi amandla.” 9
Waseqhubeka ngokutshela abantu umzekeliso lo
wathi: “Indoda yahlanyela isivini yasiqhatshisa
abanye abalimi, yasihamba okwesikhathi eside.
10 Ngesikhathi sokuvuna yathuma inceku yayo
kubaqhatshi besivini ukuze bayiphe ingxenye
yezithelo zesivini. Kodwa abalimi bayitshaya,
bayixotsha ingaphathanga lutho. 11 Yathuma
enye inceku kodwa laleyo bayitshaya bayiphatha
kabuhlungu, bayixotsha ingaphathanga lutho.
12 Waphinda wathuma eyesithathu, bayilimaza
bayiphosela phandle. 13 Umninisivini wasesithi,
‘Ngenzeni? Ngizathuma indodana yami
engiyithandayo; mhlawumbe bazayihlonipha.’
14 Kodwa kwathi abaqhatshi besivini beyibona,
bahlanganisa amakhanda ngaleyondaba.
Bathi, ‘Le yindlalifa. Kasiyibulaleni, ilifa libe
ngelethu.’ 15 Basebeyikhuphela ngaphandle
kwesivini, bayibulala. Kambe umninisivini
uzabathini? 16 Uzakuza afike ababulale
labo baqhatshi besivini, isivini leso asinike
abanye abalimi.” Abantu bathi bekuzwa
lokhu bathi, “Sengathi lokhu kungaze kwafa
kwenzeka!” 17 UJesu wabathi nhlo, wabuza
wathi, “Pho kutshoni lokho okubhalwe ukuthi:
‘Ilitshe elalahlwa ngabakhi seliyilona ilitshe
lekhoneni?’ 18 Wonke owela phezu kwalelolitshe
uzachobozeka abe yizicucu, kodwa lowo eliwela
phezu kwakhe uzahlifizwa.” 19 Abafundisi
bomthetho labaphristi abakhulu badinga

indlela yokumbopha masinyane ngoba babesazi
ukuthi wakhuluma umzekeliso lo eqonde bona.
Kodwa babesesaba abantu. 20 Bamthumela
inhloli ezazizitshaya ezithembekileyo ukuze
zimgolombe. Babefisa ukumbeka icala kokunye
ayengakukhuluma ukuze bamedlulisele
emandleni ombusi. 21 Ngakho inhloli
zambuza zathi, "Mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi
wena ukhuluma njalo ufundisa okuqondileyo
lokuthi kawubandlululi kodwa ufundisa indlela
kaNkulunkulu ngeqiniso elipheleleyo. 22
Kufanele yini ukuthi sithele imithelo kuKhesari
loba hatshi?" 23 Wabubona ubuqili babo wathi
kubo, 24 "Ngitshengisani idenari. Kulomfanekiso
kabani lombhalo kabani kuyo?" Baphendula
bathi, "NgokaKhesari." 25 Wathi kubo, "Ngakho
nikani uKhesari okungokukaKhesari, linike
uNkulunkulu okungokukaNkulunkulu." 26
Behluleka ukumbamba ngalokho akutshoyo
lapho obala. Sebemangaliswe yimpendulo
yakhe bathula zwi. 27 Amanye amaSadusi
athi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo eza
kuJesu elombuzo. 28 Athi, "Mfundisi, uMosi
wasibhalela ukuthi nxa umfowabo wendoda
angafa atshiye umfazi, kodwa bengelabantwana,
umfowabo kumele amngene umfelokazi ukuze
azalele umfowabo abantwana. 29 Manje
kwakulabafowabo abayisikhombisa. Owokuqala
wathatha umfazi kodwa wafa engelamntwana.
30 Owesibili 31 njalo lowesithathu laye
wamthatha, bonke boyisikhombisa benza njalo
bafa bengatshiyanga bantwana. 32 Ekucineni
umfazi laye wafa. 33 Pho-ke, ekuvukeni
kwabafileyo uzakuba ngumkabani njengoba
bonke boyisikhombisa babemthethe?" 34 UJesu
waphendula wathi, "Abantu balesisikhathi
bayathatha njalo bayendiswa. (aiōn g165) 35
Kodwa labo abazabe befanele ukuba lengxenye
kulesosikhathi lasekuvukeni kwabafileyo
kabazukuthatha loba bendiswe, (aiōn g165) 36
njalo kabasayikufa ngoba sebenjengezingilosi.
Bangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, ngoba
bengabantwana bokuvuka kwabafileyo. 37
Kodwa emlandweni wesixuku esasibhebha
umlilo, uMosi laye wakuveza ukuthi
abafileyo bayavuka, ngoba ubiza uThixo
ngokuthi 'uNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama,
uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka, loNkulunkulu
kaJakhobe.' 38 KasuNkulunkulu wabafileyo,
kodwa owabaphilayo, ngoba kuye bonke
bayaphila." 39 Baphendula abanye abafundisi
bomthetho bathi, "Utsho kahle Mfundisi!" 40
Kasabanga khona owaba lesibindi sokumbuza
eminye imibuzo. 41 UJesu wasesithi kubo,
"Kungani besithi uKhristu uyiNdodana
kaDavida na? 42 UDavida yena ngokwakhe
uyakufakaza eNcwadini yamaHubo uthi: 'INkosi
yathi eNkosini yami: "Hlala ngakwesokunene
sami, 43 ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe
yisinyathelo senyawo zakho."' 44 UDavida
umbiza athi 'Nkosi.' Pho angaba yindodana
yakhe njani?" 45 Kwathi bonke abantu
besalalele, uJesu wathi kubafundi bakhe, 46
"Limukani abafundisi bomthetho. Bathanda
ukuhambahamba bececе ngezembatho
ezinde eziphephezelayo njalo bathanda
ukubingelelwa emisikeni, futhi bathatha izihlalo
eziphakemeyo emasinagogweni lezindawo
zabahlonitshwa emadilini. 47 Bahuquluza
izindlu zabafelokazi njalo bazibonakalisa
ngokwenza imikhuleko emide. Abantu abanjalo
bazajeziswa kabuhlungu."

21 UJesu wathi ekhangela wabona izinothi
zifaka iminikelo yazo esitsheni somnikelo.
2 Wabona njalo umfelokazi ongumyanga
efaka okuzinhlamvana kwethusi okubili. 3
Wathi, "Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi umfelokazi lo
ongumyanga unikele okudlula bonke abanye.
4 Bonke lababantu banikele izipho zabo
ngokwenotho yabo, kodwa yena ebuyangeni
bakhe ufake konke abelakho." 5 Abanye abafundi
bakhe babekhulukhuluma ngokubalazwa
kwethempeli ngamatshe amahle langezipho
ezazinikelwe kuNkulunkulu. Kodwa uJesu
wathi, 6 "Mayelana lalokhu elikubona lapha,
sizafika isikhathi lapho okungeyikutshiywa
ilitshe phezu kwelinye; wonke azaphoselwa
phansi." 7 Babuza bathi, "Mfundisi, izinto
lezi zizakwenzakala nini? Njalo sizakuba yini
isibonakaliso sokuthi sezizakwenzeka na?" 8
Waphendula wathi, "Qaphelani lingakhohliswa.
Ngoba abanengi bazakuza ngebizo lami
besithi, 'Nginguye,' njalo bathi, 'Isikhathi

sesisondele.’ Lingabalandeli. 9 Nxa lisizwa
ngezimpi lezikhukhulambuso, lingethuki.
Lezizinto kuzamele zenzeke kuqala, kodwa
isiphetho kasizukufika ngalesosikhathi.” 10
Wasesithi kubo: “Isizwe sizavukela isizwe,
lombuso uvukele umbuso. 11 Kuzakuba
lokuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu, indlala
lezifo ezindaweni ezinengi, izehlakalo
ezesabekayo lezibonakaliso ezinengi zivela
emkhathini. 12 Kodwa kungakenzakali konke
lokhu bazalibamba, balihlukuluze. Bazalinikela
emasinagogweni baliphosele lasezintolongweni
njalo lizamiswa phambi kwamakhosi lababusi
ngenxa yebizo lami. 13 Lokhu kuzalenza libe
ngofakazi kimi. 14 Kodwa bekani amaphaphu
phansi, lingazihluphi ngokuthi lizazivikela
lisithini. 15 Ngoba ngizalinika amazwi
lokuhlakanipha ukuze angabikhona ezitheni
zenu ozalehlula loba aliphikise. 16 Lizanikelwa
ngabazali, ngabafowenu layizihlobo labangane
njalo abanye benu bazalibulala. 17 Bonke
abantu bazalizonda ngenxa yami. 18 Kodwa
kakuyikubhubha lanwele olulodwa emakhanda
enu. 19 Bekezelani, lizasindiswa. 20 Lingabona
iJerusalema isihonqolozelwe yizimpi lizakwazi
ukuthi incithakalo isisondele. 21 Lapho-ke
akuthi labo abaseJudiya babalekele ezintabeni,
abasedolobheni kabaphume, kuthi labo
abasemaphandleni bangangeni edolobheni. 22
Ngoba lesi yisikhathi sokujeziswa ukugcwalisa
konke okwalotshwayo. 23 Yeka ubulukhuni
obuzakuba khona ngalezonsuku kwabesifazane
abakhulelweyo labangabadlezane! Kuzakuba
khona ukuhlukuluzeka okukhulu elizweni
lolaka phezu kwabantu. 24 Bazakuwa
ngenkemba babuthwe babe yizibotshwa zezizwe
zonke. IJerusalema izagidagidwa ngabeZizwe
kuze kugcwaliseke izikhathi zabeZizwe.
25 Kuzabakhona izibonakaliso elangeni,
enyangeni lasezinkanyezini. Emhlabeni izizwe
zizakuba phakathi kosizi lokudideka ngenxa
yokuhuba lokukhaphaza kolwandle. 26
Abantu bazaphela amandla ngokwesaba,
behlutshwa yilokho okuzayo emhlabeni,
ngoba izisekelo zasezulwini zizazanyazanyiswa.
27 Ngalesosikhathi bazayibona iNdodana
yoMuntu isiza ngeyezi ilamandla lenkazimulo
enkulu. 28 Nxa lezizinto seziqala ukwenzakala
manini liqine, liphakamise amakhanda enu,
ngoba ukuhlengwa kwenu sekusondela.” 29
Wabatshela umfanekiso lo wathi, “Khangelani
esihlahleni somkhiwa kanye lezinye zonke
izihlahla. 30 Nxa zihluma lizazibonela lani
njalo lazi ukuthi ihlobo selisondele. 31 Kanjalo-
ke, nxa lingabona lezizinto sezisenzakala, lazi
ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu ususondele.
32 Ngilitshela iqiniso, lesisizukulwane
kasiyikudlula zize zenzakale zonke lezizinto.
33 Izulu lomhlaba kuzedlula, kodwa amazwi
ami kawayikwedlula lanini. 34 Nanzelelani
funa inhliziyo zenu zithundubale ngokuzitika
lokudakwa lokunqineka ngezinto zalimpilo,
ngoba lolosuku luzalijuma njengomjibila. 35
Ngoba luzafikela bonke labo abahlala kuwo
wonke umhlaba. 36 Hlalani lilindile, likhulekele
ukuthi liphephe kukho konke osekuzakwenzeka
masinyane, lokuthi libe lamandla okuma
phambi kweNdodana yoMuntu.” 37 Insuku
zonke uJesu wayefundisa ethempelini kuthi
kusihlwa aphume ayechitha ubusuku eqaqeni
olwaluthiwa yiNtaba yama-Oliva, 38 njalo
abantu bonke babesiza ekuseni kakhulu
ukuzamuzwa ethempelini.

22 UMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo
owawubizwa ngokuthi liPhasika
wawususondele, 2 njalo abaphristi abakhulu
labafundisi bomthetho babedinga enye indlela
yokumsusa uJesu, ngoba babesesaba abantu.
3 USathane wasengena kuJudasi owayethiwa
ngu-Iskariyothi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili.
4 UJudasi waya kubaphristi abakhulu lezikhulu
zabavikeli bethempeli wabonisana labo
ukuthi amnikele njani uJesu. 5 Bathokoza
kakhulu, basebevuma ukumupha imali. 6
Wavuma, wasemelela ithuba lokunikela uJesu
kubo ngesikhathi kungelaxuku labantu. 7
Lwaselufika usuku lweSinkwa esingelaMvubelo
okwakusenziwa ngalo umhlatshelo wewundlu
lePhasika. 8 UJesu wathuma uPhethro loJohane
wathi, “Hambani liyesilungisela ukuthi
siyekudla iPhasika.” 9 Babuza bathi, “Ufuna
siyelilungisela ngaphi?” 10 Waphendula wathi,
“Lizakuthi nje lingena edolobheni, lizahlangana

lendoda iphethe inkonxa yamanzi. Liyilandele
kuleyondlu ezangena kuyo, 11 beselisithi
kumninindlu, ‘Umfundisi uyabuza uthi: Ingaphi
indlu yezethekeli, lapho engingadlela khona
iPhasika labafundi bami?’ 12 Izalitshengisa
ikamelo laphezulu elikhulu, elilungisiweyo.
Yenzani amalungiselo khonapho.” 13 Bahamba
bayafica izinto zimi njengokutshelwa kwabo
nguJesu. Ngakho balilungisa iPhasika. 14
Kwathi isikhathi sesifikile uJesu wahlala
etafuleni labapostoli bakhe. 15 Wasesithi
kubo, “Bengitshiseka kakhulu ukudla iPhasika
leli lani ngingakahlupheki. 16 Ngoba
ngiyalitshela ukuthi kangisoze ngiphinde
ngilidle njalo lize lizuze ukugcwaliseka
embusweni kaNkulunkulu.” 17 Esethethe
inkezo wabonga wasesithi, “Kuthatheni
lokhu likwabelane. 18 Ngoba ngiyalitshela
ukuthi angiyikuphinda nginathe okwesithelo
sevini umbuso kaNkulunkulu uze ufike.” 19
Wasethatha isinkwa, wabonga wasesihlephuna
wabapha, wathi, “Lo ngumzimba wami ophiwe
lina; kwenzeni lokhu kube yisikhumbuzo
sami.” 20 Ngaleyondlela, ngemva kokudla
kwakusihlwa wathatha inkezo, esithi, “Inkezo
le iyisivumelwano esitsha egazini lami,
elichithelwa lina. 21 Kodwa isandla sakhe
lowo ozanginikela sikanye lesami etafuleni.
22 INdodana yoMuntu izahamba njengoba
kumisiwe, kodwa maye kulowomuntu
oyinikelayo.” 23 Baqala ukubuzana ukuthi
kambe ngabe ngubani kubo owayezakwenza
lokhu. 24 Njalo kwaba lokuphikisana phakathi
kwabo mayelana lokuthi ngubani kubo
owayebonakala emkhulu kulabo bonke. 25
UJesu wathi kubo, “Amakhosi abeZizwe
azitshengisela amandla awo kulabo ababusayo;
leziphathamandla zakhona zibizwa ngokuthi
Mcoli. 26 Kodwa akumelanga libe njalo.
Endaweni yalokho, lowo omkhulu kulani lonke
kabe njengomncinyane kini lonke, lalowo
obusayo abe nguye okhonza abanye. 27 Kambe
ngubani omkhulu kulomunye, lowo ohlezi
etafuleni yokudla loba lowo ophakayo na?
Kakusilowo osetafuleni na? Kodwa mina
ngiphakathi kwenu njengalowo oliphakelayo.
28 Liyilabo abame lami ebunzimeni bami. 29
Ngakho ngiyalinika umbuso njengoba uBaba
wanginika lami, 30 ukuze lidle njalo linathe
etafuleni lami embusweni wami njalo lihlale
ezihlalweni zobukhosi, lisahlulela izizwana
zika-Israyeli ezilitshumi lambili. 31 Simoni,
Simoni uSathane usecele ukulihlungula lonke
njengengqoloyi. 32 Kodwa sengikukhulekele
wena Simoni, ukuthi ukholo lwakho lungaze
lwawela phansi. Ubokuthi nxa usuphendukile
uqinise abafowenu.” 33 Kodwa waphendula
wathi, “Nkosi, ngizimisele ukuhamba lawe
entolongweni lasekufeni.” 34 UJesu waphendula
wathi, “Ngiyakutshela, Phethro, ukuthi iqhude
lingakakhali lamuhla, uzaphika kathathu ukuthi
uyangazi.” 35 UJesu wasebabuza wathi, “Ngize
ngilithume lingelamxhaka, loba isikhwama
kumbe amanyathela, kukhona yini elake
lakusilela?” Baphendula bathi, “Akubanga
lalutho.” 36 Wathi, kubo, “Kodwa manje
nxa ulesikhwama semali, sithathe, kanye
lomgodla; njalo nxa ungelankemba, thengisa
isigqoko sakho uyithenge. 37 Kulotshiwe
ukuthi, ‘Wabalwa ndawonye lezoni’; njalo
ngiyalitshela ukuthi lokhu kumele kugcwaliseke
kimi. Yebo, lokho okubhaliweyo ngami sekufika
ekugcwalisweni kwakho.” 38 Abafundi bathi,
“Khangela, Nkosi, nanzi inkemba ezimbili.”
Waphendula uJesu wathi, “Kwanele.” 39 UJesu
wahamba njengenjayelo waya eNtabeni yama-
Oliva, abafundi bakhe bamlandela. 40 Esefikile
kuleyondawo, wathi kubo, “Khulekani ukuze
lingaweli ekulingweni.” 41 Watsheda kubo
okwebanga lokuphosa ilitshe, waguqa phansi
wakhuleka wathi, 42 “Baba, nxa uthanda susa
inkezo le kimi; kodwa akungabi yintando
yami, kodwa kwenziwe eyakho.” 43 Ingilosi
yabonakala kuye ivela ezulwini yamqinisa.
44 Kwathi edabukile kakhulu, wakhuleka
ngokutshiseka, izithukuthuku zakhe zangathi
ligazi lithontela phansi. 45 Wathi esephakeme
ekukhulekeni wabuyela kubafundi bakhe
wabafica belele, bekhathele ngenxa yosizi. 46
Wababuza wathi, “Kungani lilele na? Vukani
likhuleke ukuze lingaweli ekulingweni.” 47
Kwathi elokhu esakhuluma kwafika ixuku
labantu, indoda ethiwa nguJudasi omunye
wabalitshumi lambili, wayebahola. Wasondela

kuJesu ukumanga, 48 kodwa uJesu wambuza
wathi, “Judasi, uyayinikela na iNdodana
yoMuntu ngokuyanga?” 49 Kwathi abalandeli
bakaJesu sebebona okwasekuzakwenzeka bathi,
“Nkosi, sigalele yini ngenkemba zethu?” 50
Omunye wabo wayigalela inceku yomphristi
omkhulu, wayiquma indlebe yayo yokunene. 51
Kodwa uJesu waphendula wathi, “Kakufuneki
lokhu!” Waseyibamba indlebe yalowomuntu
wamsilisa. 52 UJesu wasesithi kubaphristi
abakhulu, lezikhulu zabalindi bethempeli
kanye labadala bebandla ababemlandile,
“Ngikhokhela umvukela yini lize liphethe
izinkemba lenduku? 53 Zonke insuku bengilani
emagumeni ethempeli, kodwa kalizange
lingithinte. Kodwa lesi yisikhathi senu,
lapho kubusa umnyama.” 54 Bamdumela,
bamusa endlini yomphristi omkhulu. UPhethro
wayemlandela ebucwala. 55 Kodwa kwathi
sebebase umlilo phakathi kweguma bahlala
phansi ndawonye, uPhethro wahlala phansi
labo. 56 Intombazana eyisisebenzi yambona
ehlezi khonapho ekukhanyeni komlilo.
Yamkhangelisisa yathi, “Indoda le yayilaye.”
57 Kodwa yena waphika wathi, “Ntombazana,
kangimazi.” 58 Ngemva kwesikhatshana
omunye wambona wathi, “Lawe ungomunye
wabo.” UPhethro waphendula wathi, “Ndoda,
angisuye.” 59 Sekudlule phose ihola omunye
wagcizelela wathi, “Ngeqiniso umuntu lo
wayelaye, ngoba ungumGalile.” 60 Waphendula
uPhethro wathi, “Ndoda, angikwazi okhuluma
ngakho!” Elokhu esakhuluma, iqhude lakhala.
61 INkosi yatshibilika, yamkhangela yamuthi
nhlo uPhethro. UPhethro waselikhumbula
ilizwi iNkosi eyayilikhulumile kuye isithi:
“Iqhude lingakakhali lamuhla, uzangiphika
kathathu.” 62 Ngakho wasephumela ngaphandle
wakhala kabuhlungu. 63 Amadoda ayelinde
uJesu aqalisa ukumhoza lokumtshaya. 64
Amvala amehlo athi kuye, “Phrofitha!
Ngubani okutshayileyo?” 65 Amthuka
ngezindlela ezinengi. 66 Emadabukakusa
inkundla yabakhokheli babantu, kanye
labaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho
yahlangana ndawonye, uJesu walethwa
phambi kwabo. 67 Bathi, “Nxa unguKhristu
sitshele.” UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngingaze
ngilitshele kalisoze lingikholwe, 68 njalo nxa
bengingalibuza belingeke liphendule. 69 Kodwa
kusukela khathesi iNdodana yoMuntu izahlala
kwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu olamandla
amakhulu.” 70 Bonke babuza bathi, “Kutsho
ukuthi-ke uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu na?”
Waphendula wathi, “Liqondile ukuthi ngiyiyo.”
71 Basebesithi, “Sisabudingelani obunye
ubufakazi na? Sesikuzwe kuphuma kowakhe
umlomo.”

23 Ibandla lonke laseliphakama lamqhuba
lamusa kuPhilathu. 2 Basebemethesa
icala besithi, “Indoda le siyifice ixhwalisa
isizwe sakithi. Iphikisana lokuthela imithelo
kuKhesari njalo izenza uKhristu, inkosi.” 3
Ngakho uPhilathu wasembuza uJesu wathi,
“Uyinkosi yamaJuda na?” “Kunjengoba usitsho,”
waphendula uJesu. 4 UPhilathu wasebikela
abaphristi abakhulu kanye lexuku labantu
wathi, “Kangiboni lutho lokwethesa umuntu
lo icala.” 5 Kodwa bagcizelela bathi, “Udunga
abantu kulolonke elaseJudiya ngemfundiso
yakhe. Waqalisa eGalile, usehambe wonke
umango waze wazafika lapha.” 6 Esezwe
lokhu uPhilathu wabuza ingabe indoda
leyo yayingumGalile na. 7 Esezwile ukuthi
uJesu wayengaphansi kombuso kaHerodi
wamthumela kuHerodi owayeseJerusalema
ngalesosikhathi. 8 UHerodi wathi embona uJesu
wathaba kakhulu ngoba wayevele etshisekela
ukumbona. Ethathela kulokho ayekuzwile
ngaye, wayelindele ukumbona esenza omunye
umangaliso. 9 Wamjinga ngemibuzo, kodwa
uJesu akaze amphendula. 10 Abaphristi
abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho labo babemi
khonapho bemangalela ngokuthukuthela. 11
UHerodi lamabutho akhe basebemchothoza
njalo bamhoza. Bamgqokisa isigqoko esihle,
basebembuyisela kuPhilathu. 12 Ngalelolanga
uHerodi loPhilathu babangabangane kodwa
mandulo kwalokhu babeyizitha. 13 UPhilathu
wabizela ndawonye abaphristi abakhulu
lababusi kanye labantu 14 wathi kubo,
“Lingilethele umuntu obekhuthaza abantu
ukwenza umvukela. Sengimhlolile phambi

kwenu, kodwa kangifumananga lutho kulokhu
elimangalela khona. 15 LoHerodi kafumananga
lutho, ngoba usemphendukisile kithi; njengoba
libona, kenzanga lutho olufanele ukuthi
abulawe. 16 Ngakho ngizamjezisa nje
besengimkhulula." [17 Kwakumele akhulule
isibotshwa esisodwa esiyabe sikhethwe
ngabantu mhla wedili.] 18 Bamemeza
ngalizwi linye bathi, "Msusele khatshana
umuntu lo! Sikhululele uBharabhasi!" 19
(UBharabhasi wayephoselwe entolongweni
ngenxa yokuvusa isiphithiphithi edolobheni
langenxa yokubulala.) 20 Kwathi ngoba efuna
ukumkhulula uJesu, uPhilathu waphinda wathi
kabake bacabange njalo. 21 Kodwa baqhubeka
bememeza besithi, "Mbethele! Mbethele!"
22 Waphinda wakhuluma labo okwesithathu
wathi, "Ngani na? Umuntu lo wenze cala
bani? Angiboni lutho kuye olungafanela
isigwebo sokuthi abulawe. Ngakho-ke,
ngizakuthi kajeziswe besengimkhulula."
23 Kodwa baklabalala beqinisa ukuba
kabethelwe, lakanye ukugcizelela kwabo
kwaphumelela. 24 Ngakho uPhilathu wasemisa
ukwemukela izifiso zabo. 25 Wayikhulula
indoda leyo eyayiphoselwe entolongweni
ngenxa yesiphithiphithi lokubulala, eyiyo
abayicelayo, wanikela uJesu kubo ukuthi
benze intando yabo. 26 Bathi sebemqhuba
babamba uSimoni waseKhureni owayesuka
emaphandleni, bamethesa isiphambano
bathi kasithwale ngemva kukaJesu. 27
Walandelwa ngabantu abanengi kakhulu, kanye
labesifazane ababemkhalela bebubula. 28
UJesu wanyemukula wathi kubo, "Madodakazi
aseJerusalema, lingangikhaleli; zikhaleleni
lina kanye labantwabenu. 29 Ngoba sizafika
isikhathi lapho elizakuthi, 'Babusisiwe abafazi
abazinyumba, lezibeletho ezingazange zithwale
kanye lamabele angazange amunyise!' 30 Lapho-
ke 'bazakuthi ezintabeni, "Sembeseni!" Lakuwo
amaqaqa bathi, "Welani phezu kwethu!"' 31
Ngoba nxa abantu bezenza lezizinto lapho
isihlahla simanzi, kuzakwenzakalani pho nxa
sesomile?" 32 Amanye amadoda amabili, onke
ayeyizigebenga, lawo aqhutshwa kanye laye
esiyabulawa. 33 Bathi sebefike endaweni ethiwa
luKhakhayi bambethela esiphambanweni kanye
lezigebenga lezo, omunye ngakwesokunene
kwakhe, omunye ngakwesokhohlo. 34 UJesu
wathi, "Baba, baxolele, ngoba kabakwazi
abakwenzayo." Njalo basebesabelana izigqoko
zakhe ngokutshaya inkatho. 35 Abantu bema
bakhangela, ababusi bona bamklolodela.
Bathi, "Wasindisa abanye, laye kazisindise nxa
enguKhristu kaNkulunkulu, oKhethiweyo."
36 Amabutho lawo eza amklolodela. Amnika
iwayini elimunyu 37 athi, "Nxa uyinkosi
yamaJuda, zisindise." 38 Kwakulombhalo
wokwazisa ngaphezulu kwakhe owawusithi: Lo
yiNkosi yamaJuda. 39 Omunye wezigebenga
owayelenga khonapho wamthuka wathi,
"Kanti kayisuwe uKhristu? Zisindise wena
kanye lathi!" 40 Kodwa esinye isigebenga
samkhuza sathi, "Kawumesabi na uNkulunkulu,
njengoba ulesigwebo sinye laye. 41 Thina
sijeziswa ngokusifaneleyo ngoba sizuza lokho
okufanele izenzo zethu. Kodwa umuntu lo
kenzanga lutho olungalunganga." 42 Wasesithi,
"Jesu, ungikhumbule nxa ungafika embusweni
wakho." 43 UJesu wamphendula wathi,
"Ngiyakutshela iqiniso ngithi, lamuhla uzakuba
lami epharadise." 44 Kwasekuyisikhathi
esingaba lihola lesithupha, ubumnyama
bembesa lonke ilizwe kwaze kwaba lihola
lesificamunwemunye, 45 ngoba ilanga lema
ukukhanya. Ikhetheni lethempeli ladabuka
kabili. 46 UJesu wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu
wathi, "Baba, ezandleni zakho nginikela
umphefumulo wami." Esekutshilo lokhu
waphefumula okokucina. 47 Induna yekhulu
isibonile okwenzakeleyo yadumisa uNkulunkulu
yathi, "Ngeqiniso lo ubeyindoda elungileyo." 48
Kwathi bonke abantu ababebuthene ukuzabona
isiga lesi sebebonile okwakwenzakele,
bababuhlungu, babalosizi, babuyela emizini
yabo. 49 Kodwa bonke ababemazi, kanye
labesifazane abamlandela besuka laye eGalile,
bema bucwala babukela okwakusenzakala. 50
Kwakukhona indoda eyayithiwa nguJosefa,
elilunga loMphakathi, eyindoda elungileyo
njalo eqondileyo, 51 owayengakuvumanga
lokho abakuqumayo labakwenzayo. Yena
wayevela edolobheni lakoJuda okwakuthiwa

yi-Arimathiya, njalo wayelindele umbuso
kaNkulunkulu. 52 Waya kuPhilathu wayacela
isidumbu sikaJesu. 53 Wasesethula wasigoqela
ngelembu lelineni, wasibeka ethuneni
elaligujwe edwaleni lingakaze lilale muntu.
54 Kwakulusuku lokuLungiselela, iSabatha
selizaqalisa. 55 Abesifazane ababebuye loJesu
esuka eGalile bamlandela uJosefa balibona
ithuna lokuthi isidumbu sakhe salaliswa njani
kulo. 56 Basebebuyela ekhaya bayalungisa
amagcobo lamakha. Kodwa baphumula
ngeSabatha bethobela umlayo.

24 Ngosuku lokuqala lweviki ekuseni
kakhulu abesifazane bathatha amakha
ababewalungisile baya ethuneni. 2 Bafumana
ilitshe ligiqiwe, lasuswa ethuneni, 3 kodwa
bathi bengena kabaze basithola isidumbu
seNkosi uJesu. 4 Bathi belokhu besathithibele
ngakho, masinyane kwema eduze labo amadoda
amabili egqoke izigqoko ezazikhazimula
njengombane. 5 Bethuka abesifazane bathi
mbo phansi ngobuso, kodwa amadoda lawo
athi kubo, “Lidingelani ophilayo kwabafileyo
na? 6 Kakho lapha; usevukile! Khumbulani
ukuthi walitshelani eseselani eGalile: 7
‘INdodana yoMuntu kumele inikelwe ezandleni
zezoni, ibethelwe esiphambanweni kuthi
ngosuku lwesithathu ivuswe njalo.’” 8
Basebewakhumbula amazwi akhe. 9 Kwathi
sebebuyile bevela ethuneni, zonke lezizinto
bazibikela abalitshumi lanye labanye bonke.
10 KwakunguMariya Magadalini, loJowana,
loMariya unina kaJakhobe labanye ababelabo
abatshela abapostoli ngalokhu. 11 Kodwa
kababakholwanga abesifazane laba, ngoba
amazwi abo ayengathi yikuwumana kubo.
12 Kodwa uPhethro wasukuma wagijimela
ethuneni. Walunguza wabona amaqhele elineni
ethe qekele wodwa, wasebuyela emangele
ukuthi kambe kwakwenzakaleni. 13 Kwathi
ngalelolanga ababili babo babehamba besiya
emzini owawuthiwa yi-Emawusi, ongaba
ngamakhilomitha alitshumi lanye usuka
eJerusalema. 14 Babekhulumisana ngakho
konke okwakwenzakele. 15 Bathi belokhu
bekhuluma bebonisana ngazo lezizinto, uJesu
yena ngokwakhe wabaxhuma wasehambisana
labo; 16 kodwa abaze bamnanzelela ukuthi
nguye. 17 Wababuza wathi, “Likhuluma
ngani kanti lilokhu liphakathi kohambo
lwenu?” Bema mpo, ubuso babo bubunile.
18 Omunye wabo owayethiwa nguKlophasi
wambuza wathi, “Kanti wena uyisihambi
yini eJerusalema ukhanya ungazazi izinto
ezenzakele kuzolezi insuku?” 19 Wabuza wathi,
“Yizinto bani na?” Baphendula bathi, “Mayelana
ngoJesu waseNazaretha. Wayengumphrofethi;
elomfutho ngokukhuluma langezenzo phambi
kukaNkulunkulu lasebantwini bonke. 20
Abaphristi abakhulu lababusi bethu bamnikela
ukuba agwetshelwe ukufa, basebembethela;
21 kodwa thina sasithembe ukuthi nguye
owayezahlenga u-Israyeli. Futhi okunye yikuthi
sekulusuku lwesithathu kulokhu kwenzakala
konke lokhu. 22 Phezu kwalokhu, abanye
besifazane bethu basimangalisile. Bahambe
ethuneni ekuseni kakhulu lamuhla, 23 kodwa
kabasifumananga isidumbu sakhe. Babuyile
bazasitshela ukuthi babone umbono wezingilosi
ezithe uyaphila. 24 Kwasekusithi abanye
babakhula bethu baya ethuneni bathola
kunjengokuba abesifazane betshilo, kodwa
yena kabamtholanga.” 25 Wathi kubo, “Uthi
liyizithutha ezinjani, njalo lilezinhliziyo
ezithundubeleyo ekukholweni konke lokho
okwakhulunywa ngabaphrofethi! 26 UKhristu
wayengamelanga ahlupheke yini zonke lezi
izinto andubana angene ebukhosini bakhe na?”
27 Wasesukela kuMosi kanye labaPhrofethi
bonke wabachazela okwatshiwo emibhalweni
mayelana laye. 28 Bathi sebebanga emzini
lowo ababesiya kuwo uJesu wenza ingathi
wayesedlula. 29 Kodwa bamncenga kakhulu
bathi, “Hlala lathi ngoba sekusihlwa; usuku
luphose selwedlule.” Wasengena ukuthi
ayehlala labo. 30 Wathi esehlezi labo etafuleni
wathatha isinkwa wabonga, wasesihlephuna
wasebaqhubela. 31 Kwathi dlwe emehlweni
abo, bamazi, yena wasenyamalala kubo.
32 Babuzana bathi, “Konje inhliziyo zethu
bezingatshiseki yini lapho abe ekhuluma
lathi endleleni esivulela imibhalo na?”
33 Bahle bathi lothu masinyane babuyela

eJerusalema. Khonale bathola abalitshumi
lanye kanye lalabo ababelabo bebuthene
ndawonye 34 besithi, “Kuliqiniso! INkosi
isivukile kwabafileyo yabonakala kuSimoni.”
35 Kwathi labo ababili balandisa ngalokho
okwakwenzakele endleleni, lokuthi uJesu
bamnanzelela njani lapho aze ahlephune
isinkwa. 36 Bathi belokhu besakhuluma
ngakho lokhu, uJesu yena ngokwakhe wema
phakathi kwabo wathi, “Ukuthula kakube
kini.” 37 Bethuka besaba, bekhumbula ukuthi
babebona ithonga 38 Wathi kubo, “Kungani
lihluphekile, njalo kungani kulokuthandabuza
ezingqondweni zenu? 39 Khangelani izandla
zami lezinyawo zami. Yimi mina ngokwami!
Ngithintani libone; ithonga kalilanyama
lamathambo njengoba libona ukuthi mina
ngilakho.” 40 Esetshilo lokhu wabatshengisa
izandla lezinyawo zakhe. 41 Kwathi belokhu
bengakholwa ngenxa yokuthaba lokumangala
wababuza wathi, “Lilakho okokudla lapha na?”
42 Bamupha iqatha lenhlanzi exatshiweyo,
43 wayithatha wayidla phambi kwabo. 44
Wathi kubo, “Lokhu yikho engalitshela khona
ngiseselani ukuthi: Konke kumele kugcwaliseke
okwalotshwa ngami eMthethweni kaMosi
labaPhrofethi lamaHubo.” 45 Wasebavula
ingqondo zabo ukuze bakwazi ukuzwisisa
imibhalo. 46 Wabatshela wathi, “Nanku
okulotshiweyo: UKhristu uzahlupheka aphinde
avuke kwabafileyo ngosuku lwesithathu, 47
njalo ukuphenduka lokuthethelelwa kwezono
kuzatshunyayelwa ebizweni lakhe ezizweni
zonke, kuqala eJerusalema. 48 Lingofakazi
balezizinto. 49 Ngizalithumezela lokho uBaba
akuthembisileyo; kodwa libohlala edolobheni
lize liphiwe amandla avela phezulu.” 50 Kwathi
esebakhokhele waya labo eduze leBhethani
waphakamisa izandla zakhe wababusisa.
51 Uthe elokhu esababusisa, wabatshiya,
wenyukiselwa ezulwini. 52 Basebemkhonza,
babuyela eJerusalema bethokoza kakhulu.
53 Bahlala kokuphela ethempelini bedumisa
uNkulunkulu.

UJohane

1 Ekuqaleni wayekhona uLizwi, uLizwi
wayeloNkulunkulu, njalo uLizwi
wayenguNkulunkulu. 2 WayeloNkulunkulu
ekuqaleni. 3 Izinto zonke zenziwa ngaye;
ngaphandle kwakhe kube akukho okwenziwayo.
4 Kwakukhona ukuphila kuye, lokho kuphila
kwakuyikukhanya kwabantu. 5 Ukukhanya
kukhanya emnyameni, kodwa umnyama
awukakuzwisisi. 6 Kwafika umuntu ethunywe
nguNkulunkulu, ibizo lakhe wayenguJohane.
7 Weza njengomfakazi ezoqinisa mayelana
lalokho kukhanya ukuze kuthi ngaye
bonke abantu bakholwe. 8 Yena qobo
lwakhe wayengesi lokho kukhanya; weza
nje njengomfakazi wokukhanya lokho. 9
Ukukhanya okuliqiniso okunika ukukhanya
emuntwini wonke kwakusiza emhlabeni.
10 Wayesemhlabeni, kodwa lanxa umhlaba
wenziwa ngaye, umhlaba kawumazanga. 11
Weza kulokho okwakungokwakhe, kodwa khona
kakumemukelanga. 12 Ikanti kulabo bonke
abamamukelayo, kulabo abakholwayo ebizweni
lakhe, wabapha ilungelo lokuba ngabantwana
bakaNkulunkulu, 13 abantwana abangazalwanga
ngokwemvelo, kumbe ngokukhetha komuntu,
loba ngokufuna kwendoda kodwa bezelwe
nguNkulunkulu. 14 ULizwi waba yinyama,
wahlala phakathi kwethu. Siyibonile inkazimulo
yakhe; inkazimulo yeNdodana eyiyo yodwa,
eyavela kuYise, igcwele umusa leqiniso. 15
UJohane wafakaza ngayo. Wamemeza esithi,
"Lo nguye engangikhuluma ngaye ngisithi,
'Lowo oza ngemva kwami usengedlule ngoba
wayevele ephambi kwami.'" 16 Ngenxa yokujula
komusa wakhe sonke sesamukele umusa
emuseni esasivele siwuphiwe. 17 Ngoba
umthetho walethwa ngoMosi; umusa leqiniso
kweza ngoJesu Khristu. 18 Kakho osewake
wambona uNkulunkulu, kodwa iNdodana
eyiyo yodwa, yona enguNkulunkulu njalo
eseceleni eduze kukaYise, isimenze waziwa.
19 Lobu yibo ubufakazi bukaJohane lapho
abakhokheli bamaJuda aseJerusalema abathuma
khona abaphristi labaLevi ukuyambuza
ukuthi wayengubani. 20 Kehlulekanga
ukuzichaza, kodwa wazichaza ekhululekile
wathi, "Kangisuye uKhristu." 21 Bambuza
bathi, "Pho ungubani na? Ungu-Elija yini?"
Wathi, "Kangisuye." "Ungumphrofethi na?"
Waphendula wathi, "Hatshi." 22 Bacina
ngokuthi, "Ungubani? Siphe impendulo
esizayisa kulabo abasithumileyo. Uzibiza
ngokuthi ungubani na?" 23 UJohane
wabaphendula ngamazwi ka-Isaya umphrofethi
wathi, "Ngiyilizwi lalowo omemezayo enkangala
lisithi, 'Lungiselani iNkosi indlela iqonde.'"
24 Kwasekusithi abaFarisi ababethunyiwe 25
bambuza bathi, "Kungani pho ubhaphathiza
nxa ungasuye uKhristu, kumbe u-Elija loba
umphrofethi na?" 26 UJohane waphendula
wathi, "Mina ngibhaphathiza ngamanzi,
kodwa phakathi kwenu kumi elingamaziyo.
27 Nguye lowo ozayo ngemva kwami, mina
engingafanelanga ukuthukulula imichilo
yamanyathela akhe." 28 Konke lokhu kwenzeka
eBhethani ngaphetsheya kweJodani lapho
uJohane ayebhaphathiza khona. 29 Ngelanga
elilandelayo uJohane wabona uJesu esiza
kuye wathi, "Khangelani, nanti iWundlu
likaNkulunkulu elisusa isono somhlaba!
30 Nguye lo engangimutsho ngize ngithi,
'Umuntu ozayo ngemva kwami usengedlule
ngoba wayevele ephambi kwami.' 31 Mina
ngokwami bengingamazi, kodwa okwenze ngeza
ngibhaphathiza ngamanzi kwakuyikwenzela
ukuthi abonakaliswe ku-Israyeli." 32 UJohane
waseletha lobubufakazi: "Ngabona uMoya
esehla evela ezulwini enjengejuba wahlala
phezu kwakhe. 33 Lami uqobo lwami
ngangingamazi, kodwa lowo owangithumayo
ukubhaphathiza ngamanzi wathi, 'Lowomuntu
ozabona uMoya usehla uhlala kuye nguye
kanye ozabhaphathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele.'
34 Sengibonile yikho sengifakaza ukuthi
lo ungoKhethiweyo kaNkulunkulu." 35
Ngelanga elilandelayo uJohane wayekhonapho,
elabafundi bakhe ababili. 36 Wathi ebona
uJesu esedlula lapho wathi, "Khangelani,
nanti iWundlu likaNkulunkulu!" 37 Abafundi
ababili labo bathi bekuzwa lokhu basebelandela
uJesu. 38 UJesu wathi enyemukula wababona

bemlandela, wababuza wathi, “Lifunani na?”
Bathi, “Rabi” (okutsho ukuthi “Mfundisi”),
“uhlala ngaphi?” 39 Waphendula wathi,
“Wozani, lizabona.” Ngakho bahamba bayabona
lapho ayehlala khona, batshona laye mhlalokho.
Kwakungaba lihola letshumi. 40 U-Andreya,
umfowabo kaSimoni Phethro wayengomunye
wababili abezwayo okwakukhulunywa
nguJohane njalo abayibo abalandela uJesu. 41
Into yokuqala ayenzayo u-Andreya yikudinga
umfowabo uSimoni wamtshela wathi,
“Sesimfumene uMesiya” (okutsho uKhristu). 42
Wasemletha kuJesu. UJesu wamkhangela wathi,
“UnguSimoni indodana kaJohane. Usuzathiwa
unguKhefasi” (okuchasiswa ngokuthi,
nguPhethro). 43 Ngelanga elilandelayo
uJesu wafuna ukusuka aye eGalile. Wabona
uFiliphu wathi kuye, “Ngilandela.” 44 UFiliphu
wayengowedolobheni lase-Bhethisayida,
njengo-Andreya loPhethro. 45 UFiliphu wadinga
uNathaneli wamtshela wathi, “Sesimfumene
lowo uMosi aloba ngaye eMthethweni, njalo
abaphrofethi labo abaloba ngaye, uJesu
waseNazaretha, indodana kaJosefa.” 46
UNathaneli wabuza wathi, “ENazaretha!
Kulolutho oluhle olungavela khona na?”
UFiliphu wathi, “Woza uzebona.” 47 Kwathi
uJesu ebona uNathaneli eqhamuka laphaya
wathi ngaye, “Nangu um’Israyeli oqotho,
okungekho nkohliso kuye.” 48 UNathaneli
wambuza wathi, “Ungazela ngaphi na?” UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Ngikubonile usahlezi
ngaphansi kwesihlahla somkhiwa uFiliphu
engakakubizi.” 49 UNathaneli wasefakaza wathi,
“Rabi, uyindodana kaNkulunkulu; uyiNkosi ka-
Israyeli.” 50 UJesu wathi, “Ukholwa ngoba ngithe
ngikubone ngaphansi kwesihlahla somkhiwa.
Usazobona izinto ezinkulu kulalokho.” 51
Waphinda wengeza wathi, “Ngikutshela
iqiniso, uzabona izulu livuleka, lezingilosi
zikaNkulunkulu zikhwela zisehlela eNdodaneni
yoMuntu.”

2 Ngosuku lwesithathu kwaba khona
umthimba eKhana laseGalile. Unina
kaJesu wayekhona, 2 loJesu labafundi bakhe
labo babenxusiwe emthimbeni. 3 Kwathi
iwayini seliphelile unina kaJesu wathi kuye,
“Sebephelelwe liwayini.” 4 UJesu waphendula
wathi, “Mama, mina lawe singena njani
kulokho na? Isikhathi sami kasikafiki.” 5
Unina wasesithi ezincekwini, “Libokwenza loba
kuyini azalitshela khona.” 6 Eduze kwalapho
kwakumi imbiza zamatshe eziyisithupha,
uhlobo lolo amaJuda ayelusebenzisa
enkonzweni yokuzihlambulula, imbiza yinye
ingagcwala amalitha alikhulu kusiya ekhulwini
elilamatshumi amahlanu. 7 UJesu wathi
ezincekwini, “Zigcwaliseni amanzi imbiza
lezi”; ngakho bazigcwalisa zathi phamu.
8 Wasezitshela wathi, “Khanini-ke liphe
umphathi wedili.” Benza njalo, 9 umphathi
wedili wahubula wawanambitha amanzi
ayesephendulwe abaliwayini. Kakwazanga
ukuthi lavela ngaphi, kodwa izinceku
ezaziwakhile amanzi zazisazi. Wasebizela
umyeni eceleni 10 wathi, “Wonke umuntu
uletha iwayini elimnandi kuqala, kuthi nxa
izethekeli sezinathe kakhulu abesekhupha
elibi; kodwa wena ugodle elimnandi kuze
kube khathesi.” 11 Lo waba ngumangaliso
wakhe wokuqala, uJesu awenza eKhana
laseGalile. Wabonakalisa kanjalo inkazimulo
yakhe, abafundi bakhe basebebeka ukholo
lwabo kuye. 12 Ngemva komthimba wasuka
waya eKhaphenawume wayahlala insukwana
ezimbalwa elonina, labafowabo labafundi bakhe.
13 Kwasekuyisikhathi sePhasika lamaJuda
eleminyaka yonke, uJesu wasesiya eJerusalema.
14 Emagumeni ethempeli wafumana abantu
bethengisa inkomo, izimvu lamajuba, labanye
behlezi ematafuleni bentshintsha izimali.
15 Waseseluka izintambo wenza isaswebhu
wabadudula bonke emagumeni ethempeli,
konke izimvu lenkomo; wayichithiza imali
yabantshintshi bayo, wagenqula lamatafula
abo. 16 Wathi kulabo ababethengisa amajuba,
“Akhupheni lapha! Likuthatha ngaphi ukwenza
indlu kaBaba umsika wokuthengiselana
na?” 17 Abafundi bakhe bakhumbula ukuthi
kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Ukunqinekela indlu yakho
kuzangidla ngaphakathi.” 18 Lapho amaJuda
asemncindezela ngokuthi, “Ungasitshengisa
simangaliso bani ukubonisa amandla akho

okwenza zonke lezizinto?” 19 Wabaphendula
uJesu wathi, “Dilizani ithempeli leli, kodwa
mina ngizalimisa njalo ngezinsuku ezintathu.”
20 AmaJuda aphendula athi, “Sekuthethe
iminyaka engamatshumi amane lesithupha
ukwakha ithempeli leli, kodwa wena ungalivusa
ngezinsuku ezintathu na?” 21 Kodwa ithempeli
ayekhulume ngalo kwakungumzimba wakhe.
22 Ngemva kokuvuswa kwabafileyo abafundi
bakhe bakukhumbula lokho ayekukhulumile.
Ngakho bawukholwa uMbhalo kanye lamazwi
uJesu awakhulumayo. 23 Kwathi ngesikhathi
eseMkhosini wePhasika eJerusalema, abantu
abanengi bayibona imimangaliso ayeyenza
basebekholwa ebizweni lakhe. 24 Kodwa uJesu
kazange azidele kubo, ngoba wayebazi bonke
abantu. 25 Wayengabudingi ubufakazi bomuntu
ngoba wayekwazi okungaphakathi komuntu
munye ngamunye.

3 Kwakulendoda engumFarisi eyayithiwa
nguNikhodimasi, ililunga lomphakathi
wamaJuda abusayo. 2 Yaya kuJesu ebusuku
yathi, “Rabi, siyazi ukuthi ungumfundisi ovela
kuNkulunkulu. Ngoba kakho obengayenza
imimangaliso oyenzayo wena nxa uNkulunkulu
engelaye.” 3 UJesu waphendula wathi,
“Ngempela ngiqinisile ngithi kini, akakho
ozawubona umbuso kaNkulunkulu ngaphandle
kokuba azalwe kutsha.” 4 UNikhodimasi
wathi, “Kanti umuntu angazalwa kanjani yena
esemdala na? Ngeqiniso, angazake angene
ngokwesibili esiswini sikanina ukuze azalwe!”
5 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngempela ngiqinisile
ngithi, ngaphandle kokuthi umuntu azalwe
ngamanzi langoMoya, angeke awungene
umbuso kaNkulunkulu. 6 Inyama izala inyama,
kodwa uMoya uzala umoya. 7 Ungamangaliswa
yikuthi ngithi, ‘Kumele lizalwe kutsha.’ 8 Umoya
uphephethela loba kungaphi lapho othanda
khona. Ungakuzwa ukuvunguza kwawo, kodwa
ungeke utsho ukuthi uvela ngaphi loba ukuthi
uya ngaphi. Ngakho kunjalo emuntwini wonke
ozelwe ngoMoya.” 9 UNikhodimasi wabuza
wathi, “Lokhu kungenzeka kanjani na?” 10
UJesu wathi, “Ungumfundisi wako-Israyeli, pho
kungani ungazwisisi izinto lezi na? 11 Ngiqinisile
ngithi sikhuluma ngesikwaziyo njalo sifakaza
ngesikubonileyo, kodwa lina bantu kalibamukeli
ubufakazi bethu. 12 Ngikhulume kini ngezinto
zalapha emhlabeni, kodwa kalikholwa; pho
lizakholwa kanjani nxa ngingakhuluma
ngokwasezulwini? 13 Kakho osewake waya
ezulwini ngaphandle kwalowo owavela
ezulwini, iNdodana yoMuntu. 14 NjengoMosi
owaphakamisa inyoka enkangala, ngokunjalo
iNdodana yoMuntu kumele iphakanyiswe,
15 ukuze kuthi lowo lalowo okholwa kuyo
abe lokuphila okungapheliyo.” (aiōnios g166) 16
UNkulunkulu walithanda ilizwe kangaka waze
wanikela iNdodana yakhe eyiyo yodwa ukuze
kuthi loba ngubani okholwa kuyo angabhubhi,
kodwa abe lokuphila okungapheliyo. (aiōnios
g166) 17 Ngoba uNkulunkulu kathumanga
iNdodana yakhe emhlabeni ukuze iwulahle
umhlaba, kodwa ukuze umhlaba usindiswe
ngayo. 18 Loba ngubani okholwa kuyo kalahlwa,
kodwa ongakholwayo uvele uselahliwe ngoba
kakholwanga ebizweni leNdodana eyiyo yodwa
kaNkulunkulu. 19 Nanku ukuqunywa kwecala:
Ukukhanya sekufikile emhlabeni, kodwa abantu
bathanda ubumnyama kulokukhanya ngoba
imisebenzi yabo yayimibi. 20 Wonke umuntu
owenza ububi uyakuzonda ukukhanya, njalo kezi
ekukhanyeni ngoba esesaba ukuthi izenzo zakhe
zizabekwa obala. 21 Kodwa loba ngubani ophila
ngeqiniso uyeza ekukhanyeni ukuze kubonakale
kamhlophe ukuthi lokho akwenzileyo ukwenze
ngoNkulunkulu. 22 Ngemva kwalokhu uJesu
labafundi bakhe basuka baya emaphandleni
aseJudiya lapho ahlala labo okwesikhathi
esithile ebhaphathiza. 23 Ngalesosikhathi
uJohane laye wayebhaphathiza e-Ayenoni
eduze leSalimi ngoba kwakulamanzi amanengi
njalo abantu babethululeka kokuphela
bezobhaphathizwa. 24 (Lokhu kwakumandulo
kokuphoselwa kukaJohane entolongweni.) 25
Kwavuka ukuphikisana phakathi kwabanye
abafundi bakaJohane lomunye umJuda
mayelana lomkhuba wokuzihlambulula. 26
Beza kuJohane bathi kuye, “Rabi, indoda
leyana eyayilawe ngaphetsheya kweJodani;
yona leyana owafakaza ngayo; iyabhaphathiza
bonke abantu sebesiya kuyo.” 27 Waphendula

uJohane wathi, “Umuntu wamukela kuphela
lokho akuphiwayo kuvela ezulwini. 28 Lina
ngokwenu lingakufakaza ukuthi ngathi,
‘Kangisuye uKhristu, kodwa ngithunyiwe
ukumandulela.’ 29 Umtshakazi ngowomyeni.
Umkhaphi womyeni uyamnakekela, amlalele,
abelokuthokoza nxa esizwa ilizwi lomyeni.
Lokho kuthokoza ngokwami njalo okwamanje
sekuphelele. 30 Yena ufanele abemkhulu; mina
kufanele kunciphe ukuqakatheka kwami.” 31
Lowo ovela phezulu ungaphezulu kwakho
konke; lowo ovela emhlabeni ungowomhlaba,
ukhuluma njengalowo ovela emhlabeni. Lowo
ovela ezulwini ungaphezu kwakho konke. 32
Ufakaza ngalokho akubonileyo lakuzwileyo,
kodwa kakho owamukela ubufakazi bakhe.
33 Lowomuntu obamukelayo usegcizelele
ukuthi uNkulunkulu uqinisile. 34 Ngoba
lowo uNkulunkulu amthumileyo ukhuluma
amazwi kaNkulunkulu; yena uNkulunkulu
umupha umoya kungelakulinganiswa. 35 UYise
uyayithanda iNdodana njalo useyiphe amandla
phezu kwezinto zonke. 36 Loba ngubani
obeke ithemba lakhe eNdodaneni ulokuphila
okungapheliyo, kodwa loba ngubani oyilahlayo
iNdodana kazukuyibona leyompilo ngoba ulaka
lukaNkulunkulu lohlala luphezu kwakhe. (aiōnios
g166)

4 UJesu wezwa ukuthi abaFarisi basebekuzwile
ukuthi usebhaphathize abantu wabuye
waba labafundi abanengi kuloJohane, 2 loba
nje iqiniso kuyikuthi kwakungasuye uJesu
owayebhaphathiza, kodwa kubhaphathiza
abafundi bakhe. 3 Kwathi esekuzwile lokho,
wasuka eJudiya wabuyela futhi eGalile.
4 Manje kwakumele adabule eSamariya.
5 Ngakho wafika emzini waseSamariya
owawuthiwa yiSikhari, eduzane lesiqinti
uJakhobe ayesinike indodana yakhe uJosefa. 6
Umthombo kaJakhobe wawukhonapho, uJesu
wathi esediniwe ngohambo, wahlala phansi
malungana lomthombo. Kwakusemini enkulu. 7
Kwathi umfazi waseSamariya efika ukuzakukha
amanzi uJesu wathi kuye, “Ake unginathise.” 8
(Abafundi bakhe babeye emzini ukuyathenga
ukudla.) 9 Umfazi waseSamariya wathi kuye,
“UngumJuda, mina ngingumfazi waseSamariya.
Pho ungacela kanjani ukuthi unathiswe yimi?”
(Phela amaJuda kawadlelani lamaSamariya.)
10 UJesu wamphendula wathi, “Aluba ubusazi
isipho sikaNkulunkulu lokuthi ungubani lowo
ocela ukuthi umnathise, ngabe umcelile
wakupha amanzi okuphila.” 11 Umfazi wathi,
“Nkosi, wena kawulakho okokukhisa amanzi,
futhi umthombo uyatshona. Ungawathatha
ngaphi lawomanzi okuphila na? 12 Wena
umkhulu na kulobaba uJakhobe owasipha
umthombo lo laye wanatha kuwo kanye
lamadodana akhe lezimvu zakhe kanye lezifuyo
zakhe?” 13 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Wonke
umuntu onatha amanzi la uzaphinda ome futhi,
14 kodwa lowo onatha amanzi engimnika wona,
kasoze abuye ome lanini. Ngempela amanzi
engimnika wona azakuba ngumfula ogelezela
ekuphileni okungapheliyo.” (aiōn g165, aiōnios g166)
15 Umfazi wathi kuye, “Nkosi, ngipha lawomanzi
ukuze ngingaphindi ngome, ngingabi ngilokhu
ngisiza lapha ngizokukha amanzi.” 16 Wathi
kowesifazane, “Hamba uyebiza umkakho
uze laye lapha.” 17 Waphendula wathi,
“Kangilandoda.” UJesu wathi kuye, “Uqondile
nxa usithi kawulandoda. 18 Iqiniso yikuthi
usube lamadoda amahlanu, futhi indoda le
olayo khathesi kayisiyakho. Lokho okutshiloyo
kuliqiniso.” 19 Owesifazane wathi, “Nkosi,
sengibona ukuthi ungumphrofethi. 20 Okhokho
bethu babekhonza phezu kwentaba le,
kodwa lina maJuda lithi indawo okumele
sikhonzele kuyo iseJerusalema.” 21 UJesu
wathi, “nkosazana, ngikholwa, siyeza isikhathi
lapho elingezukumkhonza uBaba entabeni
kumbe eJerusalema. 22 Lina maSamariya
likhonza elingakwaziyo; thina sikhonza lokho
esikwaziyo, ngoba insindiso ivela kumaJuda. 23
Kodwa siyeza isikhathi, yebo manje sesifikile
lapho abakhonzi beqiniso bezamkhonza
uBaba ngomoya langeqiniso, ngoba yibo
abakhonzi abanjalo uBaba abadingayo. 24
UNkulunkulu ungumoya, labo abamkhonzayo
kumele bamkhonze ngomoya langeqiniso.”
25 Owesifazane wathi, “Ngiyakwazi ukuthi
uMesiya (othiwa nguKhristu) uyeza. Esefikile
uzasichazela konke.” 26 UJesu wasesithi,

“Mina engikhuluma lawe nginguye.” 27
Ngalesosikhathi abafundi bakhe baphenduka,
bamangala ukufumana uJesu ekhuluma
lowesifazane. Kodwa kakho owabuzayo wathi,
“Ufunani na?” kumbe athi, “Kungani ukhuluma
lowesifazane na?” 28 Owesifazane watshiya
inkonxa yakhe wabuyela emzini wakibo
wathi ebantwini, 29 “Wozani lizobona indoda
engitshele konke esengake ngakwenza. Kambe
angaba nguye yini uKhristu?” 30 Baphuma
emzini lowo baqonda kuye. 31 Kusenzakala
konke lokhu abafundi bakhe bamncenga bathi,
“Rabi, ake udle ulutho.” 32 Kodwa wathi
kubo, “Ngilokudla engikudlayo elingakwaziyo
lina.” 33 Abafundi babuzana bathi, “Kambe
ngabe ukhona omlethele ukudla na?” 34
UJesu wathi, “Okwami ukudla yikwenza
intando yalowo ongithumileyo lokuphelelisa
umsebenzi wakhe. 35 Kanti angithi lithi,
‘Kusele izinyanga ezine ukuthi kufike isikhathi
sokuvuna’? Ngithi vulani amehlo enu likhangele
amasimu! Amabele aselungele ukuvunwa. 36
Khathesi lokhu, umvuni uvele usehle ezuza
iholo lakhe, usebuthela amabele ekuphileni
kwaphakade, ukuze umhlanyeli lomvuni
bajabule ndawonye. (aiōnios g166) 37 Ngakho
ilizwi elithi, ‘Omunye uyahlanyela, omunye
avune’ liliqiniso. 38 Ngalithuma ukuyavuna
lokho elingakusebenzelanga. Abanye bawenzile
umsebenzi onzima, lina selivune umvuzo
womsebenzi wabo.” 39 AmaSamariya amanengi
akulowomuzi akholwa kuye ngenxa yobufakazi
bowesifazane owathi, “Ungitshele konke
esengake ngakwenza.” 40 Ngakho amaSamariya
esefike kuye amcela ukuthi ahlale labo,
wasehlala insuku ezimbili. 41 Ngenxa yamazwi
akhe abanengi baba ngamakholwa. 42 Bathi
kowesifazane, “Kasisakholwa kuphela ngenxa
yalokho okutshiloyo; manje sesizizwele thina
ngokwethu, ngakho sesisazi ukuthi umuntu
lo ngeqiniso unguMsindisi womhlaba.” 43
Ngemva kwalezonsuku ezimbili, uJesu wasuka
waya eGalile. 44 (Phela uJesu yena ngokwakhe
wayetshilo ukuthi umphrofethi kalalo udumo
elizweni lakibo.) 45 Wathi efika eGalile,
amaGalile amamukela ngokumthakazelela.
Ayekubonile konke lokho akwenzayo
eJerusalema, eMkhosini wePhasika, ngoba
lawo ayekhona khonale. 46 Wabuya njalo
wethekelela eKhana laseGalile, lapho aphendula
khona amanzi abaliwayini. Kwakukhona lapho
isiphathamandla sasesikhosini esasigulelwa
yindodana yaso eKhaphenawume. 47
Kwathi indoda leyo isizwile ukuthi uJesu
wayesefikile eGalile evela eJudiya, yaya kuye
yamncenga ukuthi eze azosilisa indodana
yayo eyayisibangwa lezibi. 48 UJesu wasitshela
wathi, “Ngaphandle kokuthi lina bantu libone
izibonakaliso ezididayo lezimangaliso kalisoze
lafa lakholwa.” 49 Sathi isiphathamandla
sasesikhosini, “Nkosi, woza umntanami
engakafi.” 50 UJesu waphendula wathi,
“Usungahamba. Indodana yakho izaphila.”
Indoda yalikholwa ilizwi likaJesu yahamba.
51 Yathi ilokhu isesendleleni, izinceku zayo
zayihlangabeza zayibikela ukuthi indodana
yayo yayisiluleme. 52 Isibuzile ukuthi
kwakuyisikhathi bani lapho indodana yayo
eyasila ngaso, zathi kuyo, “Umkhuhlane
uyixolele izolo ngehola lakuqala emini.” 53 Uyise
wananzelela ukuthi leso yiso kanye isikhathi
uJesu atsho kuye ukuthi, “Indodana yakho
izaphila.” Ngakho yena kanye labendlu yakhe
bonke bakholwa. 54 Lo kwakungumangaliso
wesibili uJesu awenzayo esefikile eGalile evela
eJudiya.

5 Emva kwesikhathi esithile uJesu waya
eJerusalema emkhosini wamaJuda. 2
EJerusalema kukhona ichibi eduze lesango
leZimvu, elithiwa ngesi-Aramu yiBhethisayida,
elalihonqolozelwe ngensika ezinhlanu
ezibiyelweyo. 3 Khonapho abantu abayizilima
abanengi babandise ukuhlala khona, iziphofu,
abaqhulayo, abome imihlubulo [belindele
ukudungwa kwamanzi; 4 ngoba kwakusithi
ngezikhathi ezithile ingilosi yeNkosi yayisehlela
echibini, idungadunge amanzi besekusithi
umuntu oqalayo ukungena emanzini ngemva
kokudungeka kwawo asiliswe loba kuwuphi
umkhuhlane owawumbambile]. 5 Omunye
owayelapho wayeyisigoga okweminyaka
engamatshumi amathathu lesificaminwembili.
6 Kwathi uJesu embona elele khonapho

njalo esetsheliwe ukuthi kade abanjalo
okwesikhathi eside, wambuza wathi, “Uyafuna
na ukusila?” 7 Oyisilima waphendula wathi,
“Nkosi, kangilamuntu wokungisiza angingenise
echibini lapho amanzi edungwa. Ngithi lapho
ngizama ukungena omunye angingenele
kuqala.” 8 UJesu wasethi kuye, “Sukuma! Thatha
icansi lakho uhambe.” 9 Khonokho nje indoda
yasila; yathatha icansi layo yahamba. Lokhu
kwenzakala ngelanga leSabatha, 10 amaJuda
asesithi endodeni eyayisilisiwe, “KuliSabatha;
umthetho uyakwalela ukuthi uthwale icansi
lakho.” 11 Kodwa yaphendula yathi, “Umuntu
ongisilisileyo uthe, ‘Thatha icansi lakho
uhambe.’” 12 Aseyibuza athi, “Ngubani yena
lowo okutshele ukuthi uthathe icansi uhambe?”
13 Indoda leyo eyasiliswayo yayingafanisi
lakufanisa ukuthi kambe ngabe wayengubani,
ngoba uJesu wayesethe nyelele wangena
phakathi kwabantu. 14 Emva kwalokho uJesu
wayifumana ethempelini indoda leyo wathi
kuyo, “Khangela-ke ususilile njalo. Khawula
ukwenza isono funa okubi ukwedlula okokuqala
kukwehlele.” 15 Indoda leyo yasuka yayatshela
amaJuda ukuthi kwakunguJesu owayeyisilisile.
16 Ngakho amaJuda amkhahlameza uJesu ngoba
wayesenza izinto lezi ngeSabatha. 17 UJesu wathi
kubo, “UBaba uhlezi esemsebenzini wakhe
kuze kube namuhla, lami njalo ngiyasebenza.”
18 Ngalesisizatho amaJuda azama kakhulu
ukumbulala; wayengephuli iSabatha kuphela
kodwa wayebiza uNkulunkulu ngokuthi
nguYise, ezenza yena olingana loNkulunkulu.
19 UJesu wabanika impendulo le: “Ngiqinisile
ngithi iNdodana ingeke yenze lutho ngokwayo;
ingenza kuphela lokho ebona uYise ekwenza,
ngoba loba kuyini uYise akwenzayo leNdodana
iyakwenza. 20 Ngoba uYise uyayithanda
iNdodana, uyitshengisa konke akwenzayo.
Yebo, lizamangala ukuthi uzayitshengisa izinto
ezinkulu kulalezi. 21 Njengalokhu uYise evusa
abafileyo abaphe ukuphila, kanjalo iNdodana
inika ukuphila kulabo ethanda ukubanika
khona. 22 Okunye njalo, uYise kahluleli muntu,
kodwa usebeke konke ukwahlulela ezandleni
zeNdodana, 23 ukuze bonke bayidumise
iNdodana njengalokhu bedumisa uYise.
Lowo ongayidumisiyo iNdodana kamdumisi
uYise oyithumileyo. 24 Ngiqinisile ngithi
lowo owezwayo amazwi ami amkholwe lowo
ongithumileyo ulokuphila okungapheliyo njalo
kazukulahlwa; usechaphile wasuka ekufeni
waya ekuphileni. (aiōnios g166) 25 Ngiqinisile
ngithi, isikhathi siyeza njalo sivele sesifikile
lapho abafileyo bezalizwa ilizwi leNdodana
kaNkulunkulu, kuthi bonke abezwayo baphile.
26 Njengoba uYise elokuphila kuye yena
ngokwakhe, ngakho useyinikile iNdodana
ukuba ibe lokuphila kuyo yona ngokwayo. 27
Njalo useyiphile amandla okwahlulela ngoba
iyiNdodana yoMuntu. 28 Kakungalimangalisi
lokhu ngoba siyeza isikhathi lapho bonke
abasemathuneni abo bezalizwa ilizwi layo 29
baphume, labo abenze okuhle bazavuka baphile,
lalabo abenze ububi bazavuka balahlwe. 30 Mina
ngokwami ngingeke ngenze lutho; ngahlulela
njengokutshelwa kwami, futhi ukwahlulela
kwami kuqondile, ngoba kangidingi kuzithabisa,
kodwa ukuthabisa lowo ongithumileyo.” 31 “Nxa
ngizifakazela mina ngokwami ubufakazi bami
kabuqinisekanga. 32 Ukhona omunye ofakaza
kuhle ngami njalo ngiyazi ukuthi ubufakazi
bakhe ngami buqinisekile. 33 Selike lathumela
kuJohane yena walifakazela iqiniso. 34 Kakutsho
ukuthi ngamukela ubufakazi bomuntu; kodwa
ngikuthinta lokhu ukuze lisindiswe. 35
UJohane wayeyisibane esabhebhayo sanika
ukukhanya, lakhetha ukuthokoza ngokukhanya
kwakhe okwesikhatshana. 36 Ngilabo ubufakazi
obulesisindo esikhulu kulobukaJohane. Ngoba
umsebenzi uBaba anginike wona ukuba
ngiwuqedise, wona engiwenzayo uyafakaza
ukuthi uBaba ungithumile. 37 Njalo uBaba
ongithumileyo usefakazile yena ngokwakhe
ngami. Kalikaze lilizwe ilizwi lakhe kumbe
libone isimo sakhe 38 njalo ilizwi lakhe kalihlali
kini ngoba kalimkholwa lowo amthumileyo. 39
Liphenyisisa imibhalo liyihlola ngoba licabanga
ukuthi ngayo lilakho ukuphila okungapheliyo.
Yiyo le imibhalo efakaza ngami, (aiōnios g166) 40
ikanti liyala ukuza kimi lizozuza ukuphila. 41
Kangilwamukeli udumo olusuka ebantwini, 42
kodwa ngiyalazi lina. Ngiyazi ukuthi kalilalo
uthando lukaNkulunkulu ezinhliziyweni

zenu. 43 Ngibuye ngebizo likaBaba kodwa
kalingamukeli; kodwa nxa omunye efika
ngebizo lakhe, lizamamukela. 44 Lingakholwa
kanjani nxa lisamukela udumo elizipha lona
kodwa lingenzi mizamo yokuzuza udumo
oluvela kuNkulunkulu onguye yedwa na? 45
Kodwa lingacabangi ukuthi ngizalethesa icala
phambi kukaBaba. Umangaleli wenu nguMosi,
okukuye elibeke khona amathemba enu. 46
Kube lamkholwa uMosi, ngabe liyangikholwa
ngoba wabhala ngami. 47 Kodwa njengoba
lingakukholwa lokho akubhalayo, lizakukholwa
kanjani lokho engikutshoyo na?"

6 Ngemva kwalokhu uJesu wachaphela
ngaphetsheya koLwandle lwaseGalile
(kutshiwo uLwandle lwaseThibheriyasi), 2 njalo
walandelwa lixuku elikhulu labantu ngoba
babona imimangaliso ayeyenzile kwababegula.
3 UJesu wasesiya eceleni kwentaba wahlala
khona labafundi bakhe. 4 UMkhosi wePhasika
wamaJuda wawususondele. 5 UJesu wathi
uyakhangela wabona ixuku labantu elikhulu
lisiza kuye, wathi kuFiliphu, "Singasithenga
ngaphi isinkwa ukuze abantu laba badle?"
6 Wabuza lokhu emlinga nje kuphela ngoba
wayevele esekwazi ayezakwenza. 7 UFiliphu
wamphendula wathi, "Amadenari angamakhulu
amabili ngeke athenge isinkwa esenela
ukuthi umuntu munye nje azuze ucezwana!"
8 Omunye wabafundi bakhe, u-Andreya,
umfowabo kaSimoni Phethro wakhuluma
wathi, 9 "Nangu umfana olezinkwa zebhali
ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili ezincinyane,
kodwa zingafika ngaphi ebantwini abanengi
kangaka na?" 10 UJesu wathi, "Hlalisani
abantu phansi." Kwakulotshani obunengi
kuleyondawo, asehlala phansi (amadoda
ubunengi bawo bungaba zinkulungwane
ezinhlanu). 11 UJesu wasezithatha izinkwa,
wakhuleka, wasezabela labo abasebehlezi
phansi, wabapha njengokufuna kwabo. Wenza
njalo langenhlanzi. 12 Kwathi bonke sebesuthi,
wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, "Buthani imvuthu
eziseleyo. Kakungalahlwa lutho." 13 Ngakho
bazibutha bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili
ngemvuthu zezinkwa zebhali ezatshiywa yilabo
ababedlile. 14 Abantu sebewubonile umangaliso
awenzayo uJesu baqalisa ukuthi, "Ngeqiniso
lo nguye uMphrofethi ozafika emhlabeni." 15
UJesu esazi ukuthi babeqonde ukuzomenza
inkosi ngenkani, wathi nyelele wabuyela
entabeni yedwa. 16 Kwathi kusihlwa abafundi
behlela esizibeni, 17 lapho abawela khona
isikepe bachapha isiziba baya eKhaphenawume.
Ngalesosikhathi kwasekuhlwile, uJesu elokhu
engakabuyi kubo. 18 Kwakuvunguza umoya
omkhulu amanzi asequbuka kubi. 19 Sebegwedle
okwamakhilomitha amahlanu loba ayisithupha
bambona uJesu esiza esikepeni ehamba
phezu kwamanzi; bethuka kakhulu. 20 Kodwa
wathi kubo, "Yimi; lingesabi." 21 Babefuna
ukumngenisa esikepeni, kwathi masinyane
isikepe sahle safika ekhunjini lapho ababeqonde
khona. 22 Ngelanga elilandelayo ixuku labantu
elalisele ekhunjini elinganeno lananzelela
ukuthi kwakukade kulesikepe esisodwa, lokuthi
uJesu kangenanga kuso kanye labafundi bakhe,
kodwa babehambe bodwa. 23 Kwasekufika
ezinye izikepe zivela eThibheriyasi zamiswa
eduze lalapho abantu ababedlele khona isinkwa
ngemva kokuba iNkosi isiqale yakhuleka. 24
Ixuku lonela ukunanzelela ukuthi uJesu kanye
labafundi bakhe babengasekho lapho, bangena
ezikepeni baya eKhaphenawume ukuyadinga
uJesu. 25 Bathi sebemfumene ngaphetsheya
kwechibi bambuza bathi, "Rabi, kanti ufike
nini lapha?" 26 UJesu waphendula wathi,
"Ngiqinisile ukuthi kalingidingi ngoba libone
imimangaliso, kodwa ngoba lidle izinkwa
lasutha. 27 Lingasebenzeli ukudla okubolayo,
kodwa sebenzelani ukudla okuhlala okwempilo
engapheliyo elizakuphiwa yiNdodana yoMuntu.
UBaba uNkulunkulu usebeke kuyo uphawu
lwakhe." (aiōnios g166) 28 Basebembuza bathi,
"Kumele senzeni ukuze senze umsebenzi
kaNkulunkulu na?" 29 UJesu waphendula wathi,
"Umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu yilo: ukukholwa
kulowo amthumileyo." 30 Basebembuza bathi,
"Uzasitshengisa simangaliso bani esizasibona
ukuze sikukholwe na? Kuyini ozakwenza? 31
Okhokho badla imana enkangala; njengoba
kulotshiwe ukuthi: 'Wabapha isinkwa sivela
ezulwini ukuba badle.'" 32 UJesu wathi kubo,

“Ngiqinisile ngithi, kakusuye uMosi olinike
isinkwa sivela ezulwini, kodwa nguBaba
olinika isinkwa seqiniso sivela ezulwini. 33
Ngoba isinkwa sikaNkulunkulu singulowo
owehla ezulwini anike ukuphila emhlabeni.”
34 Bathi, “Nkosi, kusukela manje siphe
lesisinkwa sokuphila.” 35 UJesu wachaza wathi,
“Ngiyisinkwa sokuphila. Lowo ozayo kimi
kasoze afa alamba, lalowo okholwa kimi kasoze
aphinde ome. 36 Kodwa njengoba ngilitshelile
selingibonile, kodwa lokhe lingakholwa. 37
Konke lokho uBaba anginika khona kuzakuza
kimi njalo lowo oza kimi kangisoze ngimlahle.
38 Ngoba ngehlile ezulwini, hatshi ukuzokwenza
eyami intando kodwa ukwenza intando
yalowo ongithumileyo. 39 Intando yakhe
ongithumileyo yile, ukuthi ngingalahlekelwa
langokukodwa kwalokho anginike khona,
kodwa ngibavuse ngosuku lokucina. 40 Ngoba
intando kaBaba iyikuthi bonke abakhangela
eNdodaneni bakholwe kuyo bazakuba lokuphila
okungapheliyo njalo ngizabavusa ngosuku
lokucina.” (aiōnios g166) 41 Esizwa lokhu amaJuda
aqalisa ukukhonona ngaye ngoba wathi,
“Ngiyisinkwa esehlayo sivela ezulwini.” 42 Athi,
“Kanti kasuJesu lo indodana kaJosefa na? Oyise
lonina kasibazi na? Pho angakutsho kanjani
manje ukuthi, ‘Ngehla ngivela ezulwini’?” 43
UJesu wathi, “Yekelani ukukhonona phakathi
kwenu. 44 Kakho ongeza kimi ngaphandle
kokuthi uBaba ongithumileyo amsondeze,
mina-ke ngizamvusa ngosuku lokucina. 45
Kulotshiwe kubaphrofethi ukuthi: ‘Bonke
bazafundiswa nguNkulunkulu.’Wonke lowo
olalela uBaba afunde kuye uyeza kimi. 46
Kakho osewake wambona uBaba ngaphandle
kwalowo ovela kuNkulunkulu; nguye kuphela
ombonileyo uBaba. 47 Ngiqinisile ukuthi
lowo okholwayo ulokuphila okungapheliyo.
(aiōnios g166) 48 Ngiyisinkwa sokuphila. 49
Okhokho benu bayidla imana enkangala, kodwa
bafa. 50 Kodwa nansi isinkwa esehla sivela
ezulwini, umuntu angasidla angabe esafa. 51
Ngiyisinkwa esiphilayo esehlela phansi sivela
ezulwini. Nxa umuntu angasidla lesisinkwa,
uzaphila laphakade. Lesosinkwa siyinyama
yami engizayinikela ukuphila komhlaba.”
(aiōn g165) 52 Lapho-ke, amaJuda aseqalisa
ukuphikisana ngamandla esithi, “Umuntu lo
angasipha kanjani inyama yakhe ukuba siyidle
na?” 53 UJesu wathi kubo, “Ngiqinisile ngithi,
ngaphandle kokuba lidle inyama yeNdodana
yoMuntu, linathe igazi layo, kalilakuphila
phakathi kwenu. 54 Lowo odla inyama yami njalo
anathe igazi lami ulokuphila okungapheliyo
njalo ngizamvusa ngosuku lokucina. (aiōnios
g166) 55 Ngoba inyama iyikhona kudla okuqotho
legazi lami liyikunatha okuqotho. 56 Lowo odla
inyama yami njalo anathe igazi lami uhlala
kimi, lami kuye. 57 Njengoba uBaba ophilayo
wangithuma njalo ngiphila ngenxa kaBaba,
kanjalo lowo odla mina uzaphila ngenxa yami.
58 Lesi yiso isinkwa esehla sivela ezulwini.
Okhokho benu badla imana, kodwa bafa, kodwa
odla lesisinkwa uzaphila lanininini.” (aiōn g165)
59 Wakutsho lokhu efundisa esinagogweni
eKhaphenawume. 60 Bathi bekuzwa lokhu
abafundi bakhe abanengi bathi, “Le yimfundiso
enzima. Kambe ngubani ongayamukela na?” 61
UJesu wathi ngokunanzelela ukuthi abafundi
bakhe babekhonona ngalokhu wathi kubo,
“Lokhu kuyalikhuba yini? 62 Kungaba njani pho
nxa lingayibona iNdodana yoMuntu isenyuka
ibuyela lapho eyayikhona ngaphambilini!
63 UMoya unika ukuphila; inyama kayisizi
lutho. Amazwi engiwakhulume kini angumoya
njalo ayikuphila. 64 Kodwa bakhona abanye
benu abangakholwayo.” Ngoba uJesu wayevele
esazi kusukela ekuqaleni ukuba yibaphi
phakathi kwabo ababengakholwa lokuthi
ngubani owayezamnikela. 65 Waqhubeka wathi,
“Yikho ngalitshela ngathi kakho ongeza kimi
ngaphandle kokuba ephiwe amandla nguBaba.”
66 Kusukela kulesosikhathi abafundi bakhe
abanengi bamdela ababe besamlandela. 67 UJesu
wabuza abalitshumi lambili wathi, “Lina kalifuni
kudela lihambe na?” 68 USimoni Phethro
wamphendula wathi, “Nkosi, sizakuya kubani
na? Wena ulamazwi okuphila okungapheliyo.
(aiōnios g166) 69 Thina siyakholwa njalo siyazi
ukuthi ungoNgcwele kaNkulunkulu.” 70 UJesu
wasephendula wathi, “Kangilikhethanga yini,
lina elilitshumi lambili na? Ikanti omunye
wenu unguSathane!” 71 (Wayesitsho uJudasi,

indodana kaSimoni Iskariyothi, owathi loba
engomunye wabalitshumi lambili wamnikela.)

7 Ngemva kwalokhu uJesu wahambahamba
eGalile, kazathanda ukuya eJudiya ngoba
amaJuda alapho ayefuna indlela yokumbulala.
2 Kwathi uMkhosi wamaJuda weziHonqo
ususondele 3 abafowabo bakaJesu bathi
kuye, "Sekumele usuke lapha uye eJudiya
ukuze abafundi bakho babone imimangaliso
oyenzayo. 4 Kakho umuntu othi efuna
ukuba lodumo asebenzele ensitha. Njengoba
usenza izinto lezi ziveze emhlabeni." 5 Ngoba
labafowabo babengakholwa kuye. 6 Ngakho
uJesu wabatshela wathi, "Kasikafiki isikhathi
sami salokho; kini loba yisiphi isikhathi
sililungele. 7 Umhlaba ngeke ulizonde, kodwa
mina uyangizonda ngoba ngiveza ukuthi lokho
okwenzayo kubi. 8 Hambani lina emkhosini.
Mina kangikayi emkhosini lowo ngoba kimi
kasikafiki isikhathi esifaneleyo." 9 Esetsho
lokhu wazihlalela eGalile. 10 Kodwa ngemva
kokuba abafowabo sebehambile emkhosini laye
waya khona, hatshi obala kodwa wahamba
ensitha. 11 Khonapho emkhosini amaJuda
ayemlindele ebuza esithi, "Ingaphi indoda
leyana?" 12 Phakathi kwamaxuku abantu
kwakulokunyenyezelana ngaye. Abanye bathi,
"Ungumuntu olungileyo." Abanye baphendula
bathi, "Hatshi, ukhohlisa abantu." 13 Kodwa
kakho owakhuluma ngaye obala ngokwesaba
amaJuda. 14 Kwathi isikhathi somkhosi
sesiphakathi laphakathi uJesu wasesiya egumeni
lethempeli waqalisa ukufundisa. 15 AmaJuda
amangala, abuza athi, "Indoda le yaluzuza
kanjani ulwazi olungaka yona ingafundanga?"
16 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Imfundiso
yami kayisiyami. Ivela kulowo ongithumileyo.
17 Nxa umuntu ekhetha ukwenza intando
kaNkulunkulu uzabona ingabe imfundiso yami
ivela kuNkulunkulu loba ngiyazikhulumela.
18 Lowo ozikhulumelayo wenzela ukuzizuzela
udumo, kodwa lowo osebenzela udumo
lwalowo omthumileyo ngumuntu weqiniso;
kakulankohliso kuye. 19 UMosi kalinikanga
yini umthetho? Kodwa kakho lamunye
kini owugcinayo umthetho. Kungani lifuna
ukungibulala na?" 20 Ixuku labantu laphendula
lathi, "Ulamadimoni wena. Ngubani ofuna
ukukubulala?" 21 UJesu wathi kubo, "Ngenza
umangaliso owodwa lamangala kakhulu lonke.
22 Kodwa ngoba uMosi walipha ukusoka
(loba iqiniso liyikuthi kakuvelanga kuMosi
kodwa kubokhokho), liyamsoka umntwana
ngeSabatha. 23 Manje-ke, nxa umntwana
engasokwa ngeSabatha kungabi yikuwephula
umthetho kaMosi, pho mina lingizondelani
ngokuthi ngisilise umuntu ngokupheleleyo
ngeSabatha na? 24 Khawulani ukusola
ngokubona kwamehlo kodwa yahlulelani
ngokuqondileyo." 25 Ngalesosikhathi abanye
abantu baseJerusalema babuza bathi, "Kanti
kasuye yini umuntu lo abafuna ukumbulala
na? 26 Nangu phela ekhuluma egcekeni kodwa
kabatsho lutho kuye. Kambe iziphathamandla
zingabe sezibone ukuthi nguye uKhristu na? 27
Kodwa siyakwazi thina lapha indoda le edabuka
khona; nxa uKhristu esefika, kakho ozakwazi
lapho avela khona." 28 Kwathi uJesu elokhu
esafundisa egumeni lethempeli, wamemeza
wathi, "Yebo, liyangazi njalo liyakwazi lapho
engivela khona. Kangizibuyelanga lapha kodwa
lowo ongithumileyo uqinisile. Kalimazi 29
kodwa mina ngiyamazi ngoba ngivela kuye,
nguye ongithumileyo." 30 Besizwa lokhu
bazama ukumbamba kodwa kakho owambeka
isandla ngoba isikhathi sakhe sasingakafiki.
31 Loba kunjalo, abanengi exukwini labantu
bakholwa kuye. Bathi, "Nxa uKhristu angafika,
kambe uzakwenza imimangaliso okwedlula
umuntu lo?" 32 AbaFarisi bezwa abantu
benyenyeza izinto ezinjalo ngaye. AbaFarisi
labaphristi abakhulu basebethuma amanxusa
ethempelini ukuba ayembopha. 33 UJesu
wathi, "Ngilani okwesikhathi esifitshane,
besengihamba ngisiya kuye ongithumileyo. 34
Lizangidinga kodwa lingangifumani; lalapho
engikhona lingeke lifike." 35 AmaJuda abuzana
athi, "Umuntu lo ufuna ukuya ngaphi lapho
esingeke samfumana khona na? Uzakuya
ebantwini bakithi abahlakazekileyo abahlala
phakathi kwamaGrikhi, afundise amaGrikhi
na? 36 Ubesitshoni esithi, 'Lizangidinga,
kodwa lingangifumani,' njalo wathi, 'Lapho

engikhona lingeke lifike'?" 37 Ngelanga
lokucina elaliqakatheke kakhulu emkhosini,
uJesu wasukuma wakhuluma ngelizwi elikhulu
wathi, "Nxa ekhona owomileyo keze kimi
azonatha. 38 Loba ngubani okholwa kimi
njengoba uMbhalo utshilo, imifula yamanzi
aphilayo izageleza ngaphakathi kwakhe." 39
Ngalokhu wayesitsho uMoya, okwakuzakuthi
labo abakholwa kuye bamamukele ngesikhathi
esizayo. Kuze kube yilesosikhathi uMoya
wawungakathelwa ebantwini, njengoba uJesu
wayengakakhazimuliswa. 40 Sebewazwile
amazwi akhe abanye bathi, "Ngeqiniso
umuntu lo nguye umphrofethi." 41 Abanye
bathi, "Nguye uKhristu." Abanye njalo
babuza bathi, "Kungenzeka kanjani ukuthi
uKhristu avele eGalile na? 42 UMbhalo
kawutsho yini ukuthi uKhristu uzavela kusendo
lukaDavida, eBhethilehema, umuzi lapho
uDavida ayehlala khona." 43 Kanjalo abantu
badabukana phakathi ngenxa kaJesu. 44
Abanye babefuna ukumbamba, kodwa kakho
owambeka isandla. 45 Amanxusa ethempelini
acina esebuyela kubaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi
athi, "Kungani lingezanga laye?" 46 Amanxusa
afakaza athi, "Kakho osewake wakhuluma
njengaloyamuntu." 47 AbaFarisi bakhwaza bathi,
"Litsho ukuthi lani uselikhohlisile? 48 Ukhona na
kubabusi loba kubaFarisi osebeke ithemba lakhe
kuye? 49 Hatshi! Kodwa inkunkuma yabantu
le engazilutho ngezomthetho, iqalekisiwe."
50 UNikhodimasi owayeye kuJesu mandulo,
owayengomunye wabo wabuza wathi, 51
"Kanti umthetho wakithi uyamlahla na umuntu
engaqalanga wabuzwa ukuthi yena uthini
ngokwakhe?" 52 Baphendula bathi, "Lawe uvela
eGalile yini? Ake ukudingisise, uzabona ukuthi
kakulamphrofethi ongaphuma eGalile." [53
Ngakho bonke basuka baya emizini yabo.

8 Kodwa uJesu waya eNtabeni yama-
Oliva. 2 Kwathi kusisa wabonakala
njalo emagumeni ethempeli, abantu bonke
babuthana kuye, wahlala phansi wabafundisa.
3 Abafundisi bomthetho labaFarisi baletha
owesifazane owayebanjwe ephinga. Bamisa
phambi kwabantu 4 bathi kuJesu, "Mfundisi,
owesifazane lo ukhandwe efeba. 5 EMthethweni
uMosi wasilaya ukuthi abesifazane abanjalo
kabakhandwe ngamatshe. Manje wena
uthini?" 6 Umbuzo lo wawungumjibila
wabo ukuze bazuze izaba lokumbeka icala.
Kodwa uJesu wakhothama waseloba phansi
ngomunwe. 7 Kwathi ngoba belokhu bephikelela
ngokumbuza wabakhangela wathi kubo,
"Nxa ekhona phakathi kwenu ongelasono
kaqale ukumkhanda ngamatshe." 8 Waphinda
wakhothama waloba phansi emhlabathini.
9 Esetshonjalo labo abezwayo baqala ukuthi
nyelele munye ngamunye bahamba, kwaqala
ngabadala bakhona, kwaze kwasala uJesu yedwa
lowesifazane lowo elokhu emi khonapho.
10 UJesu wamkhangela wambuza wathi,
"Mama, kanti sebeye ngaphi? Kasekho yini
okwethesa icala?" 11 Owesifazane wathi,
"Kabasekho, nkosi." UJesu waphendula wathi,
"Lami-ke, kangikulahli, zihambele, kodwa
ungaphindi wenze isono futhi."] 12 Kwathi
uJesu esekhuluma ebantwini njalo wathi,
"Ngiyikukhanya komhlaba. Loba ngubani
ongilandelayo kasoze ahambe ebumnyameni
lanini kodwa uzakuba lokukhanya kokuphila."
13 AbaFarisi bahle bamqaga bathi, "Nanko-
ke, wena uyazifakazela; ubufakazi bakho
kabulaqiniso." 14 UJesu waphendula wathi,
"Loba ngizifakazela mina, ubufakazi bami
buqinisile ngoba ngiyakwazi lapho engavela
khona lalapho engiyakhona. Kodwa lina
kumnyama nje kini ukuthi ngivela ngaphi
lokuthi ngiya ngaphi. 15 Lina lahlulela
ngendlela yabantu; mina kangahluleli muntu.
16 Kodwa ngithi nxa ngingehlulela, izinqumo
zami zilungile ngoba kangingedwa. Ngimi
loBaba ongithumileyo. 17 Emthethweni wenu
kulotshiwe ukuthi ubufakazi babantu ababili
buqinisile. 18 Yimi ngokwami engizifakazelayo;
omunye umfakazi nguBaba ongithumileyo."
19 Basebembuza bathi, "Ungaphi uyihlo?"
UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kalingazi mina
kanye loBaba. Aluba belingazi, belizamazi
loBaba njalo." 20 Wawakhuluma amazwi
la efundisa egumeni lethempeli eduze
lalapho okwakubekwa khona iminikelo.
Kodwa kakho owambambayo ngoba isikhathi

sakhe sasingakafiki. 21 Waphinda njalo
uJesu wathi kubo, “Ngiyasuka lapha, futhi
lizangidinga, kodwa lizafela esonweni senu.
Lapho engiyakhona alingeke lize khona.” 22
AmaJuda asebuzana athi, “Uzazibulala yini?
Yikho yini esithi, ‘Lapho engiyakhona lingeke
lize khona’?” 23 Kodwa waqhubeka wathi, “Lina
lingabalapha phansi; mina ngivela phezulu.
Lingabomhlaba; mina kangisiwalo umhlaba.
24 Ngilitshelile ukuthi lizafela ezonweni zenu;
nxa lingakholwa ukuthi nginguye engithi
nginguye, ngempela lizafela ezonweni zenu.”
25 Bambuza bathi, “Uvele ungubani?” UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Khonokho ebengivele
ngikutsho sonke lesisikhathi. 26 Kunengi
engingalahlulela ngakho. Kodwa lowo
ongithumileyo uthembekile njalo lokho
engikuzwileyo kusuka kuye ngikutshela
umhlaba.” 27 Kabazange bazwisise ukuthi
wayebatshela ngoYise. 28 Ngakho uJesu
wasesithi, “Lapho seliyiphakamisile iNdodana
yoMuntu lizakwazi ukuthi ngingubani lokuthi
kangenzi lutho ngokwami kodwa ngikhuluma
kuphela lokho uBaba angifundise khona. 29
Lowo ongithumileyo ulami; kangitshiyanga
ngingedwa ngoba ngihlezi ngisenza lokho
okumthokozisayo.” 30 Wathi esakhuluma lokhu
abanengi bakholwa kuye. 31 UJesu wathi
kumaJuda amkholwayo, “Nxa libambelela
emfundisweni yami lingabafundi bami
ngempela. 32 Ngakho lizalazi iqiniso, njalo
iqiniso lizalikhululа.” 33 Amphendula athi,
“Siyinzalo ka-Abhrahama futhi kasizange
lanini sibe yizigqili zamuntu. Ukutsho
kanjani pho ukuthi sizakhululwa?” 34 UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Ngiqinisile ngithi wonke
owenza isono uyisigqili sesono. 35 Phela
isigqili kasilandawo emiyo emulini, kodwa
oyindodana ungowakhona lanininini. (aiōn
g165) 36 Ngakho-ke, nxa iNdodana ilikhululа,
lizakhululeka ngempela. 37 Ngiyakwazi
ukuthi lingabosendo luka-Abhrahama. Kodwa
selizimisele ukungibulala ngoba ilizwi lami
kalilandawo kini. 38 Ngilitshela lokho
engikubone phambi kukaBaba kodwa lina
lenza lokho elikuzwileyo ngoyihlo.” 39
Aphendula athi, “U-Abhrahama nguye ubaba.”
UJesu wathi, “Aluba belingabantwana baka-
Abhrahama ngabe lenza izinto ezenziwa
nguye u-Abhrahama. 40 Kodwa kunje nje
lizimisele ukungibulala, mina muntu oselitshele
iqiniso engilizwileyo livela kuNkulunkulu.
U-Abhrahama kazenzanga izinto ezinjalo.
41 Lenza izinto ezenziwa ngowenu uyihlo.”
Amvukela athi, “Kasisibantwana abazuzwa
ngobufebe thina. UBaba esilaye kuphela
nguNkulunkulu ngokwakhe.” 42 UJesu wathi
kuwo, “Kube uNkulunkulu ubenguYihlo,
belizangithanda ngoba ngavela kuNkulunkulu,
okwamanje sengilapha. Kangizibuyelanga
kodwa uNkulunkulu wangithuma. 43 Kungani
lingaluzwisisi ulimi engilukhulumayo na?
Ngoba liyehluleka ukuzwa engikutshoyo.
44 Lingabakayihlo uSathane ngakho lifuna
ukusenza isifiso sikayihlo. Wavele waba
ngumbulali mdabuko wakhe, kemanga
eqinisweni ngoba uvele engelalo iqiniso.
Uthi nxa ewaqamba amanga, akhulume ulimi
lomdabuko wakhe ngoba ungusomangase
loyise wamanga. 45 Kodwa kalingikholwa
ngoba ngilitshela iqiniso! 46 Ukhona na
kini ongaveza ukuthi ngilecala lesono? Nxa
ngikhuluma iqiniso kungani lingangikholwa
na? 47 Lowo ongokaNkulunkulu uyakuzwa
lokho uNkulunkulu akutshoyo. Isizatho sokuthi
lingezwa yikuthi kalisibo bakaNkulunkulu.” 48
AmaJuda aphendula athi, “Siyalahleka yini nxa
sisithi ungumSamariya njalo ulamadimoni?”
49 UJesu wathi, “Kangiladimoni mina, kodwa
ngidumisa uBaba ikanti lina liyangigcona. 50
Kangizidingeli udumo mina kodwa ukhona
olufunayo, yena ungumahluleli. 51 Ngiyaqinisa
ngithi, nxa umuntu egcina ilizwi lami kasoze
akubone ukufa lanini.” (aiōn g165) 52 Esizwa lokhu
amaJuda ababaza athi, “Khathesi sesisazi ukuthi
uledimoni! U-Abhrahama wafa kanye labo
abaphrofethi kodwa wena uthi nxa umuntu
egcina ilizwi lakho kasoze akuzwe ukufa
lanini. (aiōn g165) 53 Wena umkhulu kulobaba u-
Abhrahama na? Wafa, kanye labo abaphrofethi.
Wena uzenza bani na?” 54 UJesu waphendula
wathi, “Nxa ngizidumisa mina ngokwami, luyize
udumo lwami. UBaba, elithi unguNkulunkulu
wenu nguye ongidumisayo. 55 Lanxa lina

lingamazi, mina ngiyamazi. Ngabe ngithe
kangimazi, bengizabe ngingumqambi wamanga
njengani kodwa ngiyamazi njalo ngiyaligcina
ilizwi lakhe. 56 Uyihlo u-Abhrahama
wathakazelela umnakano wokulubona usuku
lwami; walubona wathokoza." 57 AmaJuda athi
kuye, "Kawukafikisi iminyaka engamatshumi
amahlanu obudala, kodwa uthi usumbonile
u-Abhrahama!" 58 UJesu waphendula wathi,
"Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi u-Abhrahama
engakazalwa, mina ngasengikhona!" 59 Besizwa
lokhu badobha amatshe befuna ukumkhanda
kodwa uJesu wasithela, waphunyuka wasuka
emagumeni ethempeli.

9 UJesu wathi elokhu ehamba wabona indoda
eyayiyisiphofu kusukela ekuzalweni kwayo. 2
Abafundi bakhe bambuza bathi, "Rabi, ngubani
owenza isono, indoda le loba abazali bayo ukuze
izalwe iyisiphofu na?" 3 UJesu wathi, "Kakusikho
ukuthi abazali bayo loba yona indoda le yenza
isono kodwa lokhu kwenzakala ukuze umsebenzi
kaNkulunkulu ubonakaliswe empilweni yayo.
4 Nxa kulokhu kusemini kumele siwenze
umsebenzi wakhe ongithumileyo. Ubusuku
buyeza lapho kungelamuntu ongasebenza
khona. 5 Nxa ngisesemhlabeni, ngiyikukhanya
komhlaba." 6 Esekutshilo lokhu wakhafulela
emhlabathini, wavuba udaka ngamathe
walunameka emehlweni endoda. 7 Wayitshela
wathi, "Hamba uyegeza esizibeni saseSilowami"
(ibizo leli litsho ukuthi "Ukuthunywa"). Ngakho
indoda yahamba yayageza, yabuyela ekhaya
isibona. 8 Omakhelwane bayo lalabo abahlezi
beyibona icela babuza bathi, "Kakusiyo yini
indoda le eyayihlala icela?" 9 Abanye baqinisa
ukuthi kwakuyiyo. Abanye bathi, "Hatshi,
lo ufana layo nje kuphela." Kodwa yona
yagcizelela yathi, "Ngiyiyo leyondoda." 10
Bamjinga ngemibuzo bathi, "Pho amehlo
akho avuleke kanjani?" 11 Waphendula
wathi, "Indoda abayithi nguJesu ivube udaka
yalunameka emehlweni ami. Ingitshele yathi
kangiye eSilowami ngiyegeza. Ngakho ngiyile
ngayageza, ngasengibona." 12 Bayibuza bathi,
"Ingaphi leyondoda?" Wathi, "Kangazi." 13
Indoda leyo eyayikade iyisiphofu yalethwa
kubaFarisi. 14 Usuku uJesu enza ngalo udaka
wavula amehlo endoda leyo lwaluyiSabatha.
15 AbaFarisi baphinde bayibuzisisa ukuthi
kwenziwani ukuze ibone. Indoda yaphendula
yathi, "Uninde udaka emehlweni ami, ngageza,
manje sengibona." 16 Abanye abaFarisi bathi,
"Umuntu lo kaveli kuNkulunkulu ngoba
kaligcini iSabatha." Kodwa abanye babuza
bathi, "Isoni singayenza kanjani imimangaliso
enje na?" Kanjalo adabukana. 17 Bacina
sebephendukela endodeni eyayiyisiphofu
njalo bathi, "Wena uthini ngaye? Ngamehlo
akho awavulileyo." Indoda yaphendula yathi,
"Ungumphrofethi." 18 AmaJuda kawazange
akholwe ukuthi indoda le yayikade iyisiphofu
lokuthi yayisiyenziwe yabona kwaze kwabizwa
abazali bayo. 19 Bababuza bathi, "Lo yindodana
yenu yini? Nguye lo elithi wazalwa eyisiphofu?
Sekwenzeke kanjani ukuthi khathesi usebona?"
20 Abazali baphendula bathi, "Thina sazi
ukuthi uyindodana yethu, njalo siyakwazi
ukuthi wazalwa eyisiphofu. 21 Kodwa ukuthi
khathesi usebona lokuthi amehlo akhe avulwe
ngubani kasikwazi. Mbuzeni. Usekhulile;
uzazikhulumela." 22 Abazali bakhe bakutsho
lokhu ngoba babesesaba amaJuda, ngoba
amaJuda ayesevele aquma ukuthi loba ngubani
owayezakuthi uJesu nguKhristu wayezaxotshwa
esinagogweni. 23 Yikho abazali bakhe bathi,
"Usekhulile; mbuzeni yena." 24 Aphinda
ayibiza okwesibili indoda eyayiyisiphofu athi,
"Nika udumo kuNkulunkulu. Siyakwazi ukuthi
umuntu lo uyisoni." 25 Yaphendula yathi,
"Ukuthi uyisoni kumbe hatshi kangikwazi.
Mina kunye engikwaziyo. Bengiyisiphofu kodwa
manje sengibona!" 26 Aseyibuza athi, "Wenzeni
kuwe na? Uwavule njani amehlo akho?"
27 Yaphendula yathi, "Sengilitshelile kodwa
kalifunanga ukuzwa. Lifunelani ukukuzwa njalo?
Lani lifuna ukuba ngabafundi bakhe na?" 28
Khonapho asemthuka esithi, "Ungumfundi
walumuntu! Thina singabafundi bakaMosi! 29
Siyakwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu wakhuluma
kuMosi, kodwa umfokazi lo kasimazi lokuthi
uvela ngaphi." 30 Indoda yaphendula yathi,
"Manje lokhu kuyamangalisa! Kalimazi lapho
avela khona kodwa uwavulile amehlo ami.

31 Siyakwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu kazilaleli
izoni. Ulalela umuntu olobunkulunkulu, owenza
intando yakhe. 32 Kakho osewake wezwa
ngokuvulwa kwamehlo omuntu owazalwa
eyisiphofu. (aiōn g165) 33 Aluba umuntu lo
ubengaveli kuNkulunkulu ubengasoze enze
lutho." 34 Aphendula lokhu ngokuthi, "Wazalwa
ucwile nya esonweni; ngeke sifundiswe
nguwe thina!" Asemxotshela phandle. 35
UJesu wakuzwa ukuthi ayemxotshele phandle,
wathi esembonile wathi kuye, "Uyakholwa
eNdodaneni yoMuntu na?" 36 Indoda yabuza
yathi, "Ingubani na, nkosi? Ngitshela ukuze
ngikholwe kuyo." 37 UJesu wathi, "Khathesi
usuyibonile; iqiniso yikuthi yiyo le ekhuluma
lawe." 38 Indoda yasisithi, "Nkosi, ngiyakholwa,"
yasimkhonza. 39 UJesu wathi, "Ngeza lapha
emhlabeni ukuzakwahlulela, ukuze iziphofu
zibone kuthi labo ababonayo babonakale
beyiziphofu." 40 Abanye abaFarisi ababelaye
bamuzwa uJesu esitsho lokhu babuza bathi,
"Uthini? Lathi siyiziphofu yini?" 41 UJesu
waphendula wathi, "Kube beliyiziphofu ngabe
kalilamlandu wesono. Kodwa umlandu wenu
umi ngoba lizenza abakwaziyo abakwenzayo."

10 "Ngikhuluma iqiniso ukuthi umuntu
ongangeni ngesango esibayeni sezimvu
kodwa akhwele kwenye indawo ulisela
lomphangi. 2 Umuntu ongena ngesango
nguye umelusi wezimvu. 3 Umlindi wesango
uyamvulela, lezimvu ziyalilalela ilizwi lakhe.
Izimvu zakhe uzibiza ngamabizo azikhokhele. 4
Nxa esezivulele zonke ezakhe, uhamba phambi
kwazo, izimvu zakhe zimlandele ngoba ziyalazi
ilizwi lakhe. 5 Kodwa kazisoze zilandele
owemzini; iqiniso yikuthi zizambalekela ngoba
kazilazi ilizwi lowemzini." 6 UJesu wasebenzisa
umzekeliso lo kodwa kabakuzwisisanga lokho
ayebatshela khona. 7 Ngakho uJesu waphinda
wathi, "Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi mina ngiyilo
isango lezimvu. 8 Bonke asebake bafika phambi
kwami babengamasela labaphangi kodwa izimvu
kazibalalelanga. 9 Mina ngiyilo isango; loba
ngubani ongena ngami uzasindiswa. Uzangena,
aphume, afumane idlelo. 10 Isela lilanda
ukweba lokubulala lokubhubhisa kuphela; mina
ngilande ukuze zibe lokuphila, zibe lakho
ngokugcweleyo. 11 Ngingumelusi olungileyo.
Umelusi olungileyo unikela ukuphila kwakhe
izimvu zakhe. 12 Oqhatshiweyo kasuye umelusi
ongumnini wezimvu. Yikho nxa ebona iganyana
lisiza, uyazitshiya izimvu abaleke. Iganyana
beseliwuhlasela umhlambi liwuhlakaze. 13
Umuntu lo ubaleka ngoba eyisiqhatshwa,
kazikhathaleli izimvu. 14 Mina ngingumelusi
olungileyo; ngiyazazi izimvu zami njalo
lezimvu zami ziyangazi 15 njengoba uBaba
engazi lami ngiyamazi, nginikela ukuphila
kwami ezimvini zami. 16 Ngilazo ezinye
izimvu ezingasizo zalumhlambi. Lazo kumele
ngizilethe. Lazo futhi zizalilalela ilizwi lami
ukuze kube lomhlambi owodwa lomelusi
oyedwa. 17 Isizatho sokuba uBaba angithande
yikuthi ngiyayinikela impilo yami, ngizaphinde
ngiyithathe futhi. 18 Kakho ongithathela yona
kodwa ngiyinikela ngokufisa kwami. Ngilalo
ilungelo lokuyinikela lelungelo lokuphinde
ngiyithathe. Umlayo lo ngawamukela uvela
kuBaba." 19 Amazwi aphinda enza amaJuda
adabuka phakathi. 20 Amanengi kuwo athi,
"Uledimoni, uyawumana njalo uyahlanya.
Limlalelelani?" 21 Kodwa amanye athi, "La
kayisiwo mazwi omuntu oledimoni. Idimoni
lingawavula njani amehlo esiphofu?" 22
Kwafika uMkhosi Wokuzinikela eJerusalema.
Kwakusebusika, 23 uJesu esemagumeni
ethempeli ezihambela eKhulusini likaSolomoni.
24 AmaJuda ayembuthanele athi kuye, "Kuzaze
kube nini ulokhu usitshiya silengile na?
Nxa unguye uKhristu, sitshele kuhle." 25
UJesu waphendula wathi, "Ngalitshela kodwa
kalikholwa. Imimangaliso engiyenzayo ngebizo
likaBaba iyangifakazela, 26 kodwa kalikholwa
ngoba kalisizo zimvu zami. 27 Ezami
izimvu ziyalilalela ilizwi lami; ngiyazazi
lazo ziyangilandela. 28 Ngizipha ukuphila
okungapheliyo, kazisoze zabhubha; kakho
ongazihlwitha esandleni sikaBaba. (aiōn g165,
aiōnios g166) 29 UBaba wami yena ongiphe zona
mkhulu kulakho konke, kakho ongazihlwitha
esandleni sikaBaba 30 Mina loBaba simunye."
31 Aphinda njalo amaJuda adobha amatshe
ukuba amkhande, 32 kodwa uJesu wathi

kuwo, “Ngilitshengisile imimangaliso emikhulu
eminengi evela kuBaba. Yiwuphi phakathi
kwayo elingikhandela wona ngamatshe?” 33
“Kasikukhandeli misebenzi emihle oyenzileyo
kodwa sikukhandela ukuhlambaza, ngoba
wena, umuntu nje, uzenza uNkulunkulu.” 34
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kakulotshwanga
yini eMthethweni wenu ukuthi, ‘Ngitshilo
ukuthi “lingonkulunkulu?”’ 35 Nxa wababiza
ngokuthi ‘ngonkulunkulu,’ bona labo ilizwi
elafika kubo, njalo uMbhalo kawephulwa 36 pho-
ke kungathiwani kulowo uBaba amkhethileyo
ukuba ngowakhe wamthumela emhlabeni na?
Kungani pho lingibeka icala lokuhlambaza
ngoba ngithe ngiyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu? 37
Lingangikholwa ngaphandle kokuba ngenze
okwenziwa nguBaba. 38 Kodwa nxa ngikwenza,
lanxa lingangikholwa, kholwani ubufakazi
bemimangaliso ukuze lifunde njalo lizwisise
ukuthi uBaba ukimi, lami ngikuBaba.” 39
Baphinda njalo bazama ukumbamba kodwa
waphunyuka. 40 UJesu wabuyela ngaphetsheya
kweJodani kuleyondawo lapho uJohane
ayebhaphathizela khona ensukwini ezedlulayo.
Wahlala khona, 41 abantu abanengi beza
kuye. Bathi, “Lanxa uJohane engazange enze
umangaliso, kodwa konke lokho uJohane
akutshoyo ngomuntu lo kwakuliqiniso.” 42
Kuleyondawo abanengi bakholwa kuJesu.

11 Kwakulendoda eyayithiwa nguLazaro
eyayigula. YayingeyaseBhethani, umuzi
okwakuhlala khona uMariya lodadewabo
uMatha. 2 (UMariya lo olomnewabo uLazaro
owayephethwe ngumkhuhlane nguye owathela
amakha ezinyaweni zeNkosi wazesula ngenwele
zakhe.) 3 Ngakho odadewabo laba bathumela
ilizwi kuJesu bathi, “Nkosi, lowo omthandayo
uyagula.” 4 UJesu esekuzwile lokhu wathi,
“Ukugula lokhu kakuzukucina ngokufa. Kodwa
kungokodumo lukaNkulunkulu ukuze iNdodana
kaNkulunkulu idunyiswe ngakho.” 5 UJesu
wayemthanda uMatha lodadewabo kanye
loLazaro. 6 Kodwa loba esezwile ukuthi uLazaro
wayegula wazihlalela khona lapho ayekhona
okwezinye insuku ezimbili. 7 Wasesithi
kubafundi bakhe, “Kasibuyeleni eJudiya.” 8
Bathi, “Oh, Rabi, muvana nje amaJuda ake
azama ukukukhanda ngamatshe kodwa wena
usubuyela khona futhi?” 9 UJesu waphendula
wathi, “Kakusikho yini ukuthi kulamahola
alitshumi lambili okukhanyisa kwelanga na?
Umuntu ohamba emini kayikukhubeka ngoba
ebona ngokukhanya kwalapha emhlabeni. 10
Ukhubeka nxa ehamba ebusuku ngoba kalakho
ukukhanya.” 11 Esekutshilo lokhu wasebatshela
wathi, “Umngane wethu uLazaro uselele kodwa
ngiya khonale ukuyamvusa.” 12 Abafundi bakhe
baphendula bathi, “Nkosi, nxa kuvuma ukuthi
alale, uzabangcono.” 13 UJesu wayekhuluma
ngokufa kwakhe kodwa abafundi bakhe
babesithi kumbe utsho ukulala okujayelekileyo.
14 Wasebatshela ephumela egcekeni wathi,
“ULazaro usefile, 15 kodwa ukuze lina likholwe,
ngiyathaba ukuthi bengingekho lapho. Kodwa
kasiyeni khona.” 16 UThomasi (othiwa
nguDidimasi) wathi kwabanye abafundi,
“Lathi kasihambeni ukuze siyekufa laye.” 17
Ekufikeni kwakhe uJesu uLazaro wayesehlale
ethuneni okwensuku ezine. 18 EBhethani
kwakungaphansi kwamakhilomitha amathathu
usuka eJerusalema, 19 yikho amaJuda amanengi
ayebuyile ukuzakhalela uMatha loMariya
ngokulahlekelwa kwabo ngumnewabo. 20
Kwathi uMatha esizwa ukuthi uJesu wayesiza,
waphuma wamhlangabeza kodwa uMariya
wasala ngekhaya. 21 UMatha wathi kuJesu,
“Nkosi, aluba ubukhonapha ngabe umnewethu
kafanga. 22 Kodwa ngiyazi ukuthi lamanje
uNkulunkulu uzakunika loba yini oyicelayo.”
23 UJesu wathi kuye, “Umfowenu uzavuka
njalo.” 24 UMatha waphendula wathi, “Ngiyazi
ukuthi uzavuka futhi ekuvukeni kwabafileyo
ngosuku lokucina.” 25 UJesu wathi kuye,
“Mina ngiyikuvuka kwabafileyo lokuphila.
Lowo okholwa kimi uzaphila loba engafa;
26 njalo lowo ophilayo ekholwa kimi kasoze
afa lanini. Uyakukholwa lokhu na?” (aiōn
g165) 27 Waphendula wathi, “Yebo Nkosi,
ngiyakholwa ukuthi unguye uKhristu, iNdodana
kaNkulunkulu, ozabuya emhlabeni.” 28
Esekutshilo lokho wabuyela ngekhaya wabizela
udadewabo uMariya eceleni wathi, “UMfundisi
usekhona, uyakucela.” 29 UMariya wathi

ekuzwa lokhu wasuka masinyane waya kuJesu.
30 UJesu wayelokhu engakangeni phakathi
komuzi elokhu elapho ayehlangane khona
loMatha. 31 Kwathi amaJuda ayeloMariya
endlini emduduza esebonile ukuthi wasukuma
masinyane njani ephuma, amlandela ecabanga
ukuthi mhlawumbe wayesiya ethuneni
ukuyakhalela khona. 32 UMariya wonela ukufika
lapho uJesu ayekhona, wambona, wazilahla
phansi ezinyaweni zakhe wathi, “Nkosi, kube
ubukhona lapha, umnewethu ngabe kafanga.”
33 UJesu embona ekhala kanye lamaJuda
ayemlandele wadabuka kakhulu emoyeni,
wakhathazeka. 34 Wabuza wathi, “Limbeke
ngaphi na?” Baphendula bathi, “Woza uzobona
Nkosi.” 35 UJesu wakhala. 36 AmaJuda asesithi,
“Liyabona ukuthi wayemthanda njani!” 37
Kodwa amanye awo athi, “Kanti yena lo owavula
amehlo endoda eyayiyisiphofu wehlulekile
ukwenza ukuthi umuntu lo angafi na?” 38
UJesu waphinda njalo wadabuka, wasondela
ethuneni. Ithuna lalilubhalu, kulelitshe
elalivale intuba. 39 Wathi, “Lisuseni ilitshe.”
UMatha, udadewabo wendoda efileyo wathi,
“Nkosi, khathesi sekulephunga elibi ngoba
selensuku ezine simbekile.” 40 UJesu wasesithi,
“Kangikutshelanga ukuthi nxa ukholwa
uzabona inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu na?” 41
Ngakho balisusa ilitshe. UJesu wasekhangela
phezulu wathi, “Baba ngiyakubonga ukuthi
ungizwile. 42 Mina bengisazi ukuthi uhlala
ungizwa, kodwa ngikutshela lokhu ngisenzela
abantu abemi lapha ukuze bakholwe ukuthi
ungithumile.” 43 Esekutshilo lokhu uJesu
wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu wathi, “Lazaro,
phuma!” 44 Umuyi waphuma, izandla lenyawo
zakhe zithandelwe ngamaqhele elineni,
kulelinye ilembu elalembese ubuso bakhe.
UJesu wathi kubo, “Khuphani izivunulo
zokungcwaba limyekele ahambe.” 45 Ngakho
amaJuda amanengi ayeze ukuzakhalela
uMariya esekubonile uJesu akwenzayo,
amkholwa. 46 Kodwa amanye aya kubaFarisi
bayabatshela lokho okwakwenziwe nguJesu.
47 Abaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi basebebiza
umhlangano weSanihedrini. Babuzana bathi,
“Kanti sivele senzani? Nangu phela umuntu
lo esenza imimangaliso eminengi. 48
Singamyekela aqhubeke ngalindlela, wonke
umuntu uzakholwa kuye njalo amaRoma
azakuza athathe indawo yethu lesizwe
sethu.” 49 Kwasekusithi omunye wabo
owayethiwa nguKhayifasi, owayengumphristi
omkhulu ngalowomnyaka, wakhuluma wathi,
“Kalazi lutho! 50 Kalikuboni lina ukuthi
kungcono ukuba umuntu oyedwa afele
abantu kulokuthi kubhubhe isizwe sonke.” 51
Lokhu kazikhulumelanga yena ngokwakhe,
kodwa njengomphristi omkhulu kwabanye
ngalowomnyaka waphrofitha ukuthi uJesu
wayezafela isizwe samaJuda, 52 kungasisizwe
leso sodwa, kodwa labantwana bakaNkulunkulu
abahlakazekileyo ukuze balethwe ndawonye,
benziwe babemunye. 53 Kusukela
ngalesosikhathi bakha amacebo okumbulala.
54 Ngakho uJesu wayengasahambahambi
obala phakathi kwamaJuda. Wasuka lapho
waya emangweni owawuseduze kwenkangala,
emzini owawuthiwa yi-Efrayimu, lapho
ahlala khona labafundi bakhe. 55 Kwathi
sekuzakuba yisikhathi sePhasika lamaJuda,
abanengi baqubuka elizweni baya eJerusalema
ukuyahlanjululwa ngokomkhuba kungakabi
yiPhasika. 56 Babelokhu bethalaza befuna uJesu,
kwathi bemi egumeni lethempeli babuzana
bathi, “Licabangani? Ukuthi angaphutha yini
emkhosini?” 57 Kodwa abaphristi abakhulu
labaFarisi basebelayele ukuthi nxa ekhona
owayekwazi ukuthi uJesu wayengaphi, ahle
abike ukuze bambophe.

12 Kwasekusele insuku eziyisithupha ukuthi
kufike iPhasika, uJesu waya eBhethani,
lapho okwakuhlala khona uLazaro owayevuswe
kwabafileyo nguJesu. 2 Kwaphekwa ukudla
kwakusihlwa kuhlonitshwa yena uJesu.
UMatha nguye owayedidizela, uLazaro
ehlezi labanye etafuleni loJesu. 3 UMariya
wasethatha amafutha enadi acengekileyo
njalo adulayo kakhulu, ayengaba yingxenye
yelitha, wawathela ezinyaweni zikaJesu
wasezesula ngenwele zakhe. Indlu yagcwala
ngephunga elimnandi lamakha lawo. 4 Kodwa
omunye wabafundi bakhe, uJudasi Iskariyothi

owayezamnikela wasola wathi, 5 “Kungani
amakha la engathengiswanga imali yaphiwa
abampofu? Intengo yawo ibinganela umholo
womnyaka wonke.” 6 Kakutshongo lokhu
ngoba ebanakekela abampofu, kodwa ngoba
elisela; njengomgcinisikhwama wayandise
ukuzisiza ngalokho okwakufakwa phakathi
kwaso. 7 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Myekele.
Kwakuqondwe ukuthi amakha la awabekele
usuku lokungcwatshwa kwami. 8 Lizahlala
lilabo abampofu phakathi kwenu kodwa
mina kaliyikuhlala lilami.” 9 Ngalesosikhathi
ixuku elikhulu lamaJuda lezwa ukuthi uJesu
wayelapho, leza lingalandanga yena kuphela
kodwa lokuthi libone uLazaro ayemvuse
kwabafileyo. 10 Ngakho abaphristi abakhulu
benza amacebo okuba bambulale laye uLazaro,
11 ngoba ngenxa yakhe amaJuda amanengi
ayesiya kuJesu ebeka ukholo lwawo kuye. 12
Ngosuku olulandelayo ixuku elikhulu elalize
emkhosini lezwa ukuthi uJesu wayesendleleni
esiza eJerusalema. 13 Lathatha amagatsha
elala laphuma ukuyamhlangabeza, limemeza
lisithi, “Hosana!” “Ubusisiwe lowo obuya
ngebizo likaThixo!” “Ubusisiwe oyiNkosi
ka-Israyeli!” 14 UJesu wathola inkonyane
kababhemi wayigada njengoba kulotshiwe
ukuthi: 15 “Ungesabi, Oh Ndodakazi yeZiyoni;
khangela, inkosi yakho iyeza, ihlezi phezu
kwenkonyane kababhemi.” 16 Kuqala abafundi
bakhe kabakuzwisisanga konke lokhu. Kwaze
kwaba ngemva kokuba uJesu esekhazimulisiwe
lapho abananzelela khona ukuba izinto lezi
zazilotshwe ngaye lokuthi babezenzile kuye
lezozinto. 17 Ngalesosikhathi ixuku elalilaye
mhla ebiza uLazaro ethuneni wabuye wamvusa
ekufeni laqhubeka lilifakaza ilizwi. 18 Abantu
abanengi bahamba ukuyamhlangabeza ngoba
basebezwile ukuthi wayewenzile umangaliso
lo. 19 AbaFarisi bakhulumisana besithi,
“Liyabona, into le izasitshiya esikhaleni.
Khangelani ukuthi umhlaba wonke usuthe
zalezale kuye!” 20 Kwakukhona amaGrikhi
phakathi kwalabo abayakhonza emkhosini.
21 Beza kuFiliphu owayevela eBhethisayida
eGalile lesicelo esithi, “Nkosi, sifuna ukubona
uJesu.” 22 UFiliphu wayatshela u-Andreya; u-
Andreya loFiliphu basebemtshela uJesu. 23
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Sesifikile isikhathi
sokuba iNdodana yoMuntu ikhazimuliswe. 24
Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi ngaphandle kokuthi
uhlamvu lwengqoloyi luwele emhlabathini lufe,
lusala lulokhu luluhlamvu olulodwa. Kodwa
lungaze lufe luthela inhlamvu ezinengi. 25
Umuntu othanda impilo yakhe izamlahlekela
ikanti umuntu ozonda impilo yakhe kulo
umhlaba uzayilondolozela ingunaphakade.
(aiōnios g166) 26 Lowo ongikhonzayo kumele
angilandele, lalapho engikhona lesikhonzi
sami sikhona. UBaba uzamdumisa lowo
ongikhonzayo. 27 Khathesi inhliziyo yami
ikhathazekile. Kambe ngingatsho na ngithi,
‘Baba, ngihlenga singafiki lesosikhathi’? Hatshi,
kwakungenxa yalesisizatho ukuze ngingene
kulesisikhathi. 28 Baba, khazimulisa ibizo
lakho!” Kwasekufika ilizwi livela ezulwini
lisithi, “Sengilikhazimulisile, ngizaphinda
ngilikhazimulise.” 29 Ixuku labantu elalilapho
elalizwayo ilizwi lathi kube lomdumo wezulu;
abanye bathi ingilosi yayikhulume laye.
30 UJesu wathi, “Ilizwi leli belingelokusiza
lina, hayi mina. 31 Manje sekuyisikhathi
sokwahlulela kulo umhlaba; manje inkosi
yalo umhlaba isizaxotshwa. 32 Kodwa mina
nxa sengiphakanyisiwe ngisuswa emhlabeni,
ngizabadonsela kimi bonke abantu.” 33
Wakutsho lokhu eveza ukuthi wayezakufa
ukufa okunjani. 34 Ixuku labhoboka lathi,
“Sezwa eMthethweni ukuthi uKhristu uzahlala
kokuphela, pho ukutsho kanjani ukuthi,
‘INdodana yoMuntu imele iphakanyiswe na’?
Ingubani yona ‘iNdodana yoMuntu’ le?” (aiōn
g165) 35 UJesu wabatshela wathi, “Lizakuba
lakho ukukhanya okwesikhatshana esithile.
Hambani liseselakho ukukhanya, ubumnyama
bungakaligubuzeli. Umuntu ophumputha
emnyameni kakwazi lapho aya khona. 36
Bekani ithemba lenu ekukhanyeni liseselakho
ukuze libe ngamadodana okukhanya.” Wathi
eseqedile ukukhuluma uJesu wasuka kubo
wayazifihla. 37 Lanxa uJesu wayeseyenze yonke
imimangaliso le emehlweni abo babelokhu
bengakholwa kuye. 38 Lokhu kwakugcwalisa
ilizwi lika-Isaya umphrofethi elithi: “Nkosi,

ngubani olikholiweyo ilizwi lethu na, njalo
amandla eNkosi ambulelwe ubani na?" 39
Ngalesisizatho babengeke bakholwa ngoba
u-Isaya uyatsho komunye umbhalo ukuthi:
40 "Uwafiphazile amehlo abo wathundubeza
inhliziyo zabo ukuze bangaboni ngamehlo
abo njalo bangezwisisi ngenhliziyo zabo, loba
baphenduke, ukuze ngibasilise." 41 U-Isaya
wakutsho lokhu ngoba wayibona inkazimulo
kaJesu njalo wayekhuluma ngaye. 42 Kodwa
loba kunjalo, abanengi labanye abakhokheli
bakholwa kuye. Kodwa ngenxa yabaFarisi
kabalufakazanga ukholo lwabo besesaba
ukuthi bazaxotshwa esinagogweni; 43 ngoba
babethanda ukubukwa ngabantu okwedlula
ukubukwa okuvela kuNkulunkulu. 44 UJesu
wasememeza wathi, "Nxa umuntu ekholwa
kimi, kakholwa kimi kuphela kodwa kuye
lowo ongithumileyo. 45 Nxa ekhangela mina
ubona yena lowo ongithumileyo. 46 Ngibuye
emhlabeni ngiyikukhanya ukuze angabikhona
okholwa kimi ozahlala ebumnyameni. 47
Nxa umuntu ewezwa amazwi ami kodwa
angawagcini, angimahluleli mina. Phela
kangilandanga ukuzowahlulela umhlaba
kodwa ukuzowusindisa. 48 Ukhona umahluleli
walowo ongalayo, ongawemukeliyo amazwi
ami; lawomazwi engawakhulumayo uqobo
azamlahla ngosuku lokucina. 49 Ngoba
kangizikhulumelanga ngokwentando yami
kodwa uBaba owangithumayo wangilaya ukuthi
ngithini lokuthi ngikutsho kanjani. 50 Ngiyazi
ukuthi umlayo wakhe uholela ekuphileni
kwaphakade. Ngakho loba kuyini engikutshoyo
yikho lokho uBaba angitshele khona ukuthi
ngikutsho." (aiōnios g166)

13 Kwakuyisikhathi lapho uMkhosi wePhasika
ususondele. UJesu wayekwazi ukuthi
isikhathi sokuthi asuke kulumhlaba aye
kuYise sasesisondele. Wayehlezi ebathanda
abakhe abasemhlabeni, lesi kwasekuyisikhathi
sokubatshengisa ukujula kothando lwakhe.
2 Kwathi kudliwa ukudla kwakusihlwa,
uSathane wayevele esemtshutshisile uJudasi
Iskariyothi, indodana kaSimoni, ukuthi anikele
uJesu. 3 UJesu wayekwazi ukuthi uYise
wayenikele zonke izinto emandleni akhe,
lokuthi yena wayevela kuNkulunkulu njalo
wayebuyela kuNkulunkulu, 4 ngakho wasukuma
ekudleni, wakhulula isembatho saphezulu,
wabophela ithawulo ekhalweni lwakhe. 5
Ngemva kwalokho, wathela amanzi enditshini
waseqalisa ukugezisa inyawo zabafundi bakhe,
wazesula ngethawulo leyo ayezibophe ngayo.
6 Wafika kuSimoni Phethro owathi kuye,
"Nkosi, kambe wena nguwe ongagezisa
inyawo zami na?" 7 UJesu waphendula wathi,
"Kawukuzwisisi lokhu engikwenzayo khathesi
kodwa uzakuzwisisa ngesikhathi esizayo." 8
UPhethro wathi, "Hatshi, kawusoze lanini
ugezise inyawo zami." UJesu waphendula
wathi, "Nxa ngingakugezisi kawulabudlelwano
lami." (aiōn g165) 9 UPhethro waphendula
wathi, "Nkosi, nxa kunjalo, kakungabi zinyawo
zami zodwa kodwa lezandla zami kanye
lekhanda lami!" 10 UJesu waphendula wathi,
"Lowo ogeze umzimba udinga ukugeza
inyawo zakhe kuphela, ngoba umzimba wakhe
wonke uhlanzekile. Njalo lina lihlanzekile
loba nje kungayisini lonke elihlanzekileyo."
11 Ngoba wayemazi lowo owayezamnikela,
yikho wathi kakusibo bonke ababehlanzekile.
12 Eseqedile ukubagezisa inyawo, wagqoka
isembatho saphezulu wasebuyela endaweni
yakhe. Wababuza wathi, "Liyakuzwisisa
na esengilenzele khona? 13 Lingibiza lithi
'Mfundisi' lokuthi 'Nkosi,' lisitsho liqondile,
ngoba ngiyikho lokho. 14 Manje-ke njengoba
mina, iNkosi yenu loMfundisi, sengigezise
inyawo zenu, lani kumele ligezisane inyawo. 15
Sengilenzele isibonelo ukuthi lenze njengoba
ngilenzele mina. 16 Ngempela ngiqinisile
ngithi kini kakulanceku enkulu kulenkosi
yayo, njalo isithunywa kasisikhulu kulalowo
osithumileyo. 17 Lingaze lizazi lezizinto
lizabusiswa nxa lizenza." 18 "Kangikhulumi
ngani lonke; ngiyabazi labo esengibakhethile.
Kodwa lokhu kuyikugcwalisa umbhalo othi:
'Lowo obesidla lami isinkwa usengihlamukele.'
19 Ngilazisa khathesi kungakenzakali, ukwenzela
ukuthi lapho sekusenzakala, likholwe ukuthi
ngiNguye. 20 Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi lowo
owamukela loba ngubani engimthumayo

wamukela mina njalo lowo owamukela mina
wamukela lowo ongithumileyo.” 21 UJesu
esatsho lokhu wakhathazeka kakhulu wafakaza
wathi, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi omunye wenu
uzanginikela.” 22 Abafundi bakhe bakhangelana
bedidekile ukuthi kambe angabe esitsho
wuphi kubo. 23 Omunye wabo owayethandwa
nguJesu wayeyeme etafuleni eduzane laye. 24
USimoni Phethro wasemqhweba lowomfundi
wathi kuye, “Mbuze ukuthi utsho bani.”
25 Waseseyama kuJesu wambuza wathi,
“Nkosi, ngubani?” 26 UJesu waphendula
wathi, “Kungulowo engizamupha ucezu
lwesinkwa nxa sengisitshebile emganwini.”
Kwathi esesitshebile isinkwa wasiqhubela
uJudasi Iskariyothi, indodana kaSimoni. 27
Wonela ukusithatha isinkwa uJudasi uSathane
wasengena kuye. UJesu wathi kuye, “Lokho
osufuna ukukwenza, kwenze masinyane.” 28
Kodwa kakho etafuleni owazwisisayo ukuthi
kungani uJesu watsho njalo kuye. 29 Ngenxa
yokuthi uJudasi nguye owayephatha imali,
abanye bacabanga ukuthi uJesu wayemtshela
ukuthi athenge lokho okwakuzafuneka
emkhosini kumbe ukuthi anike okuthile
kwabampofu. 30 Wonela ukuthi athathe
isinkwa waphuma. Kwasekusebusuku. 31
Esehambile uJesu wathi, “Khathesi iNdodana
yoMuntu isikhazimulisiwe njalo uNkulunkulu
ukhazimulisiwe kuyo. 32 Nxa uNkulunkulu
ekhazimulisiwe kuyo, uNkulunkulu laye
uzayikhazimulisa iNdodana kuye njalo
uzayikhazimulisa masinyane. 33 Bantwabami,
ngizakuba lani okwesikhatshana esincane.
Lizangidinga kodwa njengoba ngawatshela
amaJuda, lani sengilitshela khathesi ukuthi:
Lapho engiyakhona, alingeke lifike. 34
Ngilinika umlayo omutsha: Thandanani. Kumele
lithandane njengoba lami ngilithandile. 35
Bonke abantu bazakwazi ukuthi lingabafundi
bami nxa lithandana.” 36 USimoni Phethro
wambuza wathi, “Nkosi, kanti uya ngaphi na?”
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lapho engiyakhona
ungazake ungilandele khathesi kodwa
uzangilandela ngesikhathi esizayo.” 37 Wabuza
uPhethro wathi, “Nkosi, kungani ngingahle
ngikulandele khathesi? Ngizanikela ukuphila
kwami kuwe.” 38 UJesu wasemphendula wathi,
“Kambe uzinikele ukuphila kwakho ngenxa
yami? Ngiqinisile ngithi uzangiphika kathathu
iqhude lingakakhali!”

14 “Inhliziyo zenu kazingakhathazeki.
Kholwani kuNkulunkulu; likholwe lakimi.
2 Emzini kaBaba kulezindlu ezinengi; aluba
kwakungenjalo ngabe ngalitshela. Ngiya
khona ukuyalilungisela indawo. 3 Njalo nxa
sengiyile ukulilungisela indawo ngizabuya
ngizolithatha ukuthi libe lami, ukuze libe
lami lapho engikhona. 4 Liyayazi indlela
eya lapho engiyakhona.” 5 UThomasi wathi
kuye, “Nkosi, kasikwazi lapho oya khona,
pho singayazi kanjani indlela na?” 6 UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Mina ngiyiyo indlela
njalo ngiliqiniso lokuphila. Kakho oza kuBaba
ngaphandle kwami. 7 Aluba belingazi
ngempela, belizamazi loBaba. Kusukela
khathesi, selimazi njalo selimbonile.” 8
UFiliphu wathi, “Nkosi, sitshengise uBaba
ngoba yikho lokho okuzasanelisa.” 9 UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Lokhe ungangazi na
Filiphu, emva kwesikhathi eside kangaka
ngilani? Lowo ongibonileyo usembonile uBaba.
Ungatsho kanjani ukuthi, ‘Sitshengise uBaba’?
10 Kawukholwa yini ukuthi ngikuBaba lokuthi
uBaba ukimi? Amazwi engiwakhulumayo
kini akusiwami. Kodwa nguBaba ophila kimi
owenzayo umsebenzi wakhe. 11 Kholwani
kimi nxa ngisithi ngikuBaba loBaba ukimi;
loba ukukholwa ubufakazi bemimangaliso
ngokwayo nje zwi. 12 Ngiqinisile ukuthi lowo
okholwa kimi uzakwenza lokho ebengikwenza.
Uzakwenza izinto ezinkulu kulalezi ngoba
ngiya kuBaba. 13 Njalo ngizakwenza noma
yini eliyicelayo ngebizo lami ukuze iNdodana
ilethe inkazimulo kuBaba. 14 Lingacela noma
yini ngebizo lami, ngizakwenza.” 15 “Nxa
lingithanda, gcinani imilayo yami. 16 Ngizacela
kuBaba ukuthi alinike omunye umeli ukuthi
alisize abe lani kuze kube laphakade, (aiōn g165)
17 uMoya weqiniso. Ilizwe ngeke limamukele
ngoba kalimboni njalo kalimazi. Kodwa lina
liyamazi ngoba uhlala lani njalo uzakuba
lani. 18 Kangisoze ngilitshiye lizintandane,

ngizabuya kini. 19 Kakusekhatshana ukuthi
umhlaba ungabe usangibona njalo kodwa lina
lizangibona. Ngenxa yokuthi ngiyaphila, lani
lizaphila futhi. 20 Ngalolosuku lizakunanzelela
ukuthi ngikuBaba, lina likimi, lami ngikini.
21 Lowo olayo imilayo yami, ayigcine, nguye
ongithandayo. Lowo ongithandayo uzathandwa
nguBaba njalo lami ngizamthanda ngiziveze
kuye." 22 Ngakho uJudasi (hatshi uJudasi
Iskariyothi) wathi, "Kodwa Nkosi, kungani
ujonge ukuziveza kithi, hatshi emhlabeni na?" 23
UJesu waphendula wathi, "Lowo ongithandayo
uzalalela imfundiso yami. UBaba uzamthanda
njalo sizakuza kuye sakhe umuzi wethu kanye
laye. 24 Lowo ongangithandiyo kayikulalela
imfundiso yami. Amazwi la eliwezwayo kayisiwo
wami, ngakaBaba ongithumileyo. 25 Konke
lokhu ngikukhulume ngiseselani. 26 Kodwa
uMeli, uMoya ONgcwele, uBaba azamthumela
ebizweni lami, uzalifundisa zonke izinto njalo
uzalikhumbuza konke engikukhulume kini. 27
Ukuthula ngikutshiya kini; ukuthula kwami
ngilinika khona. Kangiliniki njengokunika
komhlaba. Lingakhathazeki ezinhliziyweni
zenu njalo lingesabi. 28 Langizwa ngisithi,
'Ngiyahamba njalo ngizabuya kini.' Kube
belingithanda, ngabe liyathokoza ukuthi
ngiya kuBaba, ngoba uBaba mkhulu kulami.
29 Sengilitshelile manje kungakenzakali
ukuze kuthi nxa sekusenzakala likholwe. 30
Kangisayikukhuluma okunengi kini ngoba
inkosi yalo umhlaba isisiza. Kayilamandla
phezu kwami, 31 kodwa umhlaba umele wazi
ukuthi ngiyamthanda uBaba lokuthi ngenza
khona kanye uBaba angilaye khona. Wozani
manje; kasisukeni lapha."

15 "Mina ngilivini eliqotho, uBaba
ungumlimi. 2 Zonke ingatsha ezingatheli
izithelo uyaziquma, kuthi zonke ingatsha
ezithelayo uyazithena kuhle ukuze zithele
kakhulu. 3 Lina selihlambulukile ngenxa
yelizwi esengilikhulume kini. 4 Hlalani
kimi, lami ngizahlala kini. Kalukho ugatsha
olungathela izithelo ngokwalo kodwa kumele
luhlale lusevinini. Lani lingeke lithele izithelo
ngaphandle kokuthi lihlale kimi. 5 Mina
ngilivini; lina lizingatsha. Nxa umuntu ehlala
kimi lami kuye, uzathela izithelo ezinengi;
ngaphandle kwami kakukho elingakwenza.
6 Nxa lingahlali kimi, lizabe lifana logatsha
olulahliweyo lwabuna; ingatsha ezinjalo
ziyathezwa, zibaswe besezisitsha. 7 Nxa
lihlala kimi lamazwi ami ehlala kini,
celani loba yini eliyifunayo, lizayiphiwa. 8
Lokhu kungokwenkazimulo kaBaba ukuze
lithele izithelo ezinengi, lizitshengisa ukuthi
lingabafundi bami. 9 Njengoba uBaba
engithanda, lami ngilithande ngendlela
angithanda ngayo. Ngakho-ke, hlalani
ethandweni lwami. 10 Nxa ligcina imilayo
yami, lizahlala lisethandweni lwami, njengoba
lami ngilalele imilayo kaBaba ngihlala
ngisethandweni lwakhe. 11 Ngilitshele lokhu
ukuze ukuthokoza kwami kube kini lokuthi
ukuthokoza kwenu kuphelele. 12 Umlayo
wami yilo: Thandanani njengoba ngilithandile
lani. 13 Kakho olothando olukhulu kulonikela
ukuphila kwakhe ngenxa yabangane bakhe. 14
Lingabangane bami nxa lisenza lokho engililaya
khona. 15 Kangisalibizi ngokuthi liyizinceku
ngoba inceku kayiwazisisi umsebenzi wenkosi
yayo. Kodwa ngithe kini lingabangane ngoba
konke engakufunda kuBaba ngilazisile. 16
Kalingikhethanga, kodwa yimi engalikhethayo,
ngalibeka ukuze liyethela izithelo, izithelo
ezizahlala isikhathi eside ukuze kuthi konke
elikucela ngebizo lami uBaba alinike khona.
17 Nanku umlayo wami: Thandanani." 18
"Nxa umhlaba ulizonda, khumbulani ukuthi
wangizonda kuqala. 19 Ngabe belingabomhlaba,
ubuzalithanda njengabantu bawo. Njengoba
kunje, kalisibo abomhlaba, kodwa ngilikhethe
lisemhlabeni. Yikho umhlaba ulizonda. 20
Khumbulani amazwi engawakhuluma kini
ngisithi: 'Kakulanceku enkulu kuleNkosi
yayo.'Nxa bangihlukuluza, lani bazalihlukuluza.
Nxa balalela imfundiso yami, bazayilalela
leyenu. 21 Bazaliphatha ngaleyondlela
ngenxa yebizo lami, ngoba kabamazi lowo
ongithumileyo. 22 Aluba bengingezanga
ngakhuluma kubo bebengayikuba lomlandu
wesono. Kodwa manje kabaselaxolo ngesono
sabo. 23 Lowo ozonda mina uzonda

loBaba. 24 Aluba angenzanga umangaliso
ongenziwanga ngomunye wabo phakathi
kwabo, babengayikuba lomlandu wesono.
Kodwa khathesi sebeyibonile imimangaliso
le, kodwa baphinde bangizonde mina kanye
loBaba. 25 Kodwa lokhu kwenzeka ukuze
kugcwalise okulotshiweyo eMthethweni wabo
ukuthi: 'Bangizonda kungelasizatho.'" 26
"Angaze afike uMeli engizamthumela kini evela
kuBaba, uMoya weqiniso ophuma kuBaba,
uzafakaza ngami; 27 lani kumele lifakaze, ngoba
laba lami kusukela ekuqaleni."

16 "Ngilitshela konke lokhu ukuze ukholo
lwenu lunganyikinyeki. 2 Bazalixotsha
esinagogweni; ngempela siyeza isikhathi lapho
abazalibulala khona bezitshela ukuthi benzela
uNkulunkulu into enhle. 3 Bazakwenza
lokhu ngoba kabamazanga uBaba loba mina.
4 Ngilitshela lokhu ukuze kuthi isikhathi
lesi sifika likhumbule ukuthi ngalixwayisa
ngaso. Kangilitshelanga lokhu ekuqaleni ngoba
ngangilani." 5 "Kodwa khathesi sengisiya
kuye ongithumileyo. Kakho kini ongibuzayo
ukuthi, 'Uya ngaphi na?' 6 Kodwa ngenxa
yokuba sengizitshilo lezizinto, selihlulukelwe. 7
Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi: Kulungele lina ukuba
ngihambe. Ngaphandle kokuthi ngihambe,
uMeli akayikuza kini; kodwa nxa ngihamba,
ngizamthuma kini. 8 Lapho efika uzatshengisa
umhlaba ukuthi ulahlekile ngesono, ngokulunga
langokwahlulelwa: 9 ngokwesono, ngoba abantu
kabakholwa kimi; 10 ngokulunga, ngoba ngiya
kuBaba, lapho elingasayi kungibona khona
njalo; 11 langokwahlulelwa, ngoba umbusi
walo umhlaba usemiselwe ukulahlwa. 12
Kusasekunengi engingakutsho kini, kodwa
kungalisinda. 13 Kodwa yena uMoya weqiniso
nxa esefikile uzalikhokhelela kulolonke iqiniso.
Kazukuzikhulumela yena; uzakhuluma lokho
akuzwayo kuphela, njalo uzalitshela lokho
okusazobuya. 14 Uzaletha inkazimulo kini
ngokuthatha kulokho okungokwami akwenze
kwazakale kini. 15 Konke okungokukaBaba
ngokwami. Yikho ngithe uMoya uzathatha
kokungokwami akwenze kwazakale kini." 16
UJesu waqhubeka esithi, "Ngesikhatshana aliyi
kungibona, kodwa ngemva kwesikhatshana
lizangibona." 17 Abanye babafundi bakhe
bakhulumisana bathi, "Utshoni ngokuthi,
'Ngemva kwesikhatshana kalisayikungibona,'
njalo athi, 'Kuthi ngemva kwesikhatshana
lizangibona njalo, Ngoba ngiya kuBaba' na?"
18 Babelokhu bebuza besithi, "Utshoni nxa
esithi 'isikhatshana'? Kasikuzwisisi lokho
akutshoyo." 19 UJesu wabona ukuthi
babefuna ukumbuza ngalokhu, wasesithi kubo,
"Liyabuzana ukuthi bengisitshoni ngize ngithi,
'Ngemva kwesikhatshana kalisayikungibona'?
20 Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi lizakhala lilile
kodwa umhlaba wona uthokoza. Lizakuba losizi,
kodwa usizi lwenu luzakuba yintokozo. 21
Owesifazane nxa ebeletha uzwa ubuhlungu
ngoba isikhathi sakhe sesifikile; kodwa nxa
umntwana esezelwe uyabukhohlwa ubuhlungu
lobo ngenxa yentokozo yokuthi sekuzelwe
umntwana emhlabeni. 22 Kunjalo lakini: Manje
yisikhathi senu sosizi, kodwa ngizaphinda
ngilibone beselithokoza, njalo kakho ozaphinda
alemuke intokozo yenu. 23 Ngalolosuku
kaliyi kungibuza lutho. Ngiqinisile ngithi
kini, uBaba wami uzalinika loba yini eliyicela
ngebizo lami. 24 Kuze kube manje kalikaceli
lutho ngebizo lami. Celani, lizakwamukeliswa,
ukuze ukuthokoza kwenu kuphelele. 25 Lanxa
bengikhuluma ngemizekeliso, siyeza isikhathi
lapho ngingasayikukhuluma ngaleyondlela,
kodwa engizalitshela khona kamhlophe
ngoBaba. 26 Ngalelolanga lizacela ngebizo
lami. Kangitsho ukuthi ngizalicelela kuBaba.
27 Hatshi, uBaba yena ngokwakhe uyalithanda
ngoba lingithandile, lakukholwa ukuthi ngavela
kuNkulunkulu. 28 Ngavela kuBaba ngangena
emhlabeni; okwamanje sengiwutshiya umhlaba
sengibuyela kuBaba." 29 Abafundi bakaJesu
basebesithi, "Khathesi usukhuluma kamhlophe
ungasazekelisi. 30 Khathesi sesibona ukuthi
uyazazi izinto zonke lokuthi kakudingeki
ukuthi ubuzwe imibuzo. Lokhu kwenza ukuthi
sikholwe ukuba wavela kuNkulunkulu." 31
UJesu waphendula wathi, "Khathesi selikholwa
na? 32 Kodwa siyeza isikhathi, sesifikile,
lapho elizachitheka khona, ngulowo aye
ngakibo. Lizangitshiya ngedwa lonke. Ikanti

kangingedwa ngoba uBaba ulami. 33 Ngilitshele
izinto lezi ukuze libe lokuthula kimi.
Kulumhlaba lizahlupheka. Kodwa wobani
lesibindi! Sengiwunqobile umhlaba."

17 UJesu esekutshilo lokhu, wakhangela
ezulwini wakhuleka wathi: "Baba, isikhathi
sesifikile. Khazimulisa iNdodana yakho, ukuze
iNdodana yakho ikukhazimulise. 2 Ngoba
wayinika amandla phezu kwabantu bonke
ukuthi ibaphe ukuphila okungapheliyo kubo
bonke labo obanike yona. (aiōnios g166) 3 Manje-
ke yilokhu ukuphila okungapheliyo: ukuthi
bakwazi wena, onguwe wedwa uNkulunkulu
weqiniso, loJesu Khristu omthumileyo.
(aiōnios g166) 4 Sengikulethele inkazimulo
emhlabeni ngokuphelelisa umsebenzi
owanginika wona ukuthi ngiwenze. 5 Manje,
Baba, akungikhazimulise phambi kwakho
ngaleyonkazimulo esasilayo sobabili umhlaba
ungakabi khona." 6 "Ngikuvezile kulabo
owangipha bona emhlabeni. Babengabakho;
wangipha bona njalo labo balilalele ilizwi lakho.
7 Khathesi sebesazi ukuthi konke lokho onginike
khona kuvela kuwe. 8 Ngoba ngabanika
amazwi owanginika wona bawemukela. Bakwazi
ngeqiniso ukuthi ngavela kuwe njalo bakholwa
ukuthi ungithumile. 9 Ngikhulekela bona.
Kangikhulekeli umhlaba kodwa labo onginike
bona ngoba bangabakho. 10 Konke engilakho
ngokwakho, lakho konke olakho ngokwami.
Lenkazimulo isikimi ngabo. 11 Kangisayikuhlala
emhlabeni kusukela khathesi ngoba sengisiza
kuwe, kodwa bona balokhu besemhlabeni. Baba
Ongcwele, bavikele ngamandla ebizo lakho, ibizo
owanginika lona ukuze babemunye njengalokhu
thina simunye. 12 Ngesikhathi ngiphakathi
kwabo ngabavikela, ngabagcina bephephile
ngalelobizo owanginika lona. Kakulahlekanga
loyedwa ngaphandle koyedwa owayefanele
ukubhubha ukuze kugcwaliseke uMbhalo. 13
Sengisiza kuwe manje, kodwa ngiyazitsho
lezizinto ngisesemhlabeni ukuze babe lentokozo
yami ngokugcweleyo ngaphakathi kwabo.
14 Ngibaphile ilizwi lakho ngakho umhlaba
usubazonda ngoba bengaseyibo bomhlaba
njengoba lami ngingasuye womhlaba. 15
Umkhuleko wami kawusi wokuthi ubasuse
emhlabeni, kodwa ukuthi ubavikele komubi.
16 Kabasibo bomhlaba, njengoba lami
ngingasiwawo. 17 Bangcwelise ngalo iqiniso;
ilizwi lakho liliqiniso. 18 Njengalokhu
wangithuma emhlabeni, lami ngibathumile
emhlabeni. 19 Ngenxa yabo ngiyazingcwelisa
ukuze labo bangcweliswe ngobuqotho."
20 "Umkhuleko wami kawusiwabo bodwa.
Ngikhulekela njalo labo abazakholwa kimi
ngenxa yobufakazi babo, 21 ukuthi bonke
babemunye Baba njengoba wena ukimi lami
ngikuwe. Sengathi labo bangaba kithi ukuze
umhlaba ukholwe ukuthi ungithumile. 22
Ngibaphile inkazimulo owangipha yona ukuze
babemunye njengalokhu thina simunye: 23
mina ngibe kubo lawe ukimi. Sengathi bangaba
lokumanyana okupheleleyo ukutshengisa
umhlaba ukuthi ungithumile njalo ubathandile
njengalokhu ungithandile lami. 24 Baba, ngifuna
ukuthi labo ongiphe bona babe lami lapho
engikhona njalo bayibone inkazimulo yami,
inkazimulo onginike yona ngoba wangithanda
umhlaba ungakadalwa. 25 Baba olungileyo, loba
umhlaba ungakwazi, mina ngiyakwazi, njalo
bayakwazi ukuthi ungithumile. 26 Ngikuvezile
wena kubo njalo ngizaqhubeka ukwenza ukuthi
waziwe ukuze kuthi uthando olalo kimi lube
ngolwabo njalo lokuthi mina ngokwami ngibe
kubo."

18 Wathi eseqedile ukukhuleka, uJesu wasuka
kanye labafundi bakhe bakhuphuka iSigodi
seKhidroni. Ngaphetsheya kwakulensimu yama-
Oliva lapho angena khona labafundi bakhe. 2
UJudasi owamnikelayo wayeyazi leyondawo
ngoba uJesu wayehlezi esiyahlangana khona
labafundi bakhe. 3 Ngakho uJudasi weza
ensimini leyo, ehola ixuku lamanxusa kanye
lezinye izikhulu ezazivela kubaphristi abakhulu
labaFarisi. Babephethe izibane lezikhali.
4 UJesu esazi konke okwakuzakwenzakala
kuye waya phambili wababuza wathi,
"Lifuna bani na?" 5 Baphendula bathi,
"uJesu waseNazaretha." UJesu wathi,
"Nginguye." (UJudasi, umthengisi wayemi
khonapho labo.) 6 UJesu esethe, "Nginguye,"

batsheda bawela phansi. 7 Wababuza njalo
wathi, “Lifuna bani na?” Bathi, “UJesu
waseNazaretha.” 8 UJesu waphendula wathi,
“Ngilitshelile ngathi nginguye. Nxa lidinga
mina, yekelani amadoda la azihambele.” 9 Lokhu
kwenzakala ukuze amazwi awakhulumayo athi:
“Kangilahlekelwanga lamunye walabo ongiphe
bona agcwaliseke.” 10 Kwasekusithi uSimoni
Phethro owayelenkemba, wayikhokha wagalela
inceku yomphristi omkhulu, wayiquma indlebe
yayo yakwesokunene. (Ibizo lenceku leyo
lalinguMalikhusi.) 11 UJesu wamkhalimela
uPhethro wathi, “Beka khatshana inkemba
yakho! Ngingayinathi inkezo uBaba asengiphe
yona na?” 12 Kwasekusithi iqembu lamanxusa
lomlawuli walo kanye lezikhulu zamaJuda
bambamba uJesu. Bambopha, 13 bamusa ku-
Anasi kuqala owayenguyisezala kaKhayifasi
owayengumphristi omkhulu ngalowomnyaka. 14
UKhayifasi nguye owayecebise amaJuda ukuthi
kwakuzaba kuhle ukuthi indoda eyodwa ifele
abantu. 15 USimoni Phethro lomunye umfundi
babemlandela uJesu. Kwathi ngoba lowomfundi
wayesaziwa ngumphristi omkhulu wangena
loJesu egumeni lomphristi omkhulu, 16 kodwa
uPhethro yena walinda ngaphandle komnyango.
Lowomfundi owayesaziwa ngumphristi
omkhulu wabuya wakhuluma lentombazana
eyayilindile khonapho, wasengenisa uPhethro.
17 Intombazana eyayilinde emnyango yambuza
uPhethro yathi, “Konje wena lawe ungomunye
wabafundi bendoda le?” Waphendula wathi,
“Kangisuye.” 18 Kwakuqanda, ngakho izinceku
lezikhulu zazimi zisotha umlilo ezaziwubasile.
UPhethro laye wayemi lazo esotha umlilo.
19 Ngalesosikhathi umphristi omkhulu
wayebuzabuza uJesu mayelana labafundi bakhe
langemfundiso yakhe. 20 UJesu waphendula
wathi, “Ngikhulume obala kuwo umhlaba.
Kokuphela ngangifundisa emasinagogweni
kumbe ethempelini lapho amaJuda onke
abuthana khona. Kangikhulumanga lutho
ensitha. 21 Libuzelani mina? Buzani
labo abangizwayo. Ngiqinisile bayakwazi
engakukhulumayo.” 22 UJesu esetshonjalo,
omunye wezikhulu ezaziseduze kwakhe
wamhlankala ebusweni, wambuza wathi, “Yiyo
indlela yokuphendula umphristi omkhulu
leyo na?” 23 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Nxa
ngikhulume okungafanelanga kutsho. Kodwa
nxa ngikhulume iqiniso, ungitshayelani
na?” 24 U-Anasi wasemedlulisela kuKhayifasi
umphristi omkhulu elokhu ebotshiwe. 25
USimoni Phethro wayelokhu emi esotha umlilo,
abanye bambuza bathi, “Kakusiqiniso yini
ukuthi ungomunye wabafundi bakhe na?”
Waphika wathi, “Kangisuye.” 26 Omunye
wezinceku zomphristi omkhulu, owayeyisihlobo
sendoda eyaqunywa indlebe nguPhethro
yamqonda yathi, “Kangikubonanga yini ulaye
esivandeni sama-oliva na?” 27 UPhethro
waphika njalo, khonokho nje iqhude lakhala.
28 AmaJuda asemthatha uJesu kuKhayifasi
amusa esigodlweni sombusi ongumRoma.
Khonapho kwasekusempondozankomo njalo
ukuze angazingcolisi ngokwenkonzo yawo
amaJuda kawangenanga esigodlweni; ayefuna
ukuthi akulungele ukudla iPhasika. 29
Ngakho uPhilathu waphuma weza kuwo
wawabuza wathi, “Limbeka cala bani lumuntu
na?” 30 Aphendula athi, “Kube ubengesiso
isikliwi besingasoze simlethe kuwe.” 31
UPhilathu wathi, “Mthatheni lina limahlulele
ngokomthetho wenu.” AmaJuda atshinga
athi, “Phela thina kasilawo amandla okuquma
umuntu.” 32 Lokhu kwenzakala ukuze amazwi
uJesu ayewakhulumile ngendlela ayezakufa
ngayo agcwaliseke. 33 UPhilathu wasengena
njalo esigodlweni, wabiza uJesu wambuza
wathi, “Wena uyinkosi yamaJuda na?” 34
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lowo ngumcabango
wakho yini kumbe kulabanye abake bakhuluma
lawe ngami?” 35 UPhilathu waphendula
wathi, “Ucabanga ukuthi ngingumJuda
na? Ngabantu bakini labaphristi abakhulu
abakulethe lapha kimi. Kanti uvele woneni?”
36 UJesu wathi, “Umbuso wami kawusi
walumhlaba. Aluba kwakunjalo izinceku
zami bezizakulwa ukwenqabela ukuthi
ngingabotshwa ngamaJuda. Kodwa hatshi,
umbuso wami uvela kwenye indawo.” 37
UPhilathu wathi, “Ngakho uyinkosi phela?”
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Uqondile ukuthi
ngiyinkosi. Ngeqiniso ngazalelwa lokho njalo

ngalanda khona emhlabeni, ukuzafakaza
iqiniso. Bonke abemi eqinisweni bayangilalela.”
38 UPhilathu wabuza wathi, “Yiliphi iqiniso?”
Esekutshilo lokhu waphinda waphuma waya
kumaJuda wathi, “Angifumani lutho lokumbeka
icala. 39 Kodwa kungumkhuba wenu ukuthi
ngilikhululele esinye isibotshwa ngesikhathi
sePhasika. Lifuna ukuthi ngilikhululele inkosi
yamaJuda na?” 40 Amemeza athi, “Hatshi,
hayi lo! Siphe uBharabhasi!” UBharabhasi
wayephatheke ekukhokheleni umvukela.

19 UPhilathu wasemthatha uJesu wathi
katshaywe ngemvubu. 2 Amabutho eluka
umqhele wameva awubeka ekhanda lakhe.
Amgqokisa isigqoko esiyibubende 3 aya kuye
aphindaphinda ememeza esithi, “Bayethe!
Nkosi yamaJuda!” 4 UPhilathu waphinda
waphuma wathi kumaJuda, “Khangelani,
sengimkhupha ngimlethe kini ngilazisa ukuthi
kangifumani sizatho sokumethesa icala.” 5
Kwathi uJesu ephuma egqoke umqhele wameva,
egqoke isigqoko esiyibubende, uPhilathu
wathi kubo, “Iboneni-ke, nansi indoda!” 6
Abaphristi abakhulu lezikhulu zabo bonela
ukumbona bamemeza bathi, “Mbethele!
Mbethele!” Kodwa uPhilathu waphendula
wathi, “Mthatheni limbethele lina. Mina,
kangifumani sizatho sokumethesa icala.” 7
AmaJuda aphikelela athi, “Thina silomthetho,
ngakho mayelana lalowomthetho kumele afe
ngoba uzithi uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.”
8 UPhilathu wathi ekuzwa lokhu wesaba
kakhulu, 9 wasebuyela esigodlweni. Wabuza
uJesu wathi, “Ungowangaphi wena?” Kodwa
uJesu kamphendulanga. 10 UPhilathu wathi,
“Kawufuni kukhuluma lami? Awuboni yini
ukuthi mina ngilamandla okukukhulula
lawokukubethela?” 11 UJesu waphendula
wathi, “Kawulawo amandla phezu kwami
ongawaphiwanga evela phezulu. Ngakho-
ke, lowo onginikele kuwe ulecala lesono
esikhulu kakhulu.” 12 Kusukela lapho
uPhilathu wazama ukukhulula uJesu, kodwa
amaJuda aqhubeka ememeza esithi, “Nxa
uyekela umuntu lo ahambe, kawulabungane
loKhesari. Lowo ozitshaya inkosi uphikisana
loKhesari.” 13 UPhilathu esezwe lokhu,
wamletha phandle uJesu, yena wasehlala
esihlalweni sakhe sokwahlulela endaweni
eyayithiwa yisiGcawu Esigandelwe Ngamatshe
(okuthiwa ngesiHebheru yiGabatha). 14
Kwakulusuku lokuLungisela iViki yePhasika,
ngehola lesithupha. UPhilathu wathi kumaJuda,
“Nansi inkosi yenu.” 15 Kodwa amemeza
athi, “Msuse! Msuse! Mbethele!” UPhilathu
wabuza wathi, “Ngibethele inkosi yenu na?”
Abaphristi abakhulu bamphendula bathi,
“Kasilankosi ngaphandle kukaKhesari.” 16
Ekucineni uPhilathu wamnikela kubo ukuba
abethelwe. Ngakho amabutho amthatha uJesu.
17 Wathwala isiphambano, wasuka waya
endaweni yoKhakhayi (okuthiwa ngesiHebheru
yiGoligotha). 18 Bambethela khona lapho kanye
labanye ababili, ngapha langapha kwakhe,
uJesu waba phakathi. 19 UPhilathu waloba
umbhalo wananyathiselwa esiphambanweni.
Wawubhalwe ukuthi: UJesu waseNazaretha,
iNkosi yamaJuda. 20 AmaJuda amanengi
awufunda umbhalo lowo ngoba lapho uJesu
ayebethelwe khona kwakuseduze ledolobho,
umbhalo lowo wawulotshwe ngesiHebheru,
ngesiLathini langesiGrikhi. 21 Abaphristi
abakhulu bamaJuda basola kuPhilathu bathi,
“Ungalobi uthi ‘INkosi yamaJuda,’ kodwa
umuntu lo wayezibiza ngokuthi uyinkosi
yamaJuda.” 22 UPhilathu waphendula
wathi, “Esengikulobile, sengikulobile.”
23 Kwathi amabutho esembethele uJesu,
athatha izigqoko zakhe azabelana, zaba
zingxenye ezine, zilingene ibutho linye
ngalinye, kwasala isigqoko sangaphansi. Sona
sasingelamthungo, silukwe sonke kusukela
phezulu kusiya phansi. 24 Bacebisana bathi,
“Kasingasidabuli. Kasikhetheni ngenkatho
ukuthi sibe ngesikabani.” Lokhu kwenzakala
ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo owathi: “Babelana
izembatho zami benza inkatho ngezigqoko
zami.” Yikho lokhu amabutho akwenzayo.
25 Eduze kwesiphambano sakhe uJesu
kwakumi unina, udadewabo kanina, uMariya
umkaKlopasi loMariya Magadalini. 26 UJesu
wathi ebona unina lapho lomfundi ayemthanda
emi lapho eduze, wathi kunina, “Mama,

nansi indodana yakho,” 27 wathi kumfundi,
“Nangu unyoko.” Kusukela kulesosikhathi
umfundi lowo wamthatha unina wamusa
ekhaya lakhe. 28 Ngemva kwalesosikhathi,
uJesu esesazi ukuthi konke kwasekuphelele
njalo ukuze umbhalo ugcwaliseke, wathi,
“Ngomile.” 29 Kwakubekwe imbodlela yewayini
yeviniga khonapho, basebegxamuza kuyo
uzipho baluxhuma eluthini lwesihlahlakazana
sehisophi, baluphakamisela endebeni
zikaJesu. 30 Esenathile wathi, “Sekuphelile.”
Esetshonjalo wagobisa ikhanda lakhe
wafa. 31 Lolo kwakulusuku lokuLungiselela,
ngosuku olulandelayo kwakuzakuba liSabatha
eliqakathekileyo. Ngenxa yokuthi amaJuda
ayengafuni izidumbu zisale eziphambanweni
ngeSabatha, acela uPhilathu ukuthi kwephulwe
amalunga emilenze lezidumbu zethulwe. 32
Yikho amabutho eza ephula imilenze yendoda
yakuqala eyayibethelwe loJesu, aphinda
lakweyinye. 33 Kodwa athi efika kuJesu ebona
ukuthi wayevele esefile, kawasazephulanga
izitho zakhe. 34 Endaweni yalokho elinye ibutho
lamciba uJesu ngomkhonto ohlangothini,
kwantshaza igazi lamanzi. 35 Umuntu
owakubonayo usebulethile ubufakazi, njalo
ubufakazi bakhe buliqiniso. Uyazi ukuthi
ukhuluma iqiniso njalo ufakazela ukuthi
lani libe lokukholwa. 36 Lezizinto zenzakala
ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo othi: “Kalikho
lalinye ithambo lakhe elizakwephulwa,” 37
lomunye umbhalo uthi, “Bazakhangela kulowo
abamgwazayo.” 38 Ngemva kwalokho, uJosefa
wase-Arimathiya wacela isidumbu sikaJesu
kuPhilathu. UJosefa lo wayengumfundi kaJesu
kodwa wayekufihla ngoba wayesesaba amaJuda.
Eselemvumo kaPhilathu weza wasithatha
isidumbu. 39 Wayephathiswa nguNikhodimasi,
indoda leyana eyayike yeza kuJesu ebusuku.
UNikhodimasi weza lamakha emure lenhlaba
engaba lesisindo samaphawundi angamatshumi
ayisikhombisa lanhlanu. 40 Bobabili bathatha
isidumbu sikaJesu basigcoba ngalawomakha
njalo basigoqela ngamaqhele elineni. Lokhu
kwakungumkhuba wamaJuda wokungcwaba.
41 Endaweni lapho uJesu abethelwa khona
kwakulesivande, esivandeni kulethuna elitsha
okwakungakaze kungcwatshwe muntu kulo. 42
Ngenxa yokuthi kwakulusuku lokulungiselela
lwamaJuda njalo ngenxa yokuthi ithuna
laliseduze, bamngcwaba khonapho uJesu.

20 Ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku lokuqala
lweviki, kulokhu kusemnyama, uMariya
Magadalini waya ethuneni wafumana ukuthi
ilitshe laselisusiwe emlonyeni wethuna. 2
Ngakho wafika egijima kuSimoni Phethro
elomunye umfundi, lowo uJesu ayemthanda,
wathi, “Sebeyithethe iNkosi ethuneni, kodwa
kasazi ukuthi bayise ngaphi!” 3 Yikho
uPhethro lalowomfundi omunye baqonda
ethuneni. 4 Bobabili babegijima, kodwa
lowo omunye umfundi wamtshiya uPhethro
wayafika kuqala ethuneni. 5 Wakhothama
walunguza phakathi wabona amaqhele elineni
ekhonapho, kodwa kangenanga. 6 Khonokho
uSimoni Phethro owayengemuva kwakhe wafika
wangena ethuneni. Wawabona amaqhele elineni
ethe qekele khonapho, 7 kanye lelembu
lokungcwaba elalithandele ikhanda likaJesu.
Ilembu lelo laseligoqiwe lodwa lingekho
kwawelineni. 8 Ekucineni lowo omunye umfundi
owayefike kuqala ethuneni laye wangena.
Wabona, wakholwa. 9 (Babelokhu bengezwisisi
emibhalweni ukuthi uJesu wayemele avuke
kwabafileyo.) 10 Abafundi basebebuyela emizini
yabo. 11 Kodwa uMariya wasala emi ngaphandle
kwethuna ekhala. Wathi elokhu ekhala
wakhothama walunguza ethuneni 12 wabona
izingilosi ezimbili zigqoke okumhlophe zihlezi
lapho isidumbu sikaJesu sasikade sikhona,
enye ngasemakhanda, enye ngasezinyaweni.
13 Zambuza zathi, “Mama, ukhalelani na?”
Wathi, “Bayisusile iNkosi yami, kangazi ukuthi
bayibeke ngaphi.” 14 Wasephenduka wabona
uJesu emi khonapho, kodwa kananzelelanga
ukuthi kwakunguJesu. 15 Wathi, “Mama,
ukhalelani na? Ufuna ubani na?” UMariya
wayesithi kumbe ngumlimi, wasesithi, “Nkosi,
nxa kunguwe omthetheyo, ngitshela ukuthi
umbeke ngaphi ukuze ngiyemthatha.” 16
UJesu wathi, “Mariya.” Waphendukela kuye
wamemeza ngesiHebheru wathi, “Rabhoni!”
(okutsho ukuthi “Mfundisi”). 17 UJesu

wathi, “Ungangibambi, ngoba kangikabuyeli
kuBaba. Kodwa hamba kubafowethu ubatshele
uthi, ‘Sengibuyela kuBaba njalo uYihlo,
kuNkulunkulu wami, uNkulunkulu wenu.’” 18
UMariya Magadalini waya kubafundi elombiko
othi, “ngiyibonile iNkosi!” Njalo wabatshela
ukuthi wayekutshilo lokhu kuye. 19 Kusihlwa
ngalolosuku lokuqala lweviki, abafundi
babendawonye behluthulele iminyango ngoba
besesaba amaJuda, uJesu wafika wema phakathi
kwabo wathi, “Ukuthula kakube kini!” 20
Esekutshilo lokhu wabatshengisa izandla zakhe
lohlangothi lwakhe. Abafundi bathaba kakhulu
beyibona iNkosi. 21 UJesu waphinda wathi,
“Ukuthula kakube kini! Njengoba uBaba
engithumile, lami ngiyalithuma.” 22 Esitsho
lokho wabaphefumulela wathi, “Yamukelani
uMoya oNgcwele. 23 Nxa lithethelela loba
ngubani izono zakhe, zizathethelelwa lezenu,
kodwa nxa lingathetheleli ezabanye kazisoze
zithethelelwe lezenu.” 24 UThomasi (othiwa
nguDidimasi), omunye wabalitshumi lambili,
wayengekho kwabanye abafundi uJesu aze afike.
25 Kwathi lapho abanye abafundi bemtshela
bathi “sesiyibonile iNkosi,” wathandabuza
wathi, “Ngaphandle kokuthi ngibone amanxeba
ezipikili ezandleni zakhe ngibeke umunwe
wami emanxebeni ezipikili, ngifake isandla sami
ehlangothini lwakhe, kangisoze ngikholwe.” 26
Sekudlule iviki abafundi bakhe babesendlini
njalo, loThomasi elabo. Njengoba iminyango
yayihluthulelwe uJesu wafika wema phakathi
kwabo wathi, “Ukuthula kakube kini!” 27
Wasesithi kuThomasi, “Faka umunwe wakho
lapha; bona izandla zami. Yelula isandla
sakho usibeke ehlangothini lwami. Yekela
ukuthandabuza ukholwe.” 28 UThomasi
wathi kuye, “Nkosi yami, Nkulunkulu wami!”
29 UJesu wasemtshela wathi, “Usukholiwe
ngoba usungibonile; babusisiwe labo abathi
bengabonanga, kodwa sebekholiwe.” 30 UJesu
wenza eminye imimangaliso eminengi abafundi
bakhe bekhangele, kodwa engabhalwanga
kule incwadi. 31 Kodwa le ibhaliwe ukuze
likholwe ukuthi uJesu unguKhristu, iNdodana
kaNkulunkulu, njalo ukuze kuthi ngokukholwa
libe lokuphila ngebizo lakhe.

21 Ngemva kwesikhathi uJesu waphinda
waziveza kubafundi bakhe oLwandle
lwaseThibheriyasi. Kwenzakala kanje: 2
USimoni Phethro, loThomasi (othiwa
nguDidimasi) loNathaneli waseKhana eseGalile,
lamadodana kaZebhediya labanye abafundi
ababili babendawonye. 3 USimoni Phethro
wabatshela wathi, “Ngisayagola inhlanzi” bona
bathi, “Sizahamba lawe.” Ngakho baphuma
bayangena esikepeni kodwa kababambanga
lutho ngalobobusuku. 4 Ekuseni kakhulu
uJesu wema ekhunjini kodwa abafundi
kabananzelelanga ukuthi kwakunguJesu.
5 Wabamemeza wathi, “Bangane, lilokhu
lingabambanga nhlanzi yini?” Baphendula
bathi, “Hatshi.” 6 Wathi, “Phoselani umambule
wenu ngakwesokunene kwesikepe lizagola
khona.” Bathe sebenze njalo behluleka
ukudonsa umambule ngenxa yobunengi
benhlanzi. 7 Lowomfundi owayethandwa
nguJesu wathi kuPhethro, “YiNkosi!” USimoni
Phethro wonela ukuzwa esithi, “YiNkosi,”
wazembathisa ngesigqoko sakhe sejazi
(ngoba wayesikhulule) weqela emanzini.
8 Abanye abafundi balandela ngesikepe
bedonsa umambule ugcwele inhlanzi ngoba
babengakhatshana lasokhunjini, kwakungaba
yizinyathelo ezilikhulu. 9 Ekufikeni kwabo
okhunjini babona umlilo wamalahle uvutha
kulenhlanzi phezulu kanye lesinkwa. 10
UJesu wathi kubo, “Lethani ezinye inhlanzi
elizibambileyo.” 11 USimoni Phethro wagada
esikepeni, wadonsela umambule okhunjini.
Wawugcwele inhlanzi ezinkulu, zilikhulu
lamatshumi amahlanu lantathu, kodwa loba
zinengi kangaka umambule kawudabukanga.
12 UJesu wathi kubo, “Wozani lizokudla.”
Kakho kubafundi owaqunga isibindi sokumbuza
ukuthi, “Ungubani wena?” Bakwazi ukuthi
yiNkosi. 13 UJesu weza, wathatha isinkwa
wabanika, wenza njalo langenhlanzi. 14
Lesi kwasekuyisikhathi sesithathu uJesu
ezibonakalisa kubafundi bakhe ngemva
kokuvuswa kwabafileyo. 15 Sebeqedile ukudla,
uJesu wathi kuSimoni Phethro, “Simoni,
ndodana kaJohane, ungithanda ngeqiniso
na okudlula laba abanye?” Wathi, “Yebo,

Nkosi, uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda.” UJesu
wathi, “Phana amawundlu ami ukudla.” 16
UJesu waphinda wathi, “Simoni, ndodana
kaJohane, uyangithanda ngeqiniso na?”
Waphendula wathi, “Yebo, Nkosi, uyakwazi
ukuthi ngiyakuthanda.” UJesu wathi, “Gcina
izimvu zami.” 17 Wasesithi kuye okwesithathu,
“Simoni, ndodana kaJohane, uyangithanda
na?” UPhethro wadabuka ngoba uJesu
wambuza okwesithathu wathi, “Uyangithanda
na?” Wathi, “Nkosi, uyazazi izinto zonke;
uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda.” UJesu
wathi, “Phana izimvu zami ukudla. 18
Ngikutshela iqiniso ngithi, usesemutsha
wawuzigqokisa, uziyele lapho othanda
khona; kodwa nxa usuluphele, uzakwelula
izandla zakho, ugqokiswe ngomunye, akuhole
akuse lapho ongafuni ukuya khona.” 19
UJesu wakutsho lokhu ebonisa indlela
yokufa uPhethro ayezadumisa uNkulunkulu
ngayo. Wasesithi kuye, “Ngilandela!” 20
UPhethro wanyemukula wabona umfundi
uJesu ayemthanda ebalandela. (Nguye lowo
oweyama kuJesu esidlweni, owabuzayo wathi,
“Nkosi, ngubani ozakuthengisa?”) 21 UPhethro
wathi embona wathi, “Nkosi, kanti lo-ke?”
22 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Nxa ngifuna
ukuthi asale ephila ngize ngibuye kulani
lawe lokho? Wena kumele ungilandele.”
23 Ngenxa yalokhu, kwaba lehungahunga
phakathi kwabazalwane lokuthi umfundi lo
wayengezukufa. Kodwa uJesu katshongo ukuthi
wayengezukufa; wathi nje kuphela, “Nxa
ngifuna ukuthi asale ephila ngize ngibuye,
kulani lawe lokho?” 24 Lo nguye umfundi
ozifakazayo lezizinto, onguye owazibhala
phansi. Siyazi ukuthi ubufakazi bakhe buqotho.
25 UJesu wenza ezinye izinto ezinengi njalo.
Aluba zonke zazingabhalwa phansi, ngibona
ingathi lomhlaba wonke wawuzaswela indawo
yezincwadi ezazingabhalwa.

Imisebenzi

1 Encwadini yami yakuqala, Theyofelasi,
ngalandisa ngakho konke uJesu akwenzayo
lakufundisayo **2** kwaze kwafika usuku
enyukiswa ngalo esiya ezulwini, esenike
izeluleko ngoMoya oNgcwele kubapostoli
ayebakhethile. **3** Ngemva kokuhlupheka
kwakhe, waziveza kubo, wabapha iziqiniseko
ezinengi njengobufakazi bokuthi wayephila.
Wabonakala kubo okwensuku ezingamatshumi
amane, ekhuluma ngombuso kaNkulunkulu.
4 Wathi esidla labo ngelinye ilanga wabalaya
wathi, "Lingasuki eJerusalema, lilindele isipho
esathenjiswa nguBaba, elangizwa ngikhuluma
ngaso. **5** Ngoba uJohane wabhaphathiza
ngamanzi, kodwa ngemva kwensuku ezimbalwa
lizabhaphathizwa ngoMoya oNgcwele." **6**
Basebesithi gwaqa ndawonye bambuza bathi,
"Nkosi, khathesi usuzabuyisela umbuso ko-
Israyeli na?" **7** Wathi kubo: "Kakusikho kwenu
ukwazi izikhathi loba insuku uBaba azimisileyo
ngamandla akhe. **8** Kodwa lina lizakwamukela
amandla nxa uMoya oNgcwele esefikile kini,
njalo lizakuba ngofakazi bami eJerusalema
lakulo lonke eleJudiya laseSamariya kanye
lasemikhawulweni yomhlaba." **9** Esekutshilo
lokhu, wenyukiswa phambi kwamehlo abo,
iyezi lamfihla, abazabe besambona. **10**
Babejolozele esibhakabhakeni ngesikhathi
esenyuka, masinyazana nje kwema amadoda
amabili eduze kwabo egqoke okumhlophe.
11 Athi kubo, "Madoda aseGalile, limeleni
lapha lijolozele esibhakabhakeni na? UJesu
lo osethethwe kini wasiwa ezulwini uzabuya
ngayonale indlela elimbone esenyuka ngayo
esiya ezulwini." **12** Basebebuyela eJerusalema
besuka eNtabeni yama-Oliva, okungumango
ongaba likhilomitha kusuka edolobheni. **13**
Ekufikeni kwabo bakhuphukela endlini ephezulu
lapho ababehlala khona. Ababelapho babebalisa:
uPhethro, uJohane, uJakhobe lo-Andreya;
uFiliphu loThomasi; uBhatholomewu loMatewu;
uJakhobe indodana ka-Alifewu, uSimoni
umZilothi, loJudasi indodana kaJakhobe. **14**
Bonke laba bahlangana kokuphela bekhuleka,
bendawonye labesifazane loMariya unina kaJesu
kanye labafowabo bakaJesu. **15** Ngalezonsuku
uPhethro wasukuma phakathi kwamakholwa
(ixuku elalingafika ikhulu elilamatshumi
amabili) **16** wathi, "Bazalwane, uMbhalo
kwakumele ugcwaliseke, lokho okwakhulunywa
nguMoya oNgcwele endulo ngomlomo kaDavida
mayelana loJudasi owaba ngumkhokheli walabo
ababopha uJesu. **17** Wayengomunye wenani
lethu njalo waba lengxenye emsebenzini
wethu wobuvangeli." **18** (Ngomvuzo awuzuzayo
ngenxa yobubi bakhe, uJudasi wathenga
isiqinti; khonapho wawa ngekhanda, isidumbu
sakhe sadubuka, amathumbu akhe wonke
agcwala phansi. **19** Bonke eJerusalema bezwa
ngalokho, yikho babiza isiqinti leso ngolimi
lwabo bathi yi-Akhelidama, okutsho iSiqinti
seGazi.) **20** UPhethro wathi, "Ngoba kulotshiwe
encwadini yamaHubo ukuthi: 'Sengathi indawo
yakhe ingaba ngamanxiwa; kungabi lamuntu
ozahlala kuyo,' njalo, 'Kakube lomunye
ozathatha isikhundla sakhe sobukhokheli.'
21 Ngakho kufanele ukuba sikhethe omunye
wamadoda abekade elathi isikhathi sonke
iNkosi uJesu isesephakathi kwethu, **22** kusukela
ekubhaphathizweni kwakhe nguJohane kuze
kufike esikhathini lapho uJesu athathwa
khona kithi. Ukuze omunye wabo laba abe
ngufakazi kanye lathi ngokuvuka kwakhe
kwabafileyo." **23** Ngakho basebemisa amadoda
amabili, uJosefa owayethiwa nguBhasabhasi
(esaziwa njalo ngokuthi nguJustusi) loMathiyasi.
24 Basebekhuleka bathi, "Nkosi, uyayazi inhliziyo
yomuntu munye ngamunye. Sitshengise
ukuthi nguphi phakathi kwalaba ababili
omkhethileyo **25** ukuba athathe lesisikhundla
sobupostoli, uJudasi asitshiyayo esiya lapho
ayefanele khona." **26** Basebesenza inkatho,
yadla uMathiyasi, wasesengezwa kubapostoli
abalitshumi lanye.

2 Kwathi kufika usuku lwePhentekhosti,
bonke babendawonye. **2** Masinyane nje
kwabakhona umsindo onjengokuvunguza
komoya wesiphepho wehla uvela ezulwini,
wagcwala indlu yonke ababehlezi kuyo. **3**
Babona okwakungathi zinlimi ezingamalangabi

omlilo ezehlukana zahlala komunye lomunye
wabo. 4 Bonke bagcwaliswa ngoMoya
oNgcwele, basebeqalisa ukukhuluma ezinye
izindimi njengokwaneliswa kwabo nguMoya.
5 Ngalesosikhathi kwakuhlala amaJuda
ayemesaba uNkulunkulu eJerusalema, evela
kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba. 6 Athi
ngokuzwa umsindo lo, kwabuthana ixuku
labantu bemangele ngoba omunye lomunye
wabezwa bekhuluma ngolimi lwakhe. 7
Ngokumangala okukhulu babuza bathi, “Kanti
bonke laba abakhulumayo kabasimaGalile
na? 8 Pho kungani omunye lomunye
wethu ebezwa bekhuluma ngolimi lwethu
na? 9 AmaPhathiya, amaMede, ama-Elamu;
izakhamizi zaseMesophothamiya, lezeJudiya
leKhaphadokhiya, lePhontusi le-Ezhiya, 10
leFirigiya lePhamfiliya, leGibhithe lezingxenye
zeLibhiya eduze leKhureni; izethekeli ezivela
eRoma 11 (amaJuda lamakholwa aphendukele
enkolweni yesiJuda); amaKhrethe lama-Arabhu,
sibezwa befakaza izimangaliso zikaNkulunkulu
ngendimi zethu!” 12 Babedidekile bengelankani,
babuzana bathi, “Kutshoni lokhu?” 13 Kodwa
abanye benza inhlekisa ngabo bathi, “Banathe
iwayini enengi bedlulisa.” 14 UPhethro
wasesukuma labalitshumi lanye, waphakamisa
ilizwi lakhe wakhuluma emphakathini wathi,
“Bantu bakithi elingamaJuda, lani lonke
eliseJerusalema, kahleni ngilichasisele lokhu;
lalelisisani lokhu engikutshoyo. 15 Amadoda
la kawadakwanga njengokucabanga kwenu.
Kuseselihola lesificamunwemunye nje ekuseni!
16 Hatshi, lokhu yikho okwakhulunywa
ngumphrofethi uJoweli ukuthi: 17 ‘Ngezinsuku
zokucina, uNkulunkulu uthi, Ngizathululela
uMoya wami kubo bonke abantu. Amadodana
lamadodakazi enu azaphrofitha, izinsizwa
zenu zizabona imibono, lamaxhegu enu
azaphupha amaphupho. 18 Lasezincekwini zami,
ezesilisa lezesifazane, ngizawuthulula uMoya
wami ngalezonsuku, njalo bazaphrofitha. 19
Ngizatshengisa izimanga ezulwini phezulu,
lezibonakaliso emhlabeni phansi, igazi lomlilo
lezikhatha zentuthu. 20 Ilanga lizaphendulwa
libe yibumnyama, lenyanga ibeligazi phambi
kokuba kufike usuku olukhulu lukaThixo,
olukhazimulayo. 21 Njalo wonke obiza ibizo
likaThixo uzasindiswa.’ 22 Bantu bako-
Israyeli, lalelani lokhu: UJesu waseNazaretha
wayeyindoda eyamiswa nguNkulunkulu kini,
ngezimangaliso lezibonakaliso uNkulunkulu
azenzayo phakathi kwenu ngaye, njengoba lina
ngokwenu lisazi. 23 Umuntu lo wanikelwa kini
ngecebo likaNkulunkulu ayelimisile langolwazi
lokuzayo; njalo lina lincediswa ngabantu ababi,
lambulala ngokumbethela esiphambanweni.
24 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo,
wamkhulula ebuhlungwini bokufa ngoba
ukufa kwakungelamandla okumncindezela.
25 UDavida wathi ngaye: ‘Ngayibona iNkosi
iphambi kwami kokuphela. Njengoba
isesandleni sami sokunene, angiyi kunyikinywa.
26 Ngakho inhliziyo yami iyathaba lolimi
lwami luyathokoza; umzimba wami lawo
uzahlala ulethemba, 27 ngoba kawuzukungidela
ukuba ngiye endaweni yabafileyo, njalo
kawusoze wekele ongcwele wakho ukuthi
abone ukubola. (Hadēs g86) 28 Ungazisile
izindlela zempilo; uzangigcwalisa ngentokozo
phambi kwakho.’ 29 Bazalwane, ngilitshela
ngilesibindi ukuthi ukhokho uDavida
wafa wangcwatshwa, njalo ithuna lakhe
likhona khonapha kuze kube lamuhla. 30
Kodwa wayengumphrofethi, ekwazi ukuthi
uNkulunkulu wayemthembisile ngesifungo
ukuthi wayezabeka omunye wesizukulwane
sakhe esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. 31
Ngoba ebona okwakuphambili, wakhuluma
ngokuvuka kukaKhristu kwabafileyo, ukuthi
kazange atshiywe endaweni yabafileyo njalo
umzimba wakhe kawukubonanga ukubola.
(Hadēs g86) 32 UNkulunkulu usemvusile uJesu lo
waphila, thina sonke singofakazi balokho. 33
Njengoba esekhutshulelwe ngakwesokunene
sikaNkulunkulu, usamukele kuYise uMoya
oNgcwele owathenjiswayo njalo usekuthulule
lokho elikubonayo lelikuzwayo khathesi. 34
Ngoba uDavida kenyukanga ukuya ezulwini,
kodwa wathi, ‘INkosi yathi eNkosini yami:
“Hlala ngakwesokunene sami 35 ngize
ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisinyathelo
senyawo zakho.”’ 36 Ngakho-ke, u-Israyeli
wonke kaqiniseke ngalokhu: uNkulunkulu

usenze uJesu lo elambethelayo waba yiNkosi
loKhristu." 37 Abantu bathi bekuzwa lokhu
bathinteka kakhulu ezinhliziyweni, bathi
kuPhethro labanye abapostoli, "Bazalwane,
senze njani na?" 38 UPhethro waphendula
wathi, "Phendukani libhaphathizwe lonke,
ebizweni likaJesu Khristu ukuze lithethelelwe
izono zenu. Njalo lizakwamukela isipho
soMoya oNgcwele. 39 Isithembiso ngesenu
labantwabenu labo bonke abakude, lesabo
bonke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ezababiza."
40 Wabaxwayisa langamanye amazwi amanengi;
njalo wabancenga wathi, "Zisindiseni
kulesisizukulwane esonakeleyo." 41 Labo
abalemukelayo ilizwi lakhe babhaphathizwa,
kwengezwa enanini labo mhlalokho abangaba
zinkulungwane ezintathu. 42 Bayikhuthalela
imfundiso yabapostoli kanye lokudlelana,
lokuhlephuna isinkwa lokukhuleka. 43 Wonke
umuntu wagcwala ukwesaba ngezimanga
lezibonakaliso ezenziwa ngabapostoli. 44 Wonke
amakholwa ayendawonye, ehlanganyela kukho
konke. 45 Athengisa izinto zawo lempahla zawo
anika loba ngubani oswelayo. 46 Insuku zonke
aqhubeka ehlangana emagumeni ethempeli
njalo ehlephuna isinkwa emakhaya awo
esidla ndawonye ngezinhliziyo ezimhlophe
lezithobekileyo, 47 edumisa uNkulunkulu njalo
ethakazelelwa ngabantu bonke. Njalo iNkosi
yengeza inani lawo insuku zonke ngalabo
abasebesindisiwe.

3 Ngelinye ilanga uPhethro loJohane babesiya
ethempelini ngesikhathi sokukhuleka,
ngehola lesithathu emini. 2 Indoda
eyayigogekile kusukele ekuzalweni kwayo,
yayithwalwa isiwe esangweni lethempeli
elalibizwa ngokuthi liSango Elihle, lapho
eyayibekwa khona nsuku zonke ukuthi icele
kulabo ababengena emagumeni ethempeli.
3 Yathi ibona uPhethro loJohane bengena
yabacela imali. 4 UPhethro loJohane
bayijolozela. UPhethro wasesithi, "Sikhangela!"
5 Ngakho indoda yabakhangela, ithembe ukuthi
izazuza ulutho kubo. 6 UPhethro wasesithi,
"Isiliva kumbe igolide kangilakho, kodwa
engilakho ngiyakunika. Ebizweni likaJesu
Khristu waseNazaretha, sukuma uhambe." 7
Wambamba ngesandla sokudla wamsukumisa,
masinyane nje inyawo lenqagala zakhe
kwaqina. 8 Wathi lothu ngezinyawo zakhe
wahle wahamba. Wasehamba labo ethempelini,
ezihambela, eseqa njalo edumisa uNkulunkulu.
9 Kwathi abantu bonke bembona ehamba
edumisa uNkulunkulu, 10 bamnanzelela ukuthi
nguye owayehlala ecela esangweni lethempeli
lelo, bamangala baphela amandla ngalokho
okwakwenzakele kuye. 11 Isiceli sisathe sece
kuPhethro loJohane, bonke abantu bamangala
beza kubo begijima endaweni eyayithiwa
liKhulusi likaSolomoni. 12 UPhethro wathi
ekubona lokhu wathi kubo, "Bantu bako-
Israyeli, kungani kulimangalisa lokhu na?
Kungani lisijolozela sengathi ngamandla ethu
loba ukholo lwethu okwenze umuntu lo
wahamba na? 13 UNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama,
lo-Isaka loJakhobe, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho
bethu useyikhazimulisile inceku yakhe uJesu.
Lamnikela ukuba abulawe, lamphika phambi
kukaPhilathu, loba yena wayesemise ukuthi
amyekele ahambe. 14 Lamphika oNgcwele
njalo oLungileyo, lacela ukuthi likhululelwe
umbulali. 15 Lambulala umsunguli wokuphila,
kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo.
Singofakazi bakho lokhu. 16 Ngokukholwa
ebizweni likaJesu, indoda le eliyibonayo,
eliyaziyo, yenziwe yaqina. Kungenxa yebizo
likaJesu lokukholwa okuza ngaye okulethe
ukusila okupheleleyo kuyo njengoba lonke
libona. 17 Manje-ke bazalwane, ngiyazi ukuthi
lakwenza ngokungazi, njengoba labakhokheli
benu labo babengazi. 18 Kodwa yiyo indlela
uNkulunkulu agcwalisa ngayo lokho ayekutshilo
ngaphambilini ngabo bonke abaphrofethi,
esithi uKhristu wakhe wayezahlupheka. 19
Ngakho phendukani, libuyele kuNkulunkulu
ukuze izono zenu zesulwe, ukuze kufike
izikhathi zokuhlambulula okuvela eNkosini,
20 lokuthi ithumele uKhristu omiselwe lina,
yena uJesu. 21 Kumele ahlale ezulwini kuze
kufike isikhathi lapho uNkulunkulu azaqondisa
konke ngaso, njengokuthembisa kwakhe
endulo ngabaphrofethi bakhe abangcwele.
(aiōn g165) 22 Ngoba uMosi wathi, 'INkosi

uNkulunkulu wenu uzalivusela umphrofethi
phakathi kwabafowenu njengami; libokulalela
konke alitshela khona. 23 Loba ngubani
ongayikumlalela uzakususwa ngokupheleleyo
ebantwini bakibo.' 24 Ngempela, bonke
abaphrofethi kusukela kuSamuyeli, bonke
abaphrofethi baphrofitha ngazo insuku
lezi. 25 Lina lizindlalifa zabo abaphrofethi
kanye lesivumelwano uNkulunkulu asenza
labokhokho benu. Wathi ku-Abhrahama, 'Bonke
abantu bomhlaba bazabusiswa ngesizukulwane
sakho.' 26 Kuthe uNkulunkulu eseyimisile
inceku yakhe, wayithumela kuqala kini ukuba
ilibusise ngokuphendula omunye lomunye
wenu ezindleleni zenu zobubi."

4 Abaphristi lomlawuli wabalindi bethempeli
kanye lamaSadusi beza kuPhethro loJohane
belokhu besakhuluma labantu. 2 Bakhathazeka
kakhulu ngoba abapostoli babefundisa abantu
betshumayela ukuthi kuJesu kulokuvuka
kwabafileyo. 3 Babamba uPhethro loJohane,
kwathi ngenxa yokuthi kwasekuntambama,
babafaka entolongweni kwaze kwaba
kusasa. 4 Kodwa abanengi abalizwayo
ilizwi bakholwa, inani lamadoda lakhula
okungaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu. 5 Ngosuku
olulandelayo ababusi, abadala, labafundisi
bomthetho babuthana eJerusalema. 6 U-
Anasi umphristi omkhulu, uKhayifasi, uJohane,
u-Alekizanda labanye abendlu yomphristi
omkhulu. 7 Bathi uPhethro loJohane balethwe,
baqala ukubathonisa besithi, "Lokhu likwenze
ngamandla bani kumbe ngaliphi ibizo na?"
8 UPhethro egcwele uMoya oNgcwele wathi
kubo, "Babusi labadala babantu! 9 Nxa sibekwa
umlandu lamuhla ngesenzo somusa owenzelwe
indoda ebiyisigoga, besesibuzwa ukuthi isiliswe
njani, 10 yazini lokhu, lina kanye labo bonke
abantu bako-Israyeli; kungenxa yamandla
kaJesu Khristu waseNazaretha elambethelayo
kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo,
yiwo enza indoda le ime phambi kwenu isilile
ngokupheleleyo. 11 Yena uyilo 'ilitshe lina
abakhi elalilahlayo, khathesi seliyilona ilitshe
lekhoneni.' 12 Kakho omunye okulensindiso
kuye; phela kalikho elinye ibizo ngaphansi
kwezulu elaphiwa abantu ukuthi sisindiswe
ngalo." 13 Bathi ngokubona isibindi sikaPhethro
loJohane njalo benanzelela ukuthi ngabantu
makhaza, ababengafundanga, batsha amathe,
bakunanzelela ukuthi amadoda la ake aphila
loJesu. 14 Kodwa njengoba babeyibona indoda
eyayisilisiwe imi khonapho labo, baswela
ukuthi bangathini. 15 Ngakho kwathiwa
kabasuke emphakathini weSanihedrini,
umphakathi wasala uhlanganisa amakhanda. 16
Babuzana bathi, "Kambe senzeni ngamadoda
la? Bonke abahlala eJerusalema bayakwazi
ukuthi benze umangaliso obabazekayo,
lathi asingeke sikulandule lokho. 17 Kodwa
ukuze into le siyimise ukuthi ingasabalali
phakathi kwabantu, kasibaqonqoseleni ukuthi
bangaphindi bakhulume lakubani ngebizo leli."
18 Basebebabiza njalo, babalaya ukuthi bangaqali
ukukhuluma loba ukufundisa ngebizo likaJesu.
19 Kodwa uPhethro loJohane baphendula
bathi, "Yikuphi okuqondileyo emehlweni
kaNkulunkulu ukulalela lina kumbe ukulalela
uNkulunkulu? Kwahluleleni lokho. 20 Thina
ngokwethu asingeke siyekele ukukhuluma
ngalokho esikubonileyo lesikuzwileyo." 21
Sebebaqonqosele njalo babakhulula. Baswela
ukuthi babengabajezisa njani, ngoba abantu
bonke babemdumisa uNkulunkulu ngalokho
okwakwenzakele. 22 Ngoba leyondoda eyasiliswa
ngesimanga yayileminyaka engamatshumi
amane ubudala. 23 Ekukhululweni kwabo
uPhethro loJohane babuyela ebantwini bakibo,
bababikela konke okwakukhulunywe kibo
ngabaphristi abakhulu labadala. 24 Sebekuzwile
lokhu, baphakamisa amazwi abo bonke
bakhuleka kuNkulunkulu. Bathi, "Thixo Nkosi,
wena wenza amazulu lomhlaba, lolwandle
lakho konke okukuwo. 25 Wena wakhuluma
ngoMoya oNgcwele ngomlomo wenceku
yakho, ubaba wethu uDavida wathi: 'Kungani
izizwe zixokozela, labantu besakha amacebo
ngeze? 26 Amakhosi omhlaba ayahloma ajame
lababusi bahlangana ndawonye bemelana
loThixo lalowo Ogcotshiweyo wakhe.' 27
Ngempela uHerodi loPhontiyasi Philathu
bahlangana labeZizwe kanye labantu bako-
Israyeli baceba ngenceku yakho engcwele, uJesu

owamgcobayo. 28 Benza lokho okwakumiswe
ngaphambilini ngamandla akho layintando
yakho ukuthi kwakuzakwenzakala. 29 Ngakho,
Nkosi, zwana ukusonga kwabo, uphe izinceku
zakho amandla ukuthi zilikhulume ilizwi lakho
ngesibindi esikhulu. 30 Yelula isandla sakho
ukusilisa lokwenza imimangaliso lezimanga
ngebizo lenceku yakho engcwele uJesu." 31
Sebekhulekile, indawo ababekuyo yazamazama.
Bonke bagcwaliswa ngoMoya oNgcwele,
balikhuluma ngesibindi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu.
32 Wonke amakholwa ayenhliziyo nye njalo
engqondo nye. Kakho owathi okwakhe
ngokwakhe yedwa kodwa babelana konke
ababelakho. 33 Abapostoli baqhubeka ukufakaza
ngamandla amakhulu ngokuvuka kweNkosi
uJesu kwabafileyo, bonke babusiseka kakhulu. 34
Kakho owayeswela phakathi kwabo. Kwakusithi
izikhathi ngezikhathi labo ababe leziqinti loba
izindlu bazithengise balethe imali abathengise
ngayo 35 bayethule ebapostolini, yabelwe
loba ngubani ngokuswela kwakhe. 36 UJosefa,
umLevi waseSiphrasi, abapostoli ababembiza
ngokuthi nguBhanabhasi (okutsho ukuthi,
iNdodana yeNkuthazo), 37 wathengisa isivande
sakhe waletha imali wayethula phambi
kwabapostoli.

5 Indoda eyayithiwa ngu-Ananiya ilomkayo
uSafira labo bathengisa isiqinti sabo. 2
Wavumelana lomkakhe ukuthi afihle enye
imali ibe ngeyabo, kwathi enye wayethula
kubapostoli. 3 UPhethro wasesithi, "Ananiya,
kungani uSathane esegabhele inhliziyo yakho
usuze uqamba amanga kuMoya oNgcwele,
wazigcinela ingxenye yemali eliyizuzileyo
ngesiqinti senu na? 4 Kanti besingesisenu yini
singakathengiswa? Njalo lapho sesithengisiwe,
imali ibingaqondananga lani na? Kuyini
okubangele ukuthi ucabange ukwenza into
enje na? Kawuqambelanga muntu lawo manga,
kodwa uwaqambele uNkulunkulu." 5 U-Ananiya
wonela ukukuzwa lokhu, wawela phansi wafa.
Bonke abezwa ngalesisehlakalo bangenwa
yikwesaba okukhulu. 6 Kwasekungena
amajaha agoqela isidumbu sakhe amthwalela
phandle, ayamngcwaba. 7 Ngemva kwamahola
amathathu umkakhe laye wangena engazi
okwasekwenzakele. 8 UPhethro wambuza
wathi, "Ake ungitshele, yiyo yini le intengo
eliyizuzileyo wena lo-Ananiya esiqintini senu?"
Wathi, "Yebo, yiyo intengo yaso." 9 UPhethro
wathi kuye, "Kungani livumelane ukulinga
uMoya weNkosi na? Lalela! Yizisinde zamadoda
asengcwabe umkakho esezisemnyango,
bazakuthwala lawe futhi." 10 Khonokho
wasakazeka phansi eduze kukaPhethro, wafa.
Asengena amajaha yena esefile, amthwala
aphuma laye ayamngcwaba malungana
lomkakhe. 11 Ibandla lonke lafikelwa yikwesaba
okukhulu kanye labo bonke abazizwayo
lezizehlakalo. 12 Abapostoli benza imimangaliso
lezimanga ezinengi ebantwini. Amakholwa
wonke ayevame ukuhlangana ndawonye
eKhulusini likaSolomoni. 13 Kakho omunye
owaqunga isibindi wahlangana labo, lanxa
kunjalo babalodumo ebantwini. 14 Lanxa
kunjalo, amadoda labafazi abanengi bakholwa
eNkosini, bengezelela ubunengi babo. 15
Kwathi ngenxa yalokho, abantu baletha
abagulayo ezitaladini, babalalisa emibhedeni
lemacansini ukuze isithunzi sikaPhethro sisithe
abanye babo lapho esedlula kuphela nje. 16
Amaxuku abantu abuthana eqhamuka emizini
eyayiseduze kweJerusalema, eletha abagulayo
lalabo ababehlukuluzwa yimimoya emibi,
bonke basiliswa. 17 Kwasekusithi umphristi
omkhulu kanye leqembu lakhe elalingelexuku
labaSadusi bangenwa ngumhawu. 18 Bababopha
abapostoli babaphosela entolongweni yomuntu
wonke. 19 Kodwa ebusuku ingilosi yeNkosi
yavula iminyango yentolongo yabakhupha.
20 Yathi, "Hambani liyekuma emagumeni
ethempeli, litshele abantu lonke ilizwi lempilo
entsha." 21 Kwathi emadabukakusa bahle
bangena emagumeni ethempeli, bafundisa
abantu njengokutshelwa kwabo. Ekufikeni
komphristi omkhulu leqembu lakhe bahle
babiza iSanihedrini; inkundla yonke yabadala
bako-Israyeli bathumela ilizwi entolongweni
lokuthi kulethwe abapostoli, 22 kodwa
izithunywa zathi zifika entolongweni zafumana
bengasekho. Ngakho zasezibuyela zayabika
zathi, 23 "Sifumane intolongo ivalwe kuhle

labalindi bemi eminyango; kodwa sithe
siyivula kasibonanga muntu phakathi.” 24
Induna yabalindi bethempeli kanye labaphristi
abakhulu bathi bekuzwa lokhu batsha amathe,
bamangala ukuthi into le yayikhombani. 25
Kwasekufika omunye umuntu wathi, “Zwanini!
Amadoda eliwaphosele entolongweni emi
emagumeni ethempeli afundisa abantu.” 26
Besizwa lokho, induna yahle yasuka lamanxusa
ayo bayabuya labapostoli. Kabasebenzisanga
udlakela ngoba besesaba ukuthi abantu
babengabakhanda ngamatshe. 27 Sebebalethile
abapostoli, babamisa phambi kweSanihedrini
ukuthi bathonisiswe ngumphristi omkhulu.
28 Wathi, “Saliqonqosela ukuthi lingafundisi
ngebizo leli. Kodwa seligcwalise iJerusalema
ngemfundiso yenu njalo lizimisele ukusethesa
umlandu ngegazi lomuntu lo.” 29 UPhethro
labanye abapostoli baphendula bathi,
“Kumele silalele uNkulunkulu kulokulalela
abantu! 30 UNkulunkulu wabokhokho
bethu wamvusa uJesu kwabafileyo, yena
elalimbulele ngokumlengisa esiphambanweni.
31 UNkulunkulu wamphakamisela kwesokunene
sakhe waba yiNkosana loMsindisi ukuze anike
ukuphenduka lokuthethelelwa kwezono ku-
Israyeli. 32 Thina singofakazi balezizinto,
njengaye uMoya oNgcwele, uNkulunkulu
amnike kulabo abamlalelayo.” 33 Bathi bekuzwa
lokhu bathukuthela kakhulu, bafuna ukuthi
babulawe. 34 Kodwa umFarisi owayethiwa
nguGamaliyeli, engumfundisi womthetho,
ehlonitshwa ngabantu bonke, wasukuma wema
phambi kweSanihedrini wathi amadoda lawo
ake amiswe phandle kancane. 35 Wasesithi
emphakathini weSanihedrini, “Madoda ako-
Israyeli, cabangani kuhle ngalokhu elifuna
ukukwenza emadodeni la. 36 Ngesikhathi
esadlulayo kwafika uThewuda ezitshaya
umuntu oqakathekileyo, wahuga amadoda
angaba ngamakhulu amane. Wabulawa,
bonke abalandeli bakhe bahlakazeka, konke
kwaphelela emoyeni. 37 Ngemva kwakhe,
uJudasi umGalile laye wavela ngezinsuku
zokubalwa kwabantu, wakhokhela ixuku labantu
ukuba lihlamuke. Laye wabulawa, labalandeli
bakhe bonke bahlakazeka. 38 Ngakho,
mayelana lalindaba yamanje ngixwayisa
lokhu: Bayekeleni abantu laba! Kabahambe!
Ngoba nxa inhloso yabo kumbe umkhankaso
wabo uvela ebantwini, uzakuba yize. 39
Kodwa nxa uvela kuNkulunkulu, kalisoze libe
lamandla okubamisa lababantu; lizazifumana
seliphikisana loNkulunkulu.” 40 Inkulumo yakhe
bayamukela. Bababiza abapostoli bangeniswa
kwathiwa kabatshaywe. Basebeqonqoselwa
ukuthi bangaqali ukukhuluma ngebizo
likaJesu, basebekhululwa. 41 Abapostoli
basuka eSanihedrini bethokoza ngoba
basebebonakalisile ukuthi bangalimela ihlazo
lokulihluphekela iBizo. 42 Insuku ngensuku,
emagumeni ethempeli, njalo behamba bengena
indlu ngendlu, kabazange bame ukufundisa
lokutshumayela izindaba ezinhle ukuthi uJesu
unguKhristu.

6 Ngalezonsuku inani labafundi lisanda,
amaJuda esiGrikhi ayephakathi kwabo
akhonona kulabo ababengamaHebheru ngoba
abafelokazi babo babenganangzwa nxa kusabiwa
ukudla ngezinsuku zonke. 2 Ngakho abalitshumi
lambili bahlanganisa bonke abafundi
ndawonye bathi, “Kuyabe kungalunganga
kithi ukuthi siyekethise ukutshumayela ilizwi
likaNkulunkulu silibale ngokulungiselana
ukudla. 3 Bazalwane, khethani amadoda
ayisikhombisa phakathi kwenu aziwayo ukuthi
agcwele uMoya lokuhlakanipha. Umlandu lo
sizawubekela wona 4 thina siqinise ukukhuleka
lokutshumayela ilizwi.” 5 Umbono lo
walithokozisa ixuku lonke. Bakhetha uStefane,
indoda eyayigcwele ukukholwa loMoya
oNgcwele; uFiliphu, uPhrokhorusi, uNikhanori,
uThimoni, uPhamenasi loNikholasi wase-
Antiyokhi, ikholwa elaphendukela enkolweni
yesiJuda. 6 Amadoda la ethulwa kubapostoli,
abakhuleka bawabeka izandla. 7 Ngakho
ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lamemetheka. Inani
labafundi eJerusalema landa ngokuphangisa,
kwathi lenani elikhulu labaphristi layilandela
inkolo. 8 Kwathi uStefane, indoda eyayigcwele
umusa kaNkulunkulu, lamandla, yenza
izimanga lemimangaliso phakathi kwabantu.
9 Kwasekuvela umona usuka emalungeni

eSinagogu yabaKhululekileyo (njengokubizwa
kwakhona) bengamaJuda aseKhureni le-
Alekizandriya kanye lasemikhonweni
yaseSilisiya le-Ezhiya. Abantu laba basuka
basebephikisana loStefane, 10 kodwa behluleka
ukumelana lenhlakanipho yakhe kumbe
uMoya ayekhuluma ngawo. 11 Basebefunza
abanye abantu amazwi ngasese ukuthi
bathi, "Simzwile uStefane ekhuluma amazwi
ahlambaza uMosi kanye loNkulunkulu." 12
Ngaleyondlela badungulula abantu labadala
kanye labafundisi bomthetho. Bambopha
uStefane bamletha phambi kweSanihedrini.
13 Baveza ofakazi bamanga abafakaza bathi,
"Indoda le kayikhawuli ukukhuluma kubi
ngendawo engcwele langomthetho. 14 Ngoba
sesimuzwe esithi uJesu lo waseNazaretha
uzayibhidliza indawo le njalo aguqule imikhuba
uMosi asipha yona." 15 Bonke ababehlezi
phakathi kweSanihedrini bamnanzelela
uStefane babona ukuthi ubuso bakhe babufana
lobuso bengilosi.

7 Ngakho umphristi omkhulu wasembuza
wathi, "Ukumangalelwa konke lokhu
kuliqiniso na?" 2 Kulokhu waphendula
wathi: "Bafowethu labobaba ake lingilalele!
UNkulunkulu wenkazimulo waziveza
kubaba wethu u-Abhrahama esahlala
eMesophothamiya, engakahlali eHarani. 3
UNkulunkulu wathi, 'Tshiya ilizwe lakini
labantu bakini uye elizweni engizakutshengisa
lona.' 4 Ngakho wasuka elizweni lamaKhaladiya
wayahlala eHarani. Ngemva kokufa kukayise,
uNkulunkulu wamletha kuleli ilizwe lapho
eselihlala khona manje. 5 Kamuphanga lifa
lapha loba nje isiqintshana somhlabathi.
Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamthembisa ukuthi
yena lezizukulwane zakhe ngemva kwakhe
babezalizuza ilizwe lelo libe ngelabo,
loba nje ngalesosikhathi u-Abhrahama
wayengelamntwana. 6 UNkulunkulu
wakhuluma laye kanje: 'Izizukulwane
zakho zizakuba ngabezizweni elizweni
elingayisilo lazo okweminyaka engamakhulu
amane, njalo zizagqilazwa, zihlukuluzwe. 7
Ngizasijezisa lesosizwe esibagqilazayo,' kusitsho
uNkulunkulu, 'emva kwalokho bazaphuma
kulelolizwe bangikhonze kuyonale indawo.'
8 Wasenika u-Abhrahama isivumelwano
sokusoka. U-Abhrahama waba nguyise
ka-Isaka, wamsoka ngemva kwensuku
eziyisificaminwembili ezelwe. Ngemva
kwalokho u-Isaka waba nguyise kaJakhobe,
uJakhobe yena waba nguyise wabokhokho
abalitshumi lambili. 9 Ngenxa yokuthi okhokho
babalomhawu ngoJosefa, bamthengisela
eGibhithe njengesigqili. Kodwa uNkulunkulu
waba laye 10 wamephula kuzozonke inhlupho
zakhe. Wanika uJosefa inhlakanipho, wamenza
wathandwa nguFaro, inkosi yaseGibhithe. Yona
yasimenza umbusi eGibhithe lakuso sonke
isigodlo sakhe. 11 Indlala yasihlasela lonke
elaseGibhithe leleKhenani, kwaba lobunzima
obukhulu ngoba okhokho bethu bakuswela
ukudla. 12 UJakhobe esezwile ukuthi amabele
ayekhona eGibhithe, wathuma okhokho
bethu ekuhambeni kwabo kwakuqala. 13
Sebesiya khona okwesibili, uJosefa wabatshela
abanewabo ukuthi wayengubani, njalo uFaro
waziswa ngabakibo kaJosefa. 14 Ngemva
kwalokho uJosefa wasebiza uyise uJakhobe
ukuthi eze labendlu yakhe bonke, kungabantu
abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu
sebebonke. 15 Ngakho uJakhobe wasesehlela
kweleGibhithe lapho afela khona yena kanye
labokhokho bethu. 16 Izidumbu zabo zabuyiswa
eShekhemu zabekwa ethuneni elathengwa
ngu-Abhrahama emadodaneni kaHamori
eShekhemu ngemali ethile. 17 Kwathi isikhathi
sesisondele esokuthi uNkulunkulu agcwalise
isithembiso sakhe ku-Abhrahama, inani
labantu bakithi eGibhithe landa ngamandla.
18 Kwasekusiba 'lenye inkosi eyayingazi lutho
ngoJosefa yaba ngumbusi eGibhithe.' 19 Yaba
lesihluku ebantwini bakithi, yancindezela
okhokho bethu ngokubabamba ngamandla
ukuthi balahlele khatshana insane zabo
ezisanda kuzalwa ukuthi zife. 20 Ngalesosikhathi
uMosi wazalwa, njalo engasumntwana makhaza.
Okwezinyanga ezintathu wondliwa endlini
kayise. 21 Kwathi esebekwe phandle, indodakazi
kaFaro yamthatha yamkhulisa njengomntanayo.
22 UMosi wafundiswa kuyo yonke inhlakanipho

yamaGibhithe, eligagu lokukhuluma lokwenza.
23 Kwathi uMosi eseleminyaka engamatshumi
amane obudala, wacabanga ukuya kwethekelela
abantu bakibo, abako-Israyeli. 24 Wabona
omunye wabo ehlukuluzwa ngumGibhithe,
ngakho wayamlamulela, wenanisa ngokubulala
umGibhithe lowo. 25 UMosi wakhumbula
ukuthi abantu bakibo babezakunanzelela
ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayemsebenzisa ukuthi
abakhulule, kodwa kabakunanzelelanga. 26
Ngosuku olulandelayo uMosi wawela phezu
kwabako-Israyeli ababili ababesilwa. Wazama
ukubalamula ngokuthi, 'Madoda, liyizinini;
kungani lihlukuluzana kangaka na?' 27 Kodwa
leyondoda eyayihlukuluza eyinye, yamfuqela
eceleni uMosi yathi, 'Ngubani okwenze umbusi
lomahluli phezu kwethu? 28 Ufuna ukungibulala
njengomGibhithe ombuleleyo izolo?' 29 UMosi
wathi ekuzwa lokho wabalekela eMidiyani,
lapho ahlala khona njengesizwe, wazala khona
amadodana amabili. 30 Sekwedlule iminyaka
engamatshumi amane, ingilosi yavela kuMosi
iselangabini lesixuku esibhebhayo enkangala
eduze kweNtaba iSinayi. 31 Wathi ekubona
lokhu wamangala kakhulu ngalowombono.
Wathi uyasondela ukuthi abonisise, wezwa
ilizwi likaThixo lisithi: 32 'NginguNkulunkulu
waboyihlo, uNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama,
lo-Isaka loJakhobe.' UMosi wathuthumela
ngokwesaba wehluleka ukukhangela. 33
INkosi yasisithi kuye, 'Khupha amanyathela
akho, ngoba indawo omi kuyo ingumhlabathi
ongcwele. 34 Ngempela sengikubonile
ukuhlukuluzeka kwabantu bami eGibhithe.
Sengikuzwile ukububula kwabo, ngakho
sengibuyile phansi lapha ukuzebakhulula.
Manje-ke zwana, ngizakubuyisela eGibhithe.'
35 Nguye kanye uMosi lo ababemalile
ngamazwi athi, 'Ngubani okwenze umbusi
lomahluli na?' Wathunyelwa ukuba ngumbusi
lomkhululi nguNkulunkulu mathupha,
ngengilosi eyabonakala kuye isesixukwini. 36
Wabakhokhela baphuma elizweni laseGibhithe,
wenza izimanga lemimangaliso eGibhithe
lasolwandle olubomvu kanye lasenkangala
okweminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala.
37 Nguye lo uMosi owatshela abako-Israyeli
wathi, 'UNkulunkulu wenu uzalivusela
umphrofethi phakathi kwabafowenu njengami.'
38 Wayephakathi kwebandla enkangala,
elabokhokho bethu njalo elayo ingilosi
eyakhuluma kuye eNtabeni yaseSinayi;
njalo wemukela amazwi okuphila ukuthi
awedlulisele kithi. 39 Kodwa okhokho bethu
bala ukumlalela. Bamala, kwathi ezinhliziyweni
zabo babuyela eGibhithe. 40 Batshela u-Aroni
bathi, 'Yenza onkulunkulu abazasikhokhela.
UMosi lo owasikhupha eGibhithe asisakwazi
ukuthi usedliwe yini!' 41 Yiso lesosikhathi
abenza ngaso isithombe esasilesimo sethole.
Baletha imihlatshelo kulo, benza umkhosi
wokuthakazelela lokho okwenziwa yizandla
zabo. 42 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wabafulathela,
wabakhalala ukuba bakhonze ilanga, inyanga
lezinkanyezi. Lokhu kuvumelana lalokho
okulotshiweyo encwadini yabaphrofethi
ukuthi: 'Wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, langilethela
na imihlatshelo leminikelo ngeminyaka
engamatshumi amane enkangala? 43 Hatshi,
lathwala isikhonzelo sikaMoleki lenkanyezi
kankulunkulu wenu uRefani, izithombe
elazenzayo ukuthi lizikhonze. Ngakho-
ke, ngizalixotshela ekuthunjweni' ngale
kweBhabhiloni. 44 Okhokho bethu babelalo
ithabanikeli lobufakazi enkangala. Lalenziwe
njengokuqondiswa kukaMosi nguNkulunkulu
elandela isimo ayesibonile. 45 Sebelamukele
ithala okhokho bethu bengaphansi kukaJoshuwa
beza lalo ekuthumbeni kwabo izizwe. Lahlala
elizweni kwaze kwaba yisikhathi sikaDavida, 46
owathandwa nguNkulunkulu, wacela ukuthi
alungisele uNkulunkulu kaJakhobe indawo
yokuhlala. 47 Kodwa kwaba nguSolomoni
owamakhelayo leyondlu. 48 Lanxa kunjalo,
oPhezukonke kahlali ezindlini ezakhiwe
ngabantu. Njengoba esitsho umphrofethi
ukuthi: 49 'Izulu liyisihlalo sami sobukhosi,
lomhlaba uyisenabelo sami. Lizangakhela ndlu
bani? kutsho iNkosi. Kambe izaba ngaphi
indawo yami yokuphumula na? 50 Izinto
zonke lezi kazenziwanga yisandla sami na?' 51
Lina ziqholo zabantu, abanhliziyo lezindlebe
ezingasokanga! Lifuze oyihlo: Lihlezi lijamelene
loMoya oNgcwele! 52 Kambe kwake kwabakhona

umphrofethi oyihlo abangazange bamhlukuluze
na? Baze bababulala lalabo abaphrofetha
ngokuza koLungileyo. Khathesi selimnikele
lambulala, 53 lina eseliwemukele umthetho
oweza ngezingilosi kodwa kaliwulandelanga."
54 Amalunga eSanihedrini esekuzwile lokhu
azonda, afuthelana, amgedlela amazinyo. 55
Kodwa uStefane egcwele uMoya oNgcwele
wakhangela ezulwini wabona inkazimulo
kaNkulunkulu loJesu emi esandleni sokunene
sikaNkulunkulu. 56 Wathi, "Khangelani,
ngibona izulu livuliwe leNdodana yoMuntu
imi esandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu."
57 Besizwa lokhu bagcika indlebe zabo,
baklabalala, bamdumela 58 bamhudulela
phandle kwedolobho, bamkhanda ngamatshe.
Ofakazi babeka izigqoko zabo phambi kwejaha
elalithiwa nguSawuli. 59 Kwathi belokhu
bemkhanda uStefane wakhuleka wathi, "Nkosi
Jesu, yamukela umoya wami." 60 Wathi
vutshalala ngamadolo phansi wamemeza wathi,
"Nkosi, ungababekeli mlandu ngalesisono."
Kuthe esetsho lokho, walala.

8 LoSawuli wayekhona evumelana
lokubulawa kwakhe. Ngalelolanga kwaqalisa
isiphithiphithi esibi sokuhlukuluza ibandla
eJerusalema, kwathi bonke ngaphandle
kwabapostoli bahlakazeka kulolonke iJudiya
leSamariya. 2 Abantu abakholwa kuNkulunkulu
bamngcwaba uStefane bamlilela kabuhlungu. 3
Kodwa uSawuli waqalisa ukulichitha ibandla.
Wahamba engena izindlu ngezindlu ephuthuma
abesilisa labesifazane esiyabaphosela
entolongweni. 4 Labo ababehlakazekile
balitshumayela ilizwi loba kungaphi abaya
khona. 5 UFiliphu wehlela edolobheni elithile
eSamariya watshumayela ngoKhristu khonale.
6 Kwathi amaxuku abantu emuzwa uFiliphu
njalo ebona izibonakaliso ayezenza bonke
bakulalelisisa lokho ayekukhuluma. 7 Omoya
ababi baphuma ebantwini abanengi beklabalala
njalo abanengi ababome imihlubulo labayizilima
basiliswa. 8 Ngakho kwaba lentokozo enkulu
kulelodolobho. 9 Okwesikhathi esithile indoda
eyayithiwa nguSimoni yayisenza amasalamusi
edolobheni lelo yamangalisa bonke abantu
baseSamariya. Wayezikhukhumeza ezitshaya
umuntu omkhulu, 10 njalo bonke abantu,
abaphakemeyo labantukazana bambuthanela
bababaza bathi, "Indoda le kuqondile ibizwa
ngokuthi ingaMandla amakhulu kaNkulunkulu."
11 Bamlandela ngoba wayebamangalisile
okwesikhathi eside ngamasalamusi akhe. 12
Kodwa kwathi sebekholwe uFiliphu etshumayela
izindaba ezinhle zombuso kaNkulunkulu
kanye lebizo likaJesu Khristu, babhaphathizwa,
abesilisa labesifazane. 13 USimoni laye
ngokwakhe wakholwa wabhaphathizwa.
Walandela uFiliphu zonke indawo, emangaliswa
yizibonakaliso ezinkulu lemimangaliso
ayibonayo. 14 Kwathi abapostoli eJerusalema
sebezwile ukuthi iSamariya yase ilamukele
ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, bathuma uPhethro
loJohane kubo. 15 Sebefikile babakhulekela
ukuthi bemukele uMoya oNgcwele, 16 ngoba
uMoya oNgcwele wawulokhu ungakehleli
lakubani kubo; babebhaphathizelwe ebizweni
leNkosi uJesu kuphela. 17 Ngakho uPhethro
loJohane bababeka izandla, basebewemukela
uMoya oNgcwele. 18 Kwathi uSimoni ebona
ukuthi uMoya wawuphiwa ngokubekwa
izandla ngabapostoli wabahuga ngemali 19
esithi, "Ngiphani lami lawomandla ukuze
kuthi wonke lowo engimbeka izandla
azuze uMoya oNgcwele." 20 UPhethro
waphendula wathi, "Sengathi imali yakho
ingabhubha kanye lawe ngoba ucabanga
ukuthi ungasithenga isipho sikaNkulunkulu
ngemali! 21 Kawulangxenye loba isabelo
kulinkonzo ngoba inhliziyo yakho kayilunganga
phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 22 Phenduka
kulobububi ukhuleke eNkosini. Mhlawumbe
izakuthethelela ngokuba lomcabango onje
enhliziyweni yakho. 23 Ngoba ngiyabona
ukuthi ugcwalelene ngomona njalo ugqilazwe
yisono." 24 USimoni wasephendula wathi,
"Ngikhulekelani eNkosini ukuze ngingehlelwa
laloba yikuphi lwalokho okutshiloyo." 25
Kwathi sebefakazile njalo balitshumayela
ilizwi leNkosi, uPhethro loJohane babuyela
eJerusalema, bahamba betshumayela ivangeli
emizini eminengi yaseSamariya. 26 Ingilosi
yeNkosi yathi kuFiliphu, "Yehlela ezansi

emgwaqweni, umgwaqo wenkangala, osuka
eJerusalema usiya eGaza." 27 Ngakho wasesuka,
kwathi endleleni leyo wahlangana lomTopiya
ongumthenwa, eyisikhulu esiqakathekileyo
esasiphethe ingcebo kaKhandaki, indlovukazi
yamaTopiya. Indoda le yayikade iye eJerusalema
ukuyakhonza, 28 isisendleleni yokubuyela
ekhaya ihlezi enqoleni yayo ibala incwadi
ka-Isaya umphrofethi. 29 UMoya watshela
uFiliphu wathi, "Hamba usondele enqoleni
leyana walele eduze kwayo." 30 UFiliphu
wasegijimela kuyo inqola wezwa indoda
leyo ibala u-Isaya umphrofethi. UFiliphu
wayibuza wathi, "Uyakuzwisisa yini lokho
okubalayo?" 31 Yathi, "Ngingakuzwisisa
kanjani kungekho muntu ongichazelayo na?"
Yasicela uFiliphu ukuthi agade azohlala layo.
32 Indoda engumthenwa yayibala indima
yombhalo ethi: "Waqhutshwa njengemvu isiwa
esilaheni, njengezinyane lemvu elithula zwi
phambi komgundi, kanjalo kazange awuvule
umlomo wakhe. 33 Ekugconweni kwakhe
wancitshwa ukwahlulelwa okulungileyo.
Ngubani ongakhuluma ngezizukulwane zakhe
na? Ngoba ukuphila kwakhe kwasuswa
emhlabeni." 34 Indoda engumthenwa yabuza
uFiliphu yathi, "Ake ungitshele bakithi,
umphrofethi ukhuluma ngobani, yena
ngokwakhe kumbe ngomunye umuntu?"
35 UFiliphu wahle waqalisa ngaleyondima
yoMbhalo, wayitshela izindaba ezinhle ngoJesu.
36 Bathi belokhu behamba ngomgwaqo
bafika lapho okwakulamanzi khona, indoda
engumthenwa yathi, "Khangela, nanka amanzi.
Kulani ukuthi ngihle ngibhaphathizwe na?" [
37 UFiliphu wathi, "Nxa ukholwa ngenhliziyo
yakho yonke ungabhaphathizwa." Isikhulu
saphendula sathi, "Ngiyakholwa ukuthi uJesu
Khristu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu."] 38
Isikhulu sathi inqola kayimiswe. Ngakho
bababili, uFiliphu lendoda engumthenwa baya
emanzini uFiliphu wayibhaphathiza. 39 Bathi
bephuma emanzini uMoya weNkosi wahle
wamthatha uFiliphu, indoda engumthenwa
ayabe isambona njalo, kodwa yaqhubeka
ngendlela yayo ithokoza. 40 Kodwa uFiliphu
wabonakala e-Azotha, walidabula ilizwe
etshumayela ivangeli kuyo yonke imizi waze
wayafika eKhesariya.

9 Kusenjalo, uSawuli wayelokhu esonga
ngomvamvithi ukubulala abafundi beNkosi.
Waya kuMphristi omkhulu 2 wayacela izincwadi
zokuya emasinagogweni aseDamaseko,
ukuze kuthi nxa engafumana khonale labo
abangabeNdlela, abesilisa loba abesifazane,
abalethe eJerusalema beyizibotshwa. 3 Wathi
esebanga eDamaseko ngohambo lwakhe,
masinyane kwaphazima ukukhanya kuvela
ezulwini kwamzingelezela. 4 Wawela phansi,
wezwa ilizwi lisithi kuye, "Sawuli, Sawuli,
ungihlukuluzelani na?" 5 USawuli wabuza
wathi, "Ungubani, Nkosi?" Ilizwi lathi,
"NginguJesu omhlukuluzayo. 6 Manje phakama
uye edolobheni lapho ozatshelwa khona omele
ukwenze." 7 Amadoda ayehamba loSawuli ema
lapho esetshe amathe; balizwa ilizwi, kodwa
kababonanga muntu. 8 USawuli wavuka phansi,
kodwa wathi evula amehlo akhe wayengasaboni
lutho. Ngakho bamhola ngesandla bangena
laye eDamaseko. 9 Waba yisiphofu okwensuku
ezintathu, engadli njalo enganathi lutho.
10 EDamaseko kwakulomfundi owayethiwa
ngu-Ananiya. INkosi yambiza ngombono
yathi, "Ananiya!" Waphendula wathi, "Yebo,
Nkosi." 11 INkosi yamtshela yathi, "Hamba
uye endlini kaJudasi eMgwaqweni oQondileyo,
ubuze khona ngendoda yaseThasasi ethiwa
nguSawuli, ngoba iyakhuleka. 12 Usebelombono
wabona indoda ethiwa ngu-Ananiya ifika
imbeka izandla ibuyisa ukubona kwakhe."
13 U-Ananiya waphendula wathi, "Nkosi
sengiyizwile indumela yalumuntu mayelana
lokubi konke akwenzayo ebantwini bakho
eJerusalema. 14 Uze lapha ngamandla awaphiwe
ngabaphristi abakhulu ukuzabopha bonke
ababiza ibizo lakho." 15 Kodwa iNkosi yathi
ku-Ananiya, "Hamba! Indoda le iyisitsha sami
engisikhethileyo ukuthwala ibizo lami phambi
kwabeZizwe lamakhosi abo laphambi kwabantu
bako-Israyeli. 16 Ngizamtshengisa ukuthi
uzahlupheka kanganani ngenxa yebizo lami."
17 U-Ananiya wasehamba esiya kuleyondlu
wafika wangena. Wabeka izandla zakhe

phezu kukaSawuli wathi, “Mzalwane, Sawuli,
iNkosi uJesu obonakale kuwe endleleni usiza
lapha ungithumile ukuze ukwazi ukubona
njalo futhi ugcwaliswe ngoMoya oNgcwele.”
18 Masinyane, kwakhithika okwakungathi
zinkwethu emehlweni kaSawuli, wasebona
njalo. Wasukuma wabhaphathizwa, 19 kwathi
esedlile, wathola amandla. USawuli wahlala
insuku ezithile labafundi eDamaseko. 20
Waseqalisa ukutshumayela emasinagogweni
ukuthi uJesu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. 21
Bonke labo abamuzwayo bamangala babuza
bathi, “Kasuye yini umuntu lo owenza isihluku
eJerusalema kulabo abalibizayo lelibizo na?
Njalo kabuyanga yini lapha ukuzabathatha
beyizibotshwa abese kubaphristi abakhulu
na?” 22 Kodwa uSawuli wasebenza ngamandla
amakhulu wadidekisa amaJuda ayehlala
eDamaseko ngokubonisa kamhlophe ukuthi
uJesu unguKhristu. 23 Sekudlule insuku
ezinengi amaJuda abumba icebo lokumbulala,
24 kodwa uSawuli walizwa icebo labo. Emini
lebusuku bamlindela emasinagogweni edolobho
ukuze bambulale. 25 Kodwa abalandeli bakhe
bamthatha ebusuku bamehlisa ngesilulu
esikhaleni esasisemdulini. 26 Wathi esefikile
eJerusalema wazama ukuhlangana labafundi,
kodwa bonke babemesaba, bengakholwa
ukuthi ngempela wayesengumfundi. 27 Kodwa
uBhanabhasi wamthatha wamusa kubapostoli.
Wabatshela ngokuthi uSawuli wayibona
njani iNkosi esendleleni esiya eDamaseko
lokuthi watshumayela njani ngesibindi
ngebizo likaJesu. 28 USawuli wasehlala
labo, wazihambela ekhululekile eJerusalema,
ekhuluma ngesibindi ngebizo leNkosi. 29
Wakhuluma njalo waphikisana lamaJuda
esiGrikhi, kodwa azama ukumbulala. 30 Kwathi
abazalwane bekuzwa lokhu, bambalekisela
eKhesariya bafika bamedlulisela eThasasi. 31
Ngalesosikhathi ibandla kulolonke elaseJudiya
leGalile leSamariya laba lesikhathi esihle
sokuthula. Laqina, njalo ngokukhuthazwa
nguMoya oNgcwele landa ngobunengi,
lahlala liyesaba iNkosi. 32 Kwathi uPhethro
ebhoda phakathi kwelizwe wayakwethekelela
abangcwele eLida. 33 Wafumana khonale
indoda eyayithiwa ngu-Eniyasi, eyayiyisigulane
esome umhlubulo sihlezi silele okweminyaka
eyisificaminwembili. 34 UPhethro wathi
kuye, “Eniyasi, uJesu Khristu uyakusilisa.
Vuka uthathe icansi lakho.” Masinyane u-
Eniyasi wasukuma. 35 Bonke labo ababehlala
eLida laseSharoni bambona baphendukela
eNkosini. 36 EJopha kwakulomfundi owayethiwa
nguThabitha (ngesiGrikhi ibizo lakhe
nguDokhasi), owayehlala esenza okuhle esiza
abaswelayo. 37 Ngalesosikhathi wagula wafa,
isidumbu sakhe sageziswa, sabekwa endlini
ephezulu. 38 ILida yayiseduze kweJopha;
yikho abafundi sebezwile ukuthi uPhethro
wayeseLida, bathuma amadoda amabili
kuye bamncenga bathi, “Sicela ukuthi uze
ngokuphangisa!” 39 UPhethro wahamba
labo, wathi ekufikeni kwakhe wasiwa endlini
ephezulu. Bonke abafelokazi bema bemhanqile,
bekhala, bemtshengisa izembatho lezinye
izigqoko ezazithungwe nguDokhasi esaphila. 40
UPhethro wabakhupha bonke endlini; waseguqa
ngamadolo wakhuleka. Wasephendukela
esidunjini sowesifazane wathi, “Thabitha,
vuka!” Owesifazane wasevula amehlo akhe,
wathi ebona uPhethro wahlala. 41 Wambamba
ngesandla wamsukumisa. Wasebiza amakholwa
labafelokazi wamethula kubo esephila. 42
Lokhu kwasuka kwaziwa kulolonke iJopha,
abantu abanengi bakholwa eNkosini. 43
UPhethro wahlala okwesikhathi eJopha
loSimoni umtshuki wezikhumba.

10 EKhesariya kwakulendoda eyayithiwa
nguKhoneliyasi, yayingumlawuli webutho
lekhulu elalithiwa liViyo lase-Ithaliya. 2
Yena lendlu yakhe yonke babekhonza njalo
bemesaba uNkulunkulu. Wayenika ngesihle
labo abaswelayo njalo ekhuleka kuNkulunkulu
kokuphela. 3 Ngelinye ilanga, sokungaba
lihola lesithathu emini waba lombono. Wabona
kamhlophe ingilosi kaNkulunkulu, eyeza
kuye yathi, “Khoneliyasi!” 4 UKhoneliyasi
wayiqhuzulela amehlo ngokwesaba. Wabuza
wathi, “Kuyini, Nkosi?” Ingilosi yaphendula
yathi, “Imikhuleko yakho lezipho zakho
kwabaswelayo sekufinyelele kuNkulunkulu

kwaba yisikhumbuzo. 5 Ngakho-ke, thumela
amadoda eJopha ayebuya lendoda ethiwa
nguSimoni owaziwa ngokuthi nguPhethro. 6
Ihlala loSimoni ongumtshuki wezikhumba,
olendlu okhunjini lolwandle." 7 Ingilosi
eyakhuluma laye isihambile, uKhoneliyasi
wabiza izinceku zakhe ezimbili kanye
loyedwa owayengumncedisi webutho
owayeyindoda ekhonzayo. 8 Wabatshela konke
okwakwenzakele, wasebathuma eJopha. 9
Sekungaba phakathi laphakathi kwemini
sebebanga edolobheni, uPhethro wakhwela
ophahleni ukuyakhuleka. 10 Wezwa eselambile
esefuna ulutho lokudla, kwathi ukudla
kusalungiswa wehlelwa yisiyeziphupho.
11 Wabona izulu livulekile, kusehliselwa
emhlabeni ulutho olwalunjengelembu elikhulu
libanjwe ngamagumbi alo womane. 12
Lalithwele yonke imihlobo yezinyamazana
ezilenyawo ezine, kanye lezinanakazana
ezihuquzelayo emhlabeni lezinyoni zemoyeni.
13 Ilizwi laselimtshela lathi, "Vuka Phethro.
Hlaba udle." 14 UPhethro waphendula
wathi, "Hatshi, Nkosi! Kangikaze ngidle
lutho olungahlanzekanga lolungcolileyo." 15
Laphinda ilizwi lakhuluma okwesibili kuye
lathi, "Ungabokuthi ulutho oseluhlanjululwe
nguNkulunkulu kaluhlanzekanga." 16 Lokhu
kwenzakala kathathu, kwasekusithi masinyane
ilembu labuyiselwa ezulwini. 17 Kwathi
uPhethro esamangele ngokuthi umbono
lowo wawusitshoni, amadoda ayethunywe
nguKhoneliyasi ayibona indlu kaSimoni,
ema entubeni. 18 Akhuleka abuza ingabe
uSimoni owayethiwa nguPhethro wayehlala
khonapho yini. 19 Kwathi uPhethro elokhu
esacabanga ngombono, uMoya wathi kuye,
"Simoni, kulamadoda amathathu akudingayo.
20 Ngakho-ke, phakama wehlele phansi.
Ungathandabuzi ukuhamba lawo, ngoba
ngiwathumile." 21 UPhethro wehla wathi
emadodeni lawo, "Nginguye lowo elimdingayo.
Lilandeni?" 22 Amadoda aphendula athi, "Sivela
kuKhoneliyasi umlawuli wekhulu lamabutho.
Ungumuntu olungileyo owesaba uNkulunkulu,
ohlonitshwa yibo bonke abangamaJuda.
Ingilosi engcwele imtshele ukuthi kakulethe
endlini yakhe ukuze ezwe lokho ongabe
uyakutsho." 23 UPhethro wasewangenisa
endlini amadoda lawo njengezethekeli zakhe.
Ngosuku olulandelayo uPhethro wasuka
labo, kwathi labanye abazalwane beJopha
bahamba laye. 24 Ngelanga elilandelayo wafika
eKhesariya. UKhoneliyasi wayesebalindele
esebize izihlobo zakhe labangane abaseduze.
25 Kuthe uPhethro engena, uKhoneliyasi
wamhlangabeza, wazilahla phansi ezinyaweni
zakhe ngenhlonipho. 26 Kodwa uPhethro
wamsukumisa. Wathi, "Sukuma, mina
ngingumuntu nje." 27 UPhethro wangena
endlini elokhu ekhuluma laye, wafumana ixuku
labantu elikhulu. 28 Wathi kubo, "Liyakwazi
ukuthi kungaphandle komthetho wethu
ukuthi umJuda ahlanganyele loweZizwe loba
ukuthi amethekelele. Kodwa uNkulunkulu
usengitshengisile ukuthi kangingakutsho
ukuthi omunye umuntu kahlanzekanga loba
ungcolile. 29 Yikho kuthe lapho ngibizwa
lapha, ngahle ngeza ngingazange ngibalise
lokhu lalokhuyana. Sengibuza-ke manje,
ungibizelani?" 30 UKhoneliyasi waphendula
wathi, "Ensukwini ezintathu ezedluleyo
bengisendlini yami ngikhuleka ngasonalesi
isikhathi, ngehola lesithathu emini. Masinyane
indoda ebigqoke izigqoko ezikhazimulayo
yema phambi kwami, 31 yathi, 'Khoneliyasi,
uNkulunkulu usewuzwile umkhuleko wakho
wakhumbula lezipho zakho kwabaswelayo.
32 Thumela ilizwi eJopha ubize uSimoni
owaziwa ngokuthi nguPhethro. Wethekelele
emzini kaSimoni umtshuki wezikhumba,
ohlala malungana lolwandle.' 33 Yikho ngihle
ngathuma abantu kuwe ngokuphangisa,
kwaba kuhle ukuthi lawe uze. Manje sonke
sesikhona lapha phambi kukaNkulunkulu
ukuthi sizwe konke iNkosi ekuyale ukuthi
usitshele khona." 34 UPhethro waseqalisa
ukukhuluma wathi: "Sengibona khathesi ukuthi
ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu kalabandlululo, 35
kodwa wamukela abantu benhlanga zonke
abamesabayo, abenza okulungileyo. 36
Yilo leli ilizwi uNkulunkulu alithumela
ebantwini bako-Israyeli, elikhuluma ngezindaba
ezinhle zokuthula ngoJesu Khristu oyiNkosi

yabo bonke. 37 Liyakwazi osekwenzakele
kulolonke elaseJudiya, kusukela eGalile ngemva
kobhaphathizo olwatshunyayelwa nguJohane,
38 ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamgcoba kanjani
uJesu waseNazaretha ngoMoya oNgcwele
langamandla, lokuthi wahamba izindawana
zonke esenza ubuhle njalo esilisa bonke
ababesemandleni omubi, ngoba uNkulunkulu
wayelaye. 39 Singofakazi bakho konke
akwenzayo elizweni lamaJuda laseJerusalema.
Bambulala ngokumlengisa esiphambanweni,
40 kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo
ngosuku lwesithathu, wakwenza ukuthi
abonakale. 41 Kabonwanga ngabantu bonke,
kodwa ngofakazi uNkulunkulu ayevele
esebakhethile, yithi thina esadla sanatha laye
ngemva kokuvuka kwakhe kwabafileyo. 42
Wasilaya ukuba sitshumayele ebantwini bonke
njalo sifakaze ukuthi unguye uNkulunkulu
ambekayo ukuba ngumahluleli wabaphilayo
labafileyo. 43 Bonke abaphrofethi bafakaza
ngaye ukuthi bonke abakholwa kuye baphiwa
ukuthethelelwa kwezono ngebizo lakhe." 44
UPhethro elokhu esakhuluma amazwi la uMoya
oNgcwele wehlela kubo bonke abalizwayo
ilizwi. 45 AmaJuda, amakholwa asokiweyo
ayeze loPhethro amangaliswa yikuthi uMoya
oNgcwele wawuthululelwe lakwabeZizwe.
46 Ngoba babezwa bekhuluma ngendimi
bedumisa uNkulunkulu. UPhethro wasesithi, 47
"Kambe ukhona yini umuntu ongalela abantu
laba ukuba babhaphathizwe ngamanzi na?
Sebemukele uMoya oNgcwele njengathi." 48
Wasesithi kababhaphathizwe ebizweni likaJesu
Khristu. Basebecela uPhethro ukuthi ahlale
labo okwensukwana ezithile.

11 Abapostoli labazalwane kulolonke
elaseJudiya bezwa ukuthi abeZizwe
labo basebelamukele ilizwi likaNkulunkulu.
2 Yikho kwathi uPhethro esebuyele
eJerusalema, amaJuda, amakholwa asokileyo,
amsola 3 athi, "Wangena endlini yabantu
abangasokanga wadla labo." 4 UPhethro
wabalondela konke kusukela ekuqaleni,
wakuchasisa njengokwenzakala kwakho,
wathi, 5 "Ngangisedolobheni laseJopha
ngikhuleka, ngehlelwa yisiyeziphupho ngaba
lombono. Ngabona ulutho olwalunjengelembu
elikhulu lisehliselwa phansi ngamagumbi
alo womane livela ezulwini, lehlela phansi
lapho engangikhona. 6 Ngakhangela phakathi
kwalo ngabona izinyamazana zomhlaba
zezinyawo ezine, izilo zeganga, izinanakazana
ezihuquzelayo lezinyoni zemoyeni. 7
Ngasengisizwa ilizwi lingitshela lisithi,
'Vuka Phethro. Hlaba udle.' 8 Ngaphendula
ngathi, 'Hatshi bo, Nkosi! Kowami umlomo
kakukaze kungene ulutho olungahlanzekanga
loba olungcolileyo.' 9 Ilizwi lakhuluma
okwesibili livela ezulwini lathi, 'Ungabokuthi
ulutho oseluhlanjululwe nguNkulunkulu
kaluhlanzekanga.' 10 Lokhu kwenzakala
kathathu, konke kwase kubuyiselwa njalo
ezulwini. 11 Ngalesosikhathi amadoda
amathathu ayethunywe kimi evela eKhesariya
afika endlini engangihlala kuyo. 12 UMoya
wangitshela ukuthi ngingathandabuzi
ukuhamba lawo. Laba abazalwane abayisithupha
labo bahamba lami sayangena endlini yendoda
leyo. 13 Yasitshela ukuthi yabona ingilosi endlini
yayo isithi, 'Thumela eJopha ubize uSimoni
owaziwa ngokuthi nguPhethro. 14 Uzakulethela
ilizwi eliyilo elizakusindisa wena kanye lendlu
yakho.' 15 Kwathi ngiqalisa nje ukukhuluma,
uMoya oNgcwele wehlela phezu kwabo
njengoba wehlela kithi ekuqaleni. 16 Ngakho
ngasengikhumbula okwatshiwo yiNkosi isithi,
'UJohane wabhaphathiza ngamanzi, kodwa
lina lizabhaphathizwa ngoMoya oNgcwele.'
17 Ngakho-ke, nxa uNkulunkulu wabanika
sona lesosipho asinika sona thina esakholwa
eNkosini uJesu Khristu, ngangingubani mina
engangingakhumbula ukuthi ngingamelana
loNkulunkulu na?" 18 Bathi sebekuzwile
lokhu, kababe besaba lansolo, badumisa
uNkulunkulu besithi, "Ngakho-ke, uNkulunkulu
usebanikile labo abeZizwe ukuphendukela
ekuphileni." 19 Kwathi labo ababehlakazekile
ngenxa yokuhlukunyezwa okwaqala ngokufa
kukaStefane bahamba baze bayafika eFenikhiya,
leSiphrasi le-Antiyokhi betshumayela ilizwi
kumaJuda kuphela. 20 Kodwa abanye babo,
amadoda ayevela eSiphrasi laseKhureni,

aya e-Antiyokhi atshumayela lakumaGrikhi,
ebatshela ngezindaba ezinhle ngeNkosi uJesu.
21 INkosi yaba labo, ngakho abantu abanengi
bakholwa baphendukela eNkosini. 22 Ibandla
eliseJerusalema lakuzwa lokhu laselithumela
uBhanabhasi e-Antiyokhi. 23 Ekufikeni kwakhe
wazibona izithelo zomusa kaNkulunkulu,
wathokoza njalo wabakhuthaza bonke ukuthi
baqhubeke ngobuqotho eNkosini ngezinhliziyo
zabo zonke. 24 Wayeyindoda elungileyo, egcwele
uMoya oNgcwele lokukholwa. Abantu abanengi
kakhulu balethwa eNkosini. 25 UBhanabhasi
wasesiya eThasasi ukuyadinga uSawuli. 26
Esemfumene wahamba laye e-Antiyokhi.
Ngakho okomnyaka wonke uBhanabhasi
loSawuli babehlangana lebandla befundisa
abantu abanengi kakhulu. Abafundi baqalisa
ukubizwa ngokuthi ngamaKhristu e-Antiyokhi.
27 Ngalesosikhathi abanye abaphrofethi
bafika e-Antiyokhi bevela eJerusalema. 28
Omunye wabo owayethiwa ngu-Agabhasi
wasukuma eholwa nguMoya wabonisa ukuthi
kwakuzakuba lendlala embi eyayizakubakhona
kulolonke ilizwe lombuso wamaRoma.
(Lokhu kwenzakala ngesikhathi sokubusa
kukaKlawudiyasi.) 29 Abafundi bazimisela
ukunika usizo kubazalwane ababehlala eJudiya,
ngulowo enika ngokwenelisa kwakhe. 30
Bakwenza lokhu, bathumeza izipho zabo
ebadaleni ngoBhanabhasi loSawuli.

12 Kungaba yisikhathi lapho iNkosi
uHerodi eyabopha khona abanye ababe
ngabebandla eqonde ukubahlukumeza. 2
Wabulalisa uJakhobe umfowabo kaJohane
ngenkemba. 3 Wathi esebone ukuthi lokho
kwakuwathabisa amaJuda, wabopha loPhethro
njalo. Lokho kwenzakala ngezinsuku zoMkhosi
weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo. 4 Esembophile
wamphosela entolongweni, wamnikela ukuba
alindwe ngamaviyo amane amabutho, ngalinye
lilamabutho amane. UHerodi wayefuna
ukuthi ngemva kwePhasika amkhuphele
obala athonisiswe phambi kwabantu. 5
Ngakho uPhethro wagcinwa entolongweni,
kodwa ibandla lamkhulekela njalonjalo
kuNkulunkulu. 6 Ngobusuku obandulela
ukuthonisiswa kukaPhethro nguHerodi,
uPhethro wayelele ephahlwe ngamabutho
amabili, ebotshwe ngamaketane amabili, kumi
abalindi emnyango wentolongo. 7 Masinyane
ingilosi yeNkosi yavela, kwabakhona ukukhanya
kulelokamela lentolongo. Yathinta uPhethro
ohlangothini, yamvusa yathi, “Phangisa, vuka!”
Amaketane akhithika ezingalweni zikaPhethro.
8 Ingilosi yasisithi kuye, “Gqoka, ufake
lamanyathela akho.” UPhethro wenzenjalo.
Ingilosi yamtshela yathi, “Yembatha ijazi
lakho ungilandele.” 9 UPhethro wayilandela
ngaphandle kwentolongo, kodwa wayedidekile
engakwazi ukuthi lokho ingilosi eyayikwenza
kwakusenzakala ngempela; wayekhumbula
ukuthi ubona umbono. 10 Bedlula kubalindi,
owokuqala lowesibili bafika esangweni
lensimbi elaliphumela edolobheni. Lazivulekela
baphuma. Kwathi sebehambe baphutsha
umgwaqo wedolobho, ingilosi yamtshiya.
11 Kwayikhona uPhethro enanzelela, wathi,
“Khathesi sengisazi kungelakuthandabuza
ukuthi iNkosi ithume ingilosi yayo yangihlenga
ezibotshweni zikaHerodi lakukho konke
obekufiswa ngamaJuda.” 12 Sekumkhanyele
kuhle lokhu, waqonda endlini kaMariya unina
kaJohane, owayethiwa nguMakho njalo, khona
lapho abantu abanengi babebuthene bekhuleka.
13 UPhethro waqoqoda entubeni yangaphandle,
kwathi incekukazi eyayithiwa nguRoda
yayabuza ukuthi ngubani owayesemnyango. 14
Isilizwile ilizwi likaPhethro yathaba kakhulu,
yagijimela phakathi ingasawuvulanga, yabika
yathi, “UPhethro usemnyango!” 15 Bathi,
“Uyahlanya wena.” Kwathi ngoba wala elokhu
ephikelela ukuthi liqiniso, bathi, “Kutsho
ukuthi yingilosi yakhe.” 16 Kodwa uPhethro
wala elokhu eqoqoda, bathi bevula umnyango
bambona, bamangala kakhulu. 17 UPhethro
wabatshengisa ngesandla ukuthi bathule,
wasebalandisela ukuthi iNkosi imkhuphe
kanjani entolongweni. Wathi, “Libotshela
uJakhobe labazalwane ngalokhu.” Wasesuka
waya kwenye indawo. 18 Ekuseni kwaba
lokunyakazela okukhulu phakathi kwabebutho.
Babuza bathi, “Kambe ngabe uPhethro
wenzenjani?” 19 Kwathi uHerodi esemthungathe

waze wabeka phansi, wathonisisa abalindi
wasesithi kababulawe. UHerodi wasuka
eJudiya waya eKhesariya wayahlala khona
okwesikhathi esithile. 20 Wayekade exabana
labantu beThire labeSidoni; basebehlangana
ndawonye bacela ukukhuluma laye. Sebezuze
ukusekelwa nguBhlastu inceku ethembekileyo
enkosini, bacela ukuthula ngoba ukudla kwabo
babekuthola elizweni lenkosi. 21 Ngosuku
olumisiweyo, uHerodi wagqoka izigqoko
zobukhosi wahlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi,
wasekhuluma ebantwini. 22 Bamemeza bathi,
"Leli yilizwi likaNkulunkulu, hatshi elomuntu."
23 Masinyane nje, ngenxa yokuthi uHerodi
wayengamkhonzi uNkulunkulu, ingilosi yeNkosi
yamtshaya yamlahla phansi, wadliwa zimpethu
wafa. 24 Kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu laqhubeka
likhula njalo lisanda. 25 Kwathi uBhanabhasi
loSawuli sebewuqedile umlandu wabo, babuyela
besuka eJerusalema, bahamba loJohane,
owayethiwa nguMakho.

13 Ebandleni elalise-Antiyokhi
kwakulabaphrofethi labafundisi:
uBhanabhasi, loSimiyoni owayethiwa
nguNigeri, loLusiya waseKhureni, loManayeni
(owayekhuliswe loHerodi umbusi) kanye
loSawuli. 2 Kwathi beyikhonza iNkosi
njalo bezilile uMoya oNgcwele wathi,
"Ngahlukaniselani uBhanabhasi loSawuli baye
emsebenzini engibabizele wona." 3 Ngakho
bathi sebezilile njalo sebekhulekile, bababeka
izandla babakhupha. 4 Bonke bobabili baholwa
nguMoya oNgcwele, behlela eSelusiya lapho
abawela khona ngomkhumbi baya eSiphrasi. 5
Bathi sebefikile eSalami, balitshumayela ilizwi
likaNkulunkulu emasinagogweni amaJuda.
UJohane wayelabo engumsizi wabo. 6
Basibhoda sonke isihlenge baze bafika ePhafosi.
Khonapho bafumana umJuda oyisanuse,
njalo engumphrofethi wamanga owayethiwa
nguBha-Jesu, 7 wayeyinceku kasibalukhulu,
uSegiyasi Phawuli. Usibalukhulu lowo, indoda
ekhaliphileyo, yathumela ukuthi kubizwe
uBhanabhasi loSawuli ngoba wayefuna ukuzwa
ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. 8 Kodwa u-Elima
isanuse (phela yikho ibizo lakhe elikutshoyo)
waphikisana labo wazama ukuphambula
usibalukhulu ekukholweni. 9 Kwasekusithi
uSawuli, owayethiwa njalo nguPhawuli,
egcwele uMoya oNgcwele, wamjolozela u-
Elima wathi, 10 "Wena ungumntakaSathane
lesitha sakho konke okulungileyo! Ugcwele
zonke inhlobo zenkohliso lokudlelezela.
Kawuyikufa wakhawula yini ukuhlinikeza
izindlela eziqondileyo? 11 Khathesi-ke,
isandla seNkosi sizakutshaya. Uzakuba
yimpumputhe, awuzukubona ukukhanya
kwelanga okwesikhathi esithile." Masinyane
wehlelwa yinkungu lomnyama, waphumputha,
waswela umuntu wokumhola ngesandla.
12 Kwathi usibalukhulu esekubonile
lokho okwakwenzakele wakholwa, ngoba
wamangaliswa yimfundiso ngeNkosi. 13
Besuka ePhafosi uPhawuli labaphelekezeli
bakhe bawela ngomkhumbi baya ePhega
esePhamfiliya lapho uJohane abatshiya khona
esebuyela eJerusalema. 14 Besuka ePhega
baya e-Antiyokhi yasePhisidiya. NgeSabatha
bangena esinagogweni bahlala phansi. 15
Sekubaliwe eMthethweni labaPhrofethi,
abaphathi besinagogu bedlulisela ilizwi kubo
lisithi, "Bazalwane, nxa lilelizwi lokukhuthaza
abantu, khulumani." 16 UPhawuli wasukuma
welekelela ngesandla wathi, "Madoda ako-
Israyeli kanye lani abeZizwe elimesabayo
uNkulunkulu, ngilalelani! 17 UNkulunkulu
wabantu bako-Israyeli wakhetha okhokho bethu
wenza abantu baphumelela ngesikhathi behlezi
eGibhithe. Ngamandla amakhulu wabakhupha
kulelolizwe 18 wababekezelela ekuhambeni
kwabo okweminyaka engamatshumi
amane besenkangala. 19 Wachitha izizwe
eziyisikhombisa eKhenani wanika ilizwe lazo
abantu bakhe laba yilifa labo. 20 Konke lokho
kwathatha iminyaka engamakhulu amane
lamatshumi amahlanu. Ngemva kwalokhu
uNkulunkulu wababekela abahluleli kwaze
kwaba yisikhathi sikaSamuyeli umphrofethi.
21 Abantu bacela inkosi, wabanika uSawuli
indodana kaKhishi, owesizwana sikaBhenjamini,
wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amane. 22
Ngemva kokuba esemsusile uSawuli, wabeka
uDavida waba yinkosi. Wafakaza ngaye wathi,

‘Sengifumane uDavida indodana kaJese, indoda
ethandwa yinhliziyo yami; uzakwenza konke
engifuna ukuba akwenze.’ 23 Esizukulwaneni
salindoda uNkulunkulu uselethe ko-Israyeli
uMsindisi uJesu njengokuthembisa kwakhe.
24 Mandulo kokufika kukaJesu, uJohane
watshumayela ukuphenduka lokubhaphathizwa
kubo bonke abantu bako-Israyeli. 25 UJohane
esewuphetha umsebenzi wakhe wathi,
‘Licabanga ukuthi ngingubani na? Kangisuye
lowo. Hatshi, kodwa uyeza ngemva kwami,
omanyathela akhe akungilinganang a ukuthi
ngiwathukulule.’ 26 Bazalwane, bantwana
baka-Abhrahama lani beZizwe elimesabayo
uNkulunkulu, lelilizwi lensindiso selithunyelwe
kithi. 27 Abantu baseJerusalema kanye
lababusi babo kabamamukelanga uJesu, ikanti
kwathi ngokumlahla bagcwalisa amazwi
abaphrofethi afundwayo ngamaSabatha wonke.
28 Lokuba bengazange bafumane ubufakazi
obuqondileyo ukuthi agwetshelwe ukubulawa,
bacela uPhilathu ukuthi abulawe. 29 Bathi
sebekwenzile konke lokho okwakulotshwe
ngaye, bamethula esiphambanweni bamlalisa
ethuneni. 30 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa
kwabafileyo, 31 Wabonwa okwensuku ezinengi
yilabo abahamba laye besuka eGalile besiya
eJerusalema. Manje yibo asebe ngofakazi
ebantwini bakithi. 32 Silitshela izindaba ezinhle
ukuthi: Lokho uNkulunkulu akuthembisa
okhokho bethu 33 usesigcwalisele khona, thina
abantwababo, ngokumvusa uJesu kwabafileyo.
Njengalokhu kulotshiwe eHubeni lesibili ukuthi:
‘UyiNdodana yami; lamhla sengibe nguYihlo.’
34 Lokho ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamvusa
kwabafileyo, engasoze abole lanini, kucacisiwe
emazwini la: ‘Ngizakunika izibusiso ezingcwele
eziqinisekileyo ezathenjiswa uDavida.’ 35
Kanjalo kulotshiwe kwenye indawo ukuthi:
‘Kawusoze wekele oNgcwele wakho abone
ukubola.’ 36 Ngoba kwathi uDavida eseyifezile
injongo kaNkulunkulu ngalesosikhathi aphila
kuso, walala; wangcwatshwa labokhokho
bakhe, umzimba wakhe wabola. 37 Kodwa
lowo uNkulunkulu amvusayo kwabafileyo
kazange akubone ukubola. 38 Ngakho-
ke, bazalwane bami, ngithanda ukuba lazi
ukuthi ngoJesu ukuthethelelwa kwezono
kuyatshunyayelwa kini. 39 Ngaye bonke
abakholwayo sebehlanjululwe ezonweni
zonke abebengeke bahlanjululwe kuzo
ngomthetho kaMosi. 40 Qaphelani ukuthi lokho
okwakhulunywa ngabaphrofethi kungenzakali
kini, ukuthi: 41 ‘Khangelani, lina bachothozi,
mangalani libhubhe, ngoba ensukwini zenu
ngizakwenza into elingasoze liyikholwe lanxa
kube lalingakutshelwa ngubani.’” 42 Kwathi
uPhawuli loBhanabhasi sebesuka esinagogweni
abantu babacela ukuthi babuye bazokhuluma
njalo ngalezizinto ngeSabatha elilandelayo.
43 Abantu sebechithekile amaJuda amanengi
lamakholwa ayephendukele enkolweni
yesiJuda balandela uPhawuli loBhanabhasi,
bona bakhuluma labo bebakhuthaza ukuthi
baqhubeke bebambelele emuseni kaNkulunkulu.
44 NgeSabatha elilandelayo phose lonke
idolobho labuthana ukuzakuzwa ilizwi leNkosi.
45 Kwathi amaJuda ebona amaxuku abantu,
aba lomona, akhuluma ehlambaza lokho
okwakutshiwo nguPhawuli. 46 UPhawuli
loBhanabhasi basebewaphendula ngesibindi
bathi, “Bekumele silikhulume kini ilizwi
likaNkulunkulu kuqala. Kodwa njengoba lililahla
ngoba lizibona lina lingakufanelanga ukuphila
okungapheliyo, khathesi sesiphendukela
kwabeZizwe. (aiōnios g166) 47 Phela nanku
iNkosi esisiyale khona yathi: ‘Sengilenze
isibane sabeZizwe, ukuthi lilethe insindiso
emikhawulweni yomhlaba.’” 48 Kwathi
abeZizwe bekuzwa lokhu bathaba, balidumisa
ilizwi leNkosi; kwathi bonke ababemiselwe
ukuphila okungapheliyo bakholwa. (aiōnios
g166) 49 Ilizwi leNkosi landa umango wonke.
50 Kodwa amaJuda athela umoya omubi
kwabesifazane abahlonitshwayo ababekholwa
lamadoda ayengabakhokheli bedolobho.
Akhwezela ukuhlukuluzwa kukaPhawuli
loBhanabhasi, abaxotsha emangweni wakibo.
51 Ngakho bathintitha uthuli ezinyaweni zabo
njengesixwayiso, baqonda e-Ikhoniyamu. 52
Abafundi bagcwala ngentokozo langoMoya
oNgcwele.

14 E-Ikhoniyamu uPhawuli loBhanabhasi
baya esinagogweni yamaJuda
njengenjayelo yabo. Khonapho bakhuluma
kwazwela kwaze kwathi amaJuda amanengi
lamaGrikhi akholwa. **2** Kodwa amaJuda
ayengafuni ukukholwa adunga abeZizwe,
abathela umoya omubi ngabazalwane. **3**
UPhawuli loBhanabhasi bahlala isikhathi eside
khona lapho bekhulumela iNkosi ngesibindi.
INkosi yaqinisa ilizwi lomusa wayo ngokubapha
amandla okwenza imimangaliso lezimanga. **4**
Abantu bedolobho lelo badabukana phakathi;
abanye bema lamaJuda, kwathi abanye
basekela abapostoli. **5** AbeZizwe lamaJuda
ndawonye labakhokheli babo bakha icebo
lokubahlukumeza lokubakhanda ngamatshe.
6 Kodwa balizwa icebo lelo basebebalekela
emadolobheni aseLikhawoniya, eListra leDebhe
lasemangweni yakhona, **7** lapho abaqhubeka
khona ukutshumayela izindaba ezinhle. **8** EListra
kwakulendoda eyayiyisigoga ikwazi ukuhlala
kuphela, ilokhu yazalwayo ingakaze ihambe. **9**
Yamlalela uPhawuli lapho ekhuluma. UPhawuli
wayijolozela wabona ukuthi yayikholwa ukuba
ingasiliswa **10** wasememeza wathi, "Sukuma
ngezinyawo zakho!" Ngalokho indoda yathi
lothu yahle yahamba. **11** Kwathi ixuku labantu
selikubonile okwakwenziwe nguPhawuli,
lamemeza ngolimi lwesiLikhawoniya lathi,
"Onkulunkulu sebehlele kithi belesimo
sabantu!" **12** UBhanabhasi bambiza bathi
nguZewusi, uPhawuli bathi nguHemesi ngoba
nguye owayekhokhela ekukhulumeni. **13**
Umphristi kaZewusi owayelethempeli eduze
ngaphandle kwedolobho, waletha inkunzi
lemigaxo emasangweni edolobho ngoba yena
kanye lexuku labantu babefuna ukwenza
imihlatshelo kubo. **14** Kodwa kwathi abapostoli,
uBhanabhasi loPhawuli bekuzwa lokhu,
badabula izigqoko zabo bazithela phakathi
kwabantu bememeza besithi: **15** "Madoda,
likwenzelani lokhu? Lathi singabantu njengani.
Sililethela izindaba ezinhle, silitshela ukuthi
litshiye izinto lezi eziyize liye kuNkulunkulu
ophilayo owenza amazulu lomhlaba, lolwandle
lakho konke okukuwo. **16** Endulo waziyekela
izizwe zonke zahamba ngezindlela zazo. **17**
Ikanti kazange ekele ukuzifakazela: Utshengisile
umusa ngokulipha izulu laphezulu lamabele
ngesikhathi sawo; ulipha ukudla okunengi
njalo agcwalise inhliziyo zenu ngentokozo."
18 Loba sebetsho lamazwi baba lobunzima
ukuthi bekelise abantu bonke ukuba babenzele
umhlatshelo. **19** Kwasekufika amaJuda evela
e-Antiyokhi lase-Ikhoniyamu afika adunga
abantu. UPhawuli bamkhanda ngamatshe
bamhudulela ngaphandle kwedolobho,
becabanga ukuthi wayesefile. **20** Kodwa ngemva
kokuba abafundi sebembuthanele, waphaphama
wabuyela edolobheni. Ngosuku olulandelayo
yena loBhanabhasi basuka baya eDebhe. **21**
Bazitshumayela izindaba ezinhle kulelodolobho
bazuza inani elikhulu labafundi. Basebebuyela
eListra, le-Ikhoniyamu le-Antiyokhi **22**
beqinisa abafundi njalo bebakhuthaza ukuthi
babambelele ekukholweni. Bathi, "Kufanele
sedlule ezinhlungwini ezinengi ukuze singene
embusweni kaNkulunkulu." **23** UPhawuli
loBhanabhasi babakhethela abadala kulelo
lalelo bandla, babanikela eNkosini ngomkhuleko
langokuzila ngoba bebeke ithemba labo kuyo
iNkosi. **24** Sebehambe bedlula ePhisidiya, bafika
ePhamfiliya, **25** kwathi sebetshumayele ilizwi
ePhega basebesiya e-Athaliya. **26** Besuka e-
Athaliya bawela ngomkhumbi babuyela e-
Antiyokhi, lapho ababenikelwe khona emuseni
kaNkulunkulu ukwenza umsebenzi lowo
abasebewufezile. **27** Ekufikeni kwabo khona,
balihlanganisa ndawonye ibandla balibikela
konke lokho uNkulunkulu ayekwenzile ngabo,
lokuthi wayesevulele abeZizwe umnyango
wokukholwa. **28** Bahlala khona isikhathi eside
labafundi.

15 Amadoda athile eza e-Antiyokhi evela
eJudiya, afika afundisa abazalwane esithi:
"Ngaphandle kokuthi lisokwe ngendlela
yomkhuba eyafundiswa nguMosi lingeke
lisindiswe." **2** Lokhu kwenza uPhawuli
loBhanabhasi baphikisana labo kakhulu. Ngakho
uPhawuli loBhanabhasi bakhethwa kanye
lamanye amakholwa ukuthi baye eJerusalema
ukuyabona abapostoli labadala ngaloludaba. **3**
Ibandla labavalelisa. Bathi bedabula eFenikhiya

leSamariya balandisa ngokuthi abeZizwe
basebephendukile. Indaba le yathokozisa bonke
abazalwane. 4 Bafika eJerusalema bemukelwa
kuhle libandla langabapostoli labadala,
bababikela konke uNkulunkulu ayekwenzile
ngabo. 5 Kwasekusithi amanye amakholwa
ayengawoluhlu lwabaFarisi asukuma athi,
“AbeZizwe kumele basokwe njalo batshelwe
ukuthi balandele umthetho kaMosi.” 6
Abapostoli labadala bahlangana bakhuluma
ngalindaba. 7 Ngemva kokuphikisana okukhulu
uPhethro wasukuma wakhuluma kubo wathi:
“Bazalwane, liyakwazi ukuthi esikhathini
esedluleyo uNkulunkulu wangikhetha phakathi
kwenu ukuthi abeZizwe bezwe kwezami
izindebe ilizwi levangeli bakholwe. 8
UNkulunkulu owazi inhliziyo watshengisa
ukuthi uyabemukela ngokubapha uMoya
oNgcwele, njengalokhu akwenzayo kithi. 9
Kenzanga umahluko phakathi kwethu labo,
ngoba wahlanza inhliziyo zabo ngokukholwa.
10 Pho-ke lizamelani ukulinga uNkulunkulu
ngokwethesa abafundi beZizweni ijogwe thina
labokhokho bethu esehluleka ukulithwala? 11
Hatshi! Sikholwa ukuthi sisindiswa ngomusa
weNkosi uJesu, njengabo labo.” 12 Wonke
umhlangano wathula zwi balalela uBhanabhasi
loPhawuli belandisa ngemimangaliso lezimanga
uNkulunkulu ayezenzile kwabeZizwe ngabo.
13 Bathi sebeqedile uJakhobe wakhuluma
wathi: “Bazalwane, ake lingilalele. 14 USimoni
usesilandisele ngokuthi ekuqaleni uNkulunkulu
watshengisa njani ukunakekela kwakhe
abeZizwe ngokukhetha phakathi kwabo abantu
ukuba babe ngabakhe. 15 Amazwi abaphrofethi
ayavumelana lalokhu, njengalokhu kulotshiwe
ukuthi: 16 ‘Ngemva kwalokhu ngizabuya ngakhe
kutsha indlu kaDavida ewileyo. Amanxiwa ayo
ngizawavuselela, njalo ngizayimisa kutsha,
17 ukwenzela ukuthi lonke uluntu luyidinge
iNkosi, kanye labeZizwe abaziwa ngebizo
lami, kutsho iNkosi eyenza lezizinto’: 18
ezivele zisaziwa kusukela endulo. (aiōn g165) 19
Ngokubona kwami, kakumelanga sikwenze
kube lukhuni kwabeZizwe abaphendukela
kuNkulunkulu. 20 Esikhundleni salokho,
kasibalobeleni sibatshele ukuthi baxwaye
ukudla okungcoliswe yizithombe, lokuhlobonga,
lenyama yenyamazana ekhanyiweyo lobubende.
21 Phela uMosi sekwatshunyayelwa ngaye
kuwo wonke amadolobho kusukela ekuqaleni
njalo kufundwa ngaye emasinagogweni
amaSabatha wonke.” 22 Abapostoli labadala
kanye lebandla lonke bamisa ukukhetha
abanye babo ukuthi babathume e-Antiyokhi
loPhawuli loBhanabhasi. Bakhetha uJudasi
owayethiwa nguBhasabhasi, loSayilasi, la
engamadoda amabili ayengabakhokheli
kubazalwane. 23 Babaphathisa incwadi
le: Abapostoli labadala, abazalwane benu,
KwabeZizwe abakholwayo e-Antiyokhi, lase-
Asiriya laseSilisiya: Siyalibingelela. 24 Sesizwile
ukuthi bakhona abasuka kithi bengelamvumo
yethu bafika balidunga, bedida ingqondo
zenu ngalokho ababekutsho. 25 Ngakho
sivumelene sonke ukukhetha amadoda athile
ukuthi siwathumele kini labangane bethu
abathandekayo, uBhanabhasi loPhawuli, 26
amadoda adele impilo zawo ngenxa yebizo
leNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. 27 Ngakho
sithumela uJudasi loSayilasi ukugcwalisa
ngomlomo lokhu esikulobayo. 28 Kubonakale
kufanele kuMoya oNgcwele lakithi ukuthi
singalethesi omthwalo omkhulu ngaphandle
kwezimiso lezi: 29 Xwayani ukudla okunikelwe
ezithombeni, ububende, inyama yenyamazana
ekhanyiweyo kanye lokuhlobonga. Lizabe
lenze kuhle nxa lizixwaya lezizinto. Salani
kuhle. 30 Bawavalelisa amadoda ahamba
aya e-Antiyokhi, lapho afika ahlanganisa
ibandla ndawonye ethula incwadi. 31 Abantu
bayibala bathokoza ngenxa yamazwi ayo
akhuthazayo. 32 UJudasi loSayilasi, bona
ngokwabo ababengabaphrofethi, bakhuluma
okunengi ukukhuthaza lokuqinisa abazalwane.
33 Sebehlale isikhathi esithile khonapho,
abazalwane babavalelisa ngesibusiso sokuthula
sebebuyela kulabo ababathumayo. [34
Kodwa uSayilasi wakhetha ukusala khona.]
35 Kodwa uPhawuli loBhanabhasi basala
e-Antiyokhi, lapho bona kanye labanye
abanengi bafundisa njalo batshumayela ilizwi
leNkosi. 36 Emva kwesikhatshanyana uPhawuli
wathi kuBhanabhasi, “Kasibuyele emuva

siyebona abazalwane emadolobheni wonke
esitshumayele khona ilizwi leNkosi ukuthi
baqhuba njani." 37 UBhanabhasi wayefuna
ukuthi bahambe loJohane, owayethiwa
nguMakho, 38 kodwa uPhawuli wakubona
kungafanele ukuhamba laye ngoba wayeke
wabafulathela besePhamfiliya kaze aqhubeka
labo emsebenzini. 39 Baphikisana kakubi baze
bacina betshiyana. UBhanabhasi wamthatha
uMakho bawelela eSiphrasi, 40 kodwa uPhawuli
wakhetha ukuhamba loSayilasi, basuka
bebekwe ngabazalwane emuseni weNkosi.
41 Wahamba phakathi kwe-Asiriya leSilisiya
eqinisa amabandla.

16 Wafika eDebhe wedlulela eListra lapho
okwakuhlala khona umfundi owayethiwa
nguThimothi, olonina owaye ngumJudakazi,
elikholwa, kodwa uyise engumGrikhi. 2
Abazalwane baseListra lase-Ikhoniyamu
babemncoma. 3 UPhawuli wayefuna ukuhamba
laye, ngakho wasemsoka ngenxa yamaJuda
akuleyondawo ngoba bonke babekwazi
ukuthi uyise wayengumGrikhi. 4 Ekuhambeni
kwabo kulelo lalelodolobho, babezethula
izinqumo ezenziwa ngabapostoli labadala
eJerusalema ukuze abantu bazilandele. 5 Ngakho
amabandla aqiniswa ekukholweni abantu
banda mihla yonke. 6 UPhawuli labaphelekezeli
bakhe bayibhoda yonke imango yaseFirigiya
laseGalathiya, uMoya oNgcwele esemalele
ukuthi atshumayele ilizwi edolobheni lase-
Ezhiya. 7 Bathi sebefike emngceleni waseMisiya,
bazama ukungena eBhithiniya, kodwa uMoya
kaJesu kawubavumelanga. 8 Ngakho bedlula
eceleni kweMisiya behlela eTrowasi. 9 Ebusuku
uPhawuli wehlelwa ngumbono wendoda
yaseMasedoniya imi imncenga isithi, "Woza
eMasedoniya uzosisiza." 10 UPhawuli esebone
umbono lowo, sahle salungisa masinyane ukuthi
siye eMasedoniya, sibona ukuthi uNkulunkulu
wayesibizile ukuba sitshumayele ivangeli kubo.
11 Sasuka eTrowasi sawela ulwandle santsheza
saqonda eSamathrake, ngosuku olulandelayo
sedlulela eNiyapholi. 12 Sesisuka lapho saya
eFiliphi, elaliyilona idolobho elikhulu lesiqinti
seMasedoniya eyayibuswa ngamaRoma. Sahlala
lapho okwensuku ezinengi. 13 NgeSabatha
saphumela ngaphandle kwamasango omuzi saya
emfuleni sifuna indawo yokukhuleka. Sahlala
phansi saqalisa ukukhuluma labesifazane
ababebuthene khonapho. 14 Omunye walabo
ababelalele ngowesifazane owayethiwa
nguLidiya, umthengisi welembu eliyibubende
evela edolobheni laseThiyathira, ekhonza
uNkulunkulu. INkosi yayivula inhliziyo yakhe
ukuba emukele ilizwi likaPhawuli. 15 Kwathi
yena kanye labendlu yakhe sebebhaphathiziwe,
wasinxusela emzini wakhe. Wathi, "Nxa
lingemukela njengekholwa eNkosini, wozani
lizohlala endlini yami." Wasincenga savuma.
16 Ngelinye ilanga sathi sisiya endaweni
yokukhuleka sahlangana lentombazana
eyayiyisigqili, ilomoya wobungoma. Yayizuzela
abanini bayo imali enengi ngalokho kuhlahlula.
17 Intombazana le yalandela uPhawuli lathi
sonke imemeza isithi, "Amadoda la ayizinceku
zikaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, alitshela
indlela yokusindiswa." 18 Yakwenza lokhu
okwensuku ezinengi. Ekucineni uPhawuli
kwamcaphula lokho waphenduka wathi
kuwo umoya, "Ngiyakulaya ngebizo likaJesu
Khristu ukuthi uphume kuyo!" Umoya wahle
waphuma kuyo khonapho. 19 Abanikazi
bentombazana bathi ngokunanzelela ukuthi
ithemba labo lokuzuza imali laselinyamalele,
bababamba, uPhawuli loSayilasi babadonsela
enkundleni yokuthengisa ukuba bayeqondana
leziphathamandla. 20 Babamisa phambi
kwabomantshi bathi, "Amadoda la angamaJuda
asedunge idolobho lakithi 21 ngokukhuthaza
imikhuba engaphandle komthetho ukuthi thina
amaRoma siyamukele kumbe siyilandele." 22
Ixuku layingenela indaba yokuhlasela uPhawuli
loSayilasi, ngakho omantshi bathi kabakhululwe
izigqoko batshaywe. 23 Sebebatshaye
kabuhlungu babaphosela entolongweni
kwathiwa umlindijele abakhangele aqinisise.
24 Esezwe lowomlayo wabafuqela endlini
yentolongo ephakathi wababopha inyawo,
wazibophela ensikeni. 25 Sekungaba phakathi
kwamabili ebusuku uPhawuli loSayilasi
bakhuleka bahlabela amahubo kuNkulunkulu,
ezinye izibotshwa zibalalele. 26 Masinyane

kwaba lokuzamazama komhlaba kwaze
kwanyikinyeka lezisekelo zentolongo. Izivalo
zentolongo zathi gwabu zavuleka, amaketane
ezibotshwa athukuluka. 27 Umlindijele
waphaphama, wathi ngokubona iminyango
yentolongo ivulekile, wakhokha inkemba
yakhe esefuna ukuzibulala ngoba ekhumbula
ukuthi izibotshwa zasezibalekile. 28 Kodwa
uPhawuli wamemeza wathi, “Ungazilimazi
bo! Sikhona sonke!” 29 Umlindijele wathi
kakulethwe izibane, wangena wazilahla phambi
kukaPhawuli loSayilasi eqhaqhazela. 30
Wasebakhuphela phandle wababuza wathi,
“Madoda, ngenzeni ukuze ngisindiswe na?”
31 Baphendula bathi, “Kholwa eNkosini uJesu,
uzasindiswa; wena kanye lendlu yakho.” 32
Basebemtshumayeza ngelizwi leNkosi kanye
labanye abendlu yakhe. 33 Ngalelohola lebusuku
umlindijele wabathatha wabagezisa imvimvinya
zabo; kwasekusithi khonokho nje yena labendlu
yakhe bahle babhaphathizwa. 34 Umlindijele
wahamba labo endlini yakhe, wabapha ukudla.
Indlu yakhe yonke yaba lokuthokoza ngoba
basebekholwa kuNkulunkulu. 35 Kwathi
sokusile, omantshi bathuma amanxusa abo
kumlindijele lomlayo othi: “Bakhulule abantu
labo.” 36 Umlindijele watshela uPhawuli wathi,
“Omantshi sebethe wena loSayilasi likhululwe.
Selingahamba. Lihambe ngokuthula.” 37 Kodwa
uPhawuli wathi emanxuseni: “Basibhaxabule
phambi kwabantu singazange sithonisiswe
thina singamaRoma agcweleyo, basiphosela
entolongweni. Kanti manje sebefuna
ukusikhupha ngasese na? Hatshi! Kababuye
bona ngokwabo bazesikhupha.” 38 Amanxusa
akubika lokhu kubomantshi abathi ngokuzwa
ukuthi uPhawuli loSayilasi babengamaRoma
agcweleyo, bethuka. 39 Beza ukuzabancenga,
babakhupha entolongweni, babacela ukuthi
basuke kulelodolobho. 40 UPhawuli loSayilasi
sebephumile entolongweni baya endlini
kaLidiya lapho abahlangana khona labazalwane
babaqinisa. Basebesuka bahamba.

17 Bathi sebedlule e-Amfipholi le-
Apholoniya, bafika eThesalonika lapho
okwakulesinagogu yamaJuda khona. 2
Njengenjayelo yakhe uPhawuli waya
esinagogweni, kwathi ngamaSabatha
amathathu wabonisana labo ngeMibhalo, 3
echaza njalo eveza obala ukuthi uKhristu
wayemele ahlupheke njalo avuke kwabafileyo.
Wathi, “UJesu lo engitshumayela ngaye
kini unguye uKhristu.” 4 Amanye amaJuda
akukholwa lokho asehlanganyelana loPhawuli
loSayilasi, njengalokho okwenziwa linani
elikhulu lamaGrikhi abesaba uNkulunkulu,
kugoqela lehlekanyana labesifazane
abahloniphekayo. 5 Kodwa amaJuda aba
lomona; ngakho asehuga izixhwali endaweni
yokuthengisa, abalixuku elithile asevusa
umsindo edolobheni. Aphuthumela endlini
kaJasoni edinga uPhawuli loSayilasi efuna
ukubaletha phambi kukazulu. 6 Kodwa kwathi
sebebaswele basebedonsela uJasoni labanye
abazalwane abathile kubaphathi bedolobho
bememeza besithi: “Amadoda la abekade edala
uhlupho emhlabeni wonke manje aseze lapha, 7
uJasoni yena wawemukela endlini yakhe. Bonke
bahlinikeza imithetho kaKhesari besithi kulenye
inkosi ethiwa nguJesu.” 8 Bathi bekuzwa
lokhu abantu labaphathi bedolobho bazonda
kakhulu. 9 Kwasekuthiwa uJasoni labanye
bakhe kabakhuphe isibambiso ngemali ethile,
kwayikhona bekhululwa ukuthi bahambe. 10
Konela ukuthi kuhlwe abazalwane babasusa
uPhawuli loSayilasi babasa eBheriya. Ekufikeni
kwabo khona baya esinagogweni yamaJuda.
11 AmaJuda eBheriya wona ayelesimilo
esingcono kulaleso esamaThesalonika, ngoba
alemukela ilizwi ngomfutho omkhulu njalo
ayihlola iMibhalo insuku zonke ukuze
abone ukuthi lokho uPhawuli ayekutsho
kwakuliqiniso na. 12 AmaJuda amanengi
akholwa, kanye labesifazane abanengi
bamaGrikhi abahloniphekayo lamadoda
amanengi amaGrikhi. 13 Kwathi amaJuda
aseThesalonika esezwile ukuthi uPhawuli
wayesetshumayela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu
eBheriya, aya khona futhi, athela abantu
umoya omubi abadunga. 14 Abazalwane
bahle bathumela uPhawuli ngasokhunjini
lolwandle, kodwa uSayilasi loThimothi basala
eBheriya. 15 Amadoda ayephelekezela uPhawuli

amtshiya e-Athene asebuyela lomlayezo
wokuthi uSayilasi loThimothi bamlandele
ngokuphangisa. 16 UPhawuli esabamelele e-
Athene, wakhathazeka kakhulu ngokubona
ukuthi idolobho lelo laligcwele izithombe. 17
Ngakho wabonisana lamaJuda kanye lamaGrikhi
ayemesaba uNkulunkulu esinagogweni
lasendaweni yokuthengisa zonke insuku lalabo
ababekhonapho. 18 Ixuku lezazi zama-Ephikhuri
lamaStoyikhi laphikisana laye. Abanye babo
babuza bathi, “Uwumani lolu luzama ukuthini
kanti?” Abanye bathi, “Kungathi utshumayela
ngonkulunkulu bezizweni.” Bakutsho lokhu
ngoba uPhawuli wayetshumayela izindaba
ezinhle ngoJesu langokuvuka kwabafileyo. 19
Basebehamba laye enkundleni ye-Ariyophagasi,
bafika bathi kuye, “Ake usitshele ukuthi
imfundiso le entsha oyethulayo iyini. 20 Uletha
ezindlebeni zethu imibono engajayelekanga,
ngakho sifuna ukwazi ukuthi itshoni.” 21
(Wonke ama-Atheni labezizwe ababehlala
khona babechitha isikhathi sabo bengenzi
lutho ngaphandle kokukhuluma lokulalela
imibono emitsha.) 22 UPhawuli wasukuma
enkundleni ye-Ariyophagasi wathi, “Madoda
ase-Atheni! Ngiyabona ukuthi kukho konke
lingabantu abakhonzayo. 23 Ngoba ngithe
ngihambahamba, ngabona izithombe zenu,
ngaze ngafumana i-alithari elilombhalo othi:
Kunkulunkulu Ongaziwayo. Manje-ke lokho
elikukhonza njengolutho olungaziwayo yikho
engizakutshumayela kini. 24 UNkulunkulu
owenza umhlaba lakho konke okukuwo
uyiNkosi yezulu lomhlaba, njalo kahlali
emathempelini akhiwe ngezandla. 25 Njalo
kancediswa yizandla zabantu ingathi kukhona
akuswelayo, ngoba yena ngokwakhe upha
bonke abantu impilo, umphefumulo lokunye
konke. 26 Ngomuntu oyedwa wenza zonke
izizwe zabantu, ukuthi zakhe emhlabeni wonke;
njalo wamisa izikhathi abazilungiselweyo lazo
kanye izindawo abamele bahlale kuzo. 27
UNkulunkulu wakwenza lokhu ukuze abantu
bamdinge lokuthi mhlawumbe bamfinyelele
bamfumane, loba nje uvele engakhatshana
komunye lomunye wethu. 28 ‘Ngoba siphila
kuye, sihambe ngaye njalo siphelelisiwe nguye.’
Njengokutsho kwezinye izimbongi zakini
ukuthi, ‘Singabantwabakhe.’ 29 Ngakho-ke
njengoba singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu,
kasingacabangini ukuthi ubuNkulunkulu
bunjengegolide, loba isiliva kumbe ilitshe;
umfanekiso obunjwe ngobungcitshi bomuntu.
30 Endulo uNkulunkulu kakunakanga ukungazi
lokhu, kodwa khathesi uselaya bonke abantu
ezindaweni zonke ukuba baphenduke. 31
Ngoba uselumisile usuku lapho azakwahlulela
khona umhlaba ngokulunga ngaye umuntu
amkhethileyo. Usebuvezile ubufakazi balokhu
kubo bonke abantu ngokumvusa kwabafileyo.”
32 Bathi besizwa ngokuvuka kwabafileyo,
abanye babo bamklolodela, kodwa abanye
bathi, “Sifuna ukuphinda sikuzwe ukhuluma
ngale indaba njalo.” 33 Ngalokho-ke, uPhawuli
wasesuka enkundleni. 34 Abantu abathile baba
ngabalandeli bakaPhawuli, bakholwa. Phakathi
kwabo kwakuloDiyonisiyu owayelilunga le-
Ariyophagasi, njalo lowesifazane okwakuthiwa
nguDamari kanye labanye abalinani elithile.

18 Ngemva kwalokho uPhawuli wasuka e-
Athene waya eKhorinte. 2 Khonapho
wahlangana lomJuda owayethiwa ngu-Akhwila,
owasePhontusi ngomdabuko, owayesanda
kufika lapho evele e-Ithali lomkakhe
uPhrisila ngoba uKlawudiyasi wayekhuphe
isinqumo sokuthi amaJuda wonke aphume
eRoma. UPhawuli wahamba wayababona,
3 kwathi ngoba engumenzi wamathente
njengabo wasehlala labo, wasebenza
labo. 4 NgamaSabatha wonke wayesiya
esinagogweni ebonisana lamaJuda lamaGrikhi
ezama ukuwaphendula. 5 Kwathi uSayilasi
loThimothi sebefikile bevela eMasedoniya,
uPhawuli wasenikela isikhathi sakhe sonke
ekutshumayeleni kuphela efakaza kumaJuda
ukuthi uJesu wayenguKhristu. 6 Kodwa kwathi
lapho amaJuda emphikisa njalo emchothoza,
wathintitha izembatho zakhe phambi kwawo
wathi, “Igazi lenu kalibe phezu kwamakhanda
enu! Mina sengiwenzile owami umlandu.
Kusukela manje sengisiya kwabeZizwe.”
7 UPhawuli wasesuka esinagogweni waya
endlini eseceleni, eyayingekaThithu Justusi,

owayekhonza uNkulunkulu. 8 UKhrispasi,
umphathi wesinagogu, kanye lendlu yakhe
yonke bakholwa eNkosini; kwathi labanengi
bamaKhorinte abamuzwayo bakholwa,
babhaphathizwa. 9 Ngobunye ubusuku iNkosi
yakhuluma kuPhawuli ngombono yathi:
“Ungesabi; qhubeka utshumayela, ungathuli.
10 Ngoba mina ngilawe, kakho ozakuhlasela
akulimaze, ngoba ngilabantu abanengi
kulelidolobho.” 11 Ngakho uPhawuli wahlala
khona okomnyaka olengxenye, ebafundisa ilizwi
likaNkulunkulu. 12 UGaliyo esangusibalukhulu
wase-Akhayiya, amaJuda eKhorinte amanyana
ahlasela uPhawuli, amletha emthethwandaba,
13 amangalela esithi, “Indoda le idonsela
abantu ekukhonzeni uNkulunkulu ngezindlela
eziphambene lomthetho.” 14 Kwathi uPhawuli
esathi uyakhuluma, uGaliyo wathi kumaJuda,
“Kube lina maJuda libika ngokona okuthile
loba icala lokuganga okubi, bekufanele
ukuthi ngililalele. 15 Kodwa njengoba
kuphathelane ngezinto zamazwi lamabizo,
langomthetho wenu; kulungiseni lina. Mina
kangiyikuba ngumahluleli wezinto ezinjalo.” 16
Wasesithi kabaxotshwe enkantolo. 17 Bonke
basebephendukela uSosithene, umphathi
wesinagogu, bamtshaya phambi kwenkantolo.
Kodwa uGaliyo kazange athi thiki lakancane. 18
UPhawuli waphinda wahlala njalo okwesikhathi
esithile eKhorinte. Wasetshiya abazalwane
waya e-Asiriya, ephelekezelwa nguPhrisila lo-
Akhwila. Engakaweli ulwandle waqala wagela
inwele zakhe eKhenkireya ngenxa yesifungo
ayesenzile. 19 Bafika e-Efesu lapho uPhawuli
atshiya khona uPhrisila lo-Akhwila. Yena waya
esinagogweni wayabonisana lamaJuda. 20
Bamcela ukuthi ahlale okwesikhathi eside
kodwa wala. 21 Wathi esesuka wathembisa
wathi, “Ngizaphenduka nxa kuyintando
kaNkulunkulu.” Wasewela ulwandle esuka e-
Efesu. 22 Wakhuphukela eKhesariya wahamba
wayabingelela ibandla eJerusalema, wasesehlela
e-Antiyokhi. 23 UPhawuli eseke wahlala e-
Antiyokhi wasuka lapho wabhoda indawo
ngendawo kuwo wonke umango waseGalathiya
lowaseFirigiya eqinisa bonke abafundi. 24
Kusenjalo, umJuda owayethiwa ngu-Apholo,
owe-Alekizandriya ngomdabuko, weza e-Efesu.
Wayeyindoda efundileyo, elolwazi olukhulu
ngeMibhalo. 25 Yayifundisiwe ngendlela
yeNkosi, ikhuluma ngomfutho njalo ifundisa
okuqondileyo ngoJesu, isazi ngobhaphathizo
lukaJohane kuphela. 26 Yakhuluma ngesibindi
esinagogweni. Kwathi uPhrisila lo-Akhwila
beyizwa, bayinxusa emzini wabo, bayichazela
ngokugcweleyo indlela kaNkulunkulu. 27
U-Apholo wayefuna ukuya e-Akhayiya,
abazalwane basebemkhuthaza, babhalela
abafundi khonale ukuthi bamamukele. Wathi
efika khona waba luncedo olukhulu kulabo
ababekholwe beholwa ngumusa. 28 Ngoba
watshukana lamaJuda ewaphikisa enkundleni,
ebonisa obala eMibhalweni ukuthi uJesu
wayenguKhristu.

19 Kwathi u-Apholo eseKhorinte uPhawuli
wathatha indlela ehamba phakathi
kwelizwe waze wayafika e-Efesu. Khonapho
wafumana abafundi abathile, 2 wababuza wathi,
“Lamamukela na uMoya oNgcwele ngesikhathi
liqalisa ukukholwa?” Baphendula bathi,
“Hatshi, kasizwanga lokuzwa ukuthi kuloMoya
oNgcwele.” 3 Ngakho uPhawuli wasebuza
wathi, “Pho lathola luphi ubhaphathizo?”
Baphendula bathi, “Ubhaphathizo lukaJohane.”
4 UPhawuli wathi, “Ubhaphathizo lukaJohane
lwalulubhaphathizo lokuphenduka. Watshela
abantu ukuthi bakholwe kulowo owayezakuza
ngemva kwakhe, esitsho ukuthi kuJesu.” 5
Sebekuzwile lokhu babhaphathizelwa ebizweni
leNkosi uJesu. 6 UPhawuli esebeke izandla
zakhe phezu kwabo uMoya oNgcwele wehlela
kubo, bakhuluma ngendimi njalo baphrofitha.
7 Babengamadoda ayengaba litshumi lambili
bebonke. 8 UPhawuli wangena esinagogweni
wakhuluma ngesibindi khona okwezinyanga
ezintathu, echaza okusuthisayo ngombuso
kaNkulunkulu. 9 Kodwa abanye babo baba
yiziqholo; bala ukukholwa, bakhuluma kubi
obala ngeNdlela. Ngakho uPhawuli wabatshiya.
Wathatha abafundi wasuka wayahlangana labo
baxoxisana nsuku zonke esikolweni sikaThiranu.
10 Lokhu kwaqhubeka okweminyaka emibili,
kwaze kwathi wonke amaJuda lamaGrikhi

ayehlala kulesosifunda sase-Ezhiya alizwa ilizwi
leNkosi. 11 UNkulunkulu wenza imimangaliso
engajayelekanga ngoPhawuli, 12 izifinyo
lamathawulo okwakuthintiswe kuye kwakusiwa
kwabagulayo bahle basile emikhuhlaneni yabo
lemimoya emibi iphume kubo. 13 Amanye
amaJuda ayebhoda exotsha imimoya emibi
azama ukubiza ibizo leNkosi uJesu kulabo
ababelamadimoni. Ayesithi, “Ngebizo likaJesu
uPhawuli atshumayela ngaye, ngikulaya
ukuthi uphume.” 14 Ababesenza lokhu
ngamadodana ayisikhombisa kaSkeva umphristi
omkhulu wamaJuda. 15 Kwelinye ilanga umoya
omubi waphendula wathi, “UJesu ngiyamazi,
loPhawuli ngiyamazi, kodwa lina lingobani
na?” 16 Kwasekusithi indoda eyayilomoya
omubi yabeqela, yabehlula bonke. Yabatshaya
okuzwayo baze baphuma endlini bebaleka
benqunu njalo besopha igazi. 17 Kwathi
lokhu sekuzwakele kumaJuda lamaGrikhi
ayehlala e-Efesu, onke ethuka ngokwesaba,
ibizo leNkosi uJesu laselihlonitshwa kakhulu.
18 Abanengi balabo abasebekholwa beza
baphumela egcekeni, bevuma iziphambeko
zabo. 19 Abanengi ababehlahlula baletha
ndawonye imiqulu yabo bayitshisa obala. Bathi
sebehlolile izindleko zaleyomiqulu kwabonakala
kungaba ngamadrakhima azinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amahlanu. 20 Ngaleyondlela
ilizwi leNkosi landa kabanzi njalo lakhula
laba lamandla. 21 Ngemva kwakho konke
lokhu sekwenzakele, uPhawuli wazimisela
ukuya eJerusalema, ezadlula eMasedoniya lase-
Akhayiya. Wathi, “Nxa sengike ngaya khona,
kuzamele ngethekelele laseRoma.” 22 Wathuma
ababili abasizi bakhe eMasedoniya, uThimothi
lo-Erastu, yena esasele okwesikhatshana
esifundeni sase-Ezhiya. 23 Ngalesosikhathi
kwaba lokudungeka okukhulu ngeNdlela. 24
Umkhandi wesiliva owayethiwa nguDemetriyasi
owayesenza izikhonzelo zokukhonzela u-
Athemisi ngesiliva, wayengenisa imali ezwayo
kubakhandi. 25 Wababizela ndawonye kanye
lezinye izisebenzi zemisebenzi efananayo
wathi kubo, “Madoda, liyakwazi ukuthi
sizuza imali enengi ngomsebenzi lo. 26
Liyabona njalo liyezwa ukuthi uPhawuli lo
usenze abantu abanengi bakholwa njalo
uzadukisa abantu abanengi lapha e-Efesu
lakuso sonke isifunda sase-Ezhiya. Uthi yena
onkulunkulu ababunjwe ngumuntu kabasibo
onkulunkulu lakancinyane. 27 Kulengozi-
ke yokuthi kakuyikuba ngumsebenzi wethu
kuphela ozalahlekelwa libizo lawo elihle, kodwa
lethempeli likankulunkulukazi omkhulu u-
Athemisi lizadunyazwa, laye unkulunkulukazi
ngokwakhe, yena okhonzwa kusosonke isifunda
sase-Ezhiya lasemhlabeni wonke, uzakwemukwa
ubukhosi bakhe.” 28 Bathi bekuzwa lokhu
bafuthelana ngokuzonda, bahle bamemeza
besithi, “Mkhulu u-Athemisi wama-Efesu!” 29
Masinyane nje idolobho lonke laphithizela.
Abantu badumela uGayiyasi lo-Aristakhasi
ababe ngabaphelekezeli bakaPhawuli,
bengabeMasedoniya, babahudulela enkundleni
yemidlalo bonke bayakuthi cwi khona. 30
UPhawuli wayefuna ukuzithela emphakathini,
kodwa abafundi bamalela. 31 Labanye abaphathi
besifunda, ababengabangane bakaPhawuli, labo
bamthumela ilizwi bathi angaqali ukuyavela
enkundleni yemidlalo. 32 Kwakungasaqondakali
enkundleni: Abanye babeklabalala besitsho
lokhu, abanye labo besitsho okunye. Abantu
abanengi babevele bengazi lokuthi babelandeni
lapho. 33 AmaJuda afuqela u-Alekizanda
phambili esithi kawakhulumele. Waphakamisa
isandla ukuwathulisa ukuze achasise kuhle
indaba ebantwini. 34 Kodwa athi ngokunanzelela
ukuthi wayengumJuda, onke ahlaba umkhosi
kanyekanye okwaphose kwathatha amahola
amabili, besithi, “Mkhulu u-Athemisi wama-
Efesu!” 35 Unobhala wedolobho walithulisa
ixuku wathi, “Madoda ase-Efesu, akusikho
yini ukuthi umhlaba wonke uyakwazi ukuthi
idolobho lase-Efesu yilo elingumlondolozi
wethempeli lika-Athemisi omkhulu, kanye
lomfanekiso wakhe owehla uvela ezulwini? 36
Pho-ke njengoba lokhu kuyinto engaphikiswayo,
thulani lingenzi izinto zamawala. 37 Selilethe
amadoda la lapha, kodwa wona engagqekezanga
emathempelini kumbe athuka unkulunkulukazi
wethu. 38 Ngakho nxa uDemetriyasi lalabo
akhanda labo belensolo loba ngobani,
imithethwandaba ivuliwe, njalo labahluleli

bakhona. Bangamangala. 39 Nxa kukhona njalo
okunye elifuna ukukutsho, kakuyethoniswa
ngomthetho enkundleni. 40 Njengoba kunje
nje sisengozini yokubekwa icala lokuvusa
isiyaluyalu ngenxa yezehlakalo zalamuhla.
Kungenzeka lokho sizakwehluleka ukuchaza
imbangela yalesisiphithiphithi, ngoba ngempela
kungekho sizatho." 41 Eqeda kukhuluma lokhu,
wawuchitha umhlangano.

20 Kwathi umsindo usuphelile uPhawuli
wabiza abafundi, wathi esebaqinisile
wabavalelisa waqonda eMasedoniya. 2
Wahamba wadabula kulowomango, ekhuluma
amazwi amanengi okukhuthaza abantu,
wacina esefike eGrisi 3 lapho ahlala khona
okwezinyanga ezintathu. AmaJuda abumba
icebo ngaye eselungele ukuwela aye e-
Asiriya yikho wacabanga ukuthi abuyele
ngendlela yaseMasedoniya. 4 Wayephelekezelwa
nguSophatha indodana kaPhirusi waseBheriya,
lo-Aristakhasi, loSekhundu waseThesalonika,
loGayiyasi waseDebhe, loThimothi laye,
kwasekusiba nguThikhikhasi loThrofimasi
abesifunda sase-Ezhiya. 5 Amadoda la
asandulela ayasimelela eTrowasi. 6 Kodwa
sawela ulwandle sisuka eFiliphi ngemva
koMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo, kwathi
ngemva kwensuku ezinhlanu sahlangana
labanye eTrowasi lapho esahlala khona insuku
eziyisikhombisa. 7 Ngosuku lokuqala lweviki
sahlangana ukuhlephuna isinkwa. UPhawuli
watshumayela ebantwini, kwathi ngoba efuna
ukusuka kusisa, wakhuluma kwaze kwaba
phakathi kobusuku. 8 Endlini ephezulu lapho
esasihlanganele khona kwakulezibane ezinengi.
9 Kwakulejaha elalithiwa nguYuthikhasi lihlezi
ewindini, labanjwa yibuthongo uPhawuli
elokhu ekhuluma engaqedi. Lathi selijumekile,
lawela phansi lisuka esitezi sesithathu labuthwa
selifile. 10 UPhawuli wehla, wazilahla phezu
kwejaha lelo waligona wathi, "Lingethuki,
liyaphila!" 11 Wasebuyela phezulu esitezi
wahlephuna isinkwa wadla. Esekhulume kwaze
kwasa, wasuka. 12 Abantu balisa ekhaya
ijaha liphila, bona baduduzeka kakhulu. 13
Sathungamela ukuya emkhunjini sagwedla
sisiya e-Asosi lapho esasizathatha khona
uPhawuli awele lathi. Lokhu wayekulungiselele
ngoba wayezahamba ngenyawo esiya khonale.
14 Wathi ngokuhlangana lathi e-Asosi
samngenisa saqonda eMithilene. 15 Ngosuku
olulandelayo sawela sisuka lapho sayafika
eKhiyosi. Kwathi ngosuku olulandelayo
sachaphela eSamosi, ngosuku olulandelayo
sayafika eMilethusi. 16 UPhawuli wayezimisele
ukuwela edlule eceleni kwe-Efesu engafuni
ukuchitha isikhathi esifundeni sase-Ezhiya,
ngoba wayejahe ukuyafika eJerusalema, nxa
kusenzeka kube ngosuku lwePhentekhosti. 17
EseMilethusi uPhawuli wathumela ilizwi e-Efesu
ebiza abadala bebandla. 18 Sebefikile wathi kubo,
"Liyakwazi ukuthi ngaphila njani ngesikhathi
sonke ngilani, kusukela ngosuku engafika ngalo
esifundeni sase-Ezhiya. 19 Ngayikhonza iNkosi
ngokuzithoba okukhulu langezinyembezi,
loba ngangilingwa kabuhlungu ngamacebo
amaJuda. 20 Liyakwazi ukuthi kangizange
ngithikaze ukutshumayela loba yikuphi
obekungaba luncedo kini kodwa ngalifundisa
obala njalo ngingena izindlu ngezindlu.
21 Ngitshumayele kumaJuda lakumaGrikhi
ukuthi kumele baphendukele kuNkulunkulu
ngokuphenduka, bakholwe eNkosini yethu
uJesu. 22 Okwamanje ngiqhutshwa nguMoya
ukuthi ngiye eJerusalema loba ngingazi ukuthi
kuzakwenzakalani kimi khonale. 23 Ngazi
kuphela ukuthi kuwo wonke amadolobho uMoya
oNgcwele ungixwayisa ukuthi ukubotshwa
lobunzima kungimelele. 24 Kodwa eyami
impilo ngiyibona ingasilutho kimi, injongo
yami emqoka yikuqeda loluhambo lokufeza
lumsebenzi engiwuphiwe yiNkosi uJesu,
umsebenzi wokufakaza ivangeli lomusa
kaNkulunkulu. 25 Khathesi ngiyazi ukuthi
kakho kini engihambe ngitshumayela khona
umbuso ozaphinda angibone futhi. 26
Ngakho ngiyafakaza kini lamuhla ukuthi
kangilacala ngegazi labantu bonke. 27 Ngoba
kangingabazanga ukutshumayela kini yonke
intando kaNkulunkulu. 28 Zigcineni lina kanye
lawo wonke umhlambi uMoya oNgcwele olenze
laba ngabathungameli. Wobani ngabelusi
bebandla likaNkulunkulu, owalithenga ngegazi

lakhe. 29 Ngiyazi ukuthi nxa sengisukile
lapha, impisi eziphangayo zizakuza phakathi
kwenu ziwungenele umhlambi. 30 Laphakathi
kwenu kuzavela abantu abazalihlanekela
iqiniso ukuze abanye abafundi babalandele.
31 Ngakho lihlale liqaphele! Khumbulani
ukuthi okweminyaka emithathu kangizange
ngiphumule ukuxwayisa omunye lomunye
wenu ubusuku lemini ngezinyembezi. 32
Khathesi ngilinikela kuNkulunkulu laselizwini
lomusa wakhe elilamandla okulakha lokulipha
ilifa phakathi kwabo bonke abangcwelisiweyo.
33 Kangihawukelanga siliva samuntu, loba
igolide kumbe izembatho. 34 Lina ngokwenu
liyakwazi ukuthi izandla zami lezi zagcwalisa
zonke izinswelo zami lezabakhula bami. 35
Kukho konke engakwenzayo ngalibonisa
ukuthi ngalindlela yokusebenza nzima kumele
sisize ababuthakathaka, sikhumbula amazwi
eNkosi uJesu athi, 'Kubusiseke kakhulu ukupha
ukwedlula ukwamukela.'" 36 Esekutshilo lokhu
waguqa phansi kanye labo bonke, wakhuleka.
37 Bonke bakhala lapho bemgona lokumanga.
38 Okwabadanisa kakhulu kwaba yilizwi lakhe
lokuthi babengasayikuphinde babubone njalo
ubuso bakhe. Basebemphelekezela emkhunjini.

21 Sathi sesizehlukanise kubo ngobuhlungu,
sawela ulwandle saqonda nta eKhosi.
Ngosuku olulandelayo saya eRodi, sasuka
khona saya ePhathara. 2 Safumana umkhumbi
owawuchaphela eFenikhiya, sangena kuwo,
sahamba. 3 Sayithi tshazi iSiphrasi,
sedlula ngeningizimu kwayo, saya e-Asiriya.
Sakhuphukela eThire lapho umkhumbi wethu
wawuzakwethula khona umthwalo wawo.
4 Safumana abafundi khona, sahlala labo
insuku eziyisikhombisa. Baholwa nguMoya
ukuthi bamncenge uPhawuli ukuthi angayi
eJerusalema. 5 Kodwa isikhathi sethu sesifikile,
sasuka saqhubeka ngohambo lwethu. Bonke
abafundi lamakhosikazi abo kanye labantwana
basiphelekezela basikhupha edolobheni, safika
okhunjini saguqa sakhuleka. 6 Sesivalelisene,
sangena emkhunjini, bona babuyela emakhaya.
7 Saqhubeka ngohambo lwethu sisuka
eThire sayakhuphukela ePhetholemayi,
lapho sabingelela abazalwane, sahlala labo
usuku lonke. 8 Sasuka ngelanga elilandelayo
safika eKhesariya sayahlala endlini kaFiliphu
umvangeli, engomunye wabayisiKhombisa. 9
Wayelamadodakazi amane angendanga njalo
ephrofitha. 10 Sesihlale insuku ezimbalwa
kwafika umphrofethi owayethiwa ngu-Agabhasi
evela eJudiya. 11 Weza kithi, wathatha ibhanti
likaPhawuli, wazibopha izandla lezinyawo zakhe
ngalo, wathi, "UMoya oNgcwele uthi, 'Ngayonale
indlela amaJuda aseJerusalema azabopha
umninibhanti leli abesemnikela kwabeZizwe.'"
12 Sathi sikuzwa lokhu sonke labantu
bakhonapho sancengana loPhawuli ukuthi
angayi eJerusalema. 13 UPhawuli waphendula
wathi, "Likhalelani lingidabula inhliziyo yami
na? Kangilungelanga ukubotshwa kuphela,
kodwa lokufa eJerusalema ngifela ibizo leNkosi
uJesu." 14 Kwathi ngoba engancengeki sadela
sathi, "Mayenzeke intando yeNkosi." 15 Ngemva
kwalokhu, salungisa sasesisiya eJerusalema.
16 Abafundi abathile abaseKhesariya
basiphelekezela basisa emzini kaMnasoni
lapho esasizahlala khona. Wayeyindoda
edabuka eSiphrasi, engomunye wabafundi
bakuqala. 17 Ekufikeni kwethu eJerusalema
abazalwane basamukela ngokuthokoza.
18 Ngosuku olulandelayo uPhawuli lathi
sonke sahamba ukuyabona uJakhobe,
bonke abadala babekhona. 19 UPhawuli
wababingelela, wabika ngokugcweleyo konke
uNkulunkulu ayekwenzile kwabeZizwe
ngokusebenza kwakhe. 20 Bathi sebekuzwile
lokhu bamdumisa uNkulunkulu. Ngakho
basebesithi kuPhawuli, "Uyabona mzalwane
ukuthi izinkulungwane ezinengi zamaJuda
sezikholiwe njalo wonke atshisekela umlayo.
21 Sebetshelwe ukuthi wena ufundisa wonke
amaJuda ahlala phakathi kwabeZizwe ukuthi
afulathele uMosi, ubatshela ukuthi angasoki
abantwababo lokuthi angalandeli amasiko
ethu. 22 Pho senzeni? Ngeqiniso bazakuzwa
ukuthi usufikile, 23 ngakho yenza lokhu
esikutshela khona. Kulamadoda amane phakathi
kwethu asenze isifungo. 24 Hamba lawo
amadoda la, ubambisane lawo emkhutsheni
wokuzihlambulula, uwabhadalele izindleko

zawo zakhona ukuze aphuce amakhanda
awo. Ngakho umuntu wonke uzakwazi
ukuthi akulaqiniso kulimibiko ngawe, kodwa
babone ukuthi wena ngokwakho uphila
ngokulandela umlayo. 25 AbeZizwe bona
abakholwayo sesibalobele ngesinqumo
sethu ukuthi kabaxwaye ukudla okunikelwe
ezithombeni, bangadli ububende, lenyama
yenyamazana ekhanyiweyo lokuhlobonga." 26
Ngosuku olulandelayo uPhawuli wawathatha
lawomadoda wayazihlambulula kanye
lawo. Wasesiya ethempelini ukuyakwazisa
ngosuku lokuphela kwensuku zokuhlambulula
lokuthi umnikelo walowo lalowo wabo
wawuzakwenziwa nini. 27 Kwathi lezinsuku
eziyisikhombisa sezizaphela, amaJuda athile
esifunda sase-Ezhiya abona uPhawuli
ethempelini. Alidunga lonke ixuku ambamba
28 ehlaba umkhosi esithi, "Madoda ako-
Israyeli; sibambiseni! Yiyo le indoda efundisa
abantu bonke ezindaweni zonke okuphambene
labantu bakithi lomlayo wakithi kanye
lendawo le. Ngaphandle kwalokho, usengenise
amaGrikhi emagumeni ethempeli wangcolisa
indawo le eNgcwele." 29 (Mandulo babebone
uThrofimasi wase-Efesu edolobheni eloPhawuli
basebekhumbula ukuthi uPhawuli wayeze laye
emagumeni ethempeli.) 30 Idolobho lonke
laphithizela, abantu beza begijima beqhamuka
inxa zonke. Bamdumela uPhawuli bamhudula
bemsusa ethempelini, amasango alo ahle
avalwa. 31 Bathi besazama ukumbulala, umbiko
wafika kumlawuli wamabutho amaRoma ukuthi
idolobho lonke laseJerusalema laseliphithizela.
32 Khonokho nje wathatha abanye abaphathi
kanye lamabutho wagijimela esiphithiphithini
leso. Kwathi labo ababevusa uthuli bebona
umlawuli lamabutho akhe bema ukutshaya
uPhawuli. 33 Umlawuli weza wafika wambopha
wathi kabotshwe ngamaketane amabili.
Wasembuza ukuthi wayengubani lokuthi
wayoneni. 34 Abathile exukwini bamemeza
lokhu, abanye bamemeza okunye, kwasekusithi
ngoba umlawuli engalizwa iqiniso ngenxa
yokuxokozela waselaya ukuthi uPhawuli
kasiwe enkambeni yamabutho. 35 Esefikile
ezinyathelweni zokuqansela endlini, abantu
baphithizela ngamandla waze wathwalwa
ngamabutho. 36 Ixuku elalilandela laphikelela
limemeza lisithi, "Msusele amanqe!" 37
Amabutho esathi amngenisa ngaphakathi,
uPhawuli wacela kumlawuli wathi, "Ngingaba
lelizwi lawe na?" Yena waphendula wathi,
"Uyasikhuluma yini isiGrikhi? 38 Kawusuye yini
umGibhithe owaqala umvukela, wakhokhela
izinkulungwane ezine zamathekulambuso
enkangala?" 39 UPhawuli waphendula
wathi, "NgingumJuda waseThasasi eSilisiya,
isakhamuzi sedolobho elihloniphekayo. Ngicela
ukuthi kengikhulume labantu laba." 40
Esethole imvumo kumlawuli, uPhawuli wema
ezinyathelweni zokuqansela endlini wathulisa
ixuku ngesandla. Kwathi bonke sebethule
wakhuluma kubo ngesiHebheru wathi,

22 "Bazalwane labobaba, manje lalelani lizwe
ukuzivikela kwami." 2 Bathi bemuzwa
ekhuluma kubo ngesiHebheru bathula zwi.
UPhawuli wasesithi, 3 "Mina ngingumJuda
owazalelwa eThasasi eseSilisiya, kodwa
ngakhulela kulonaleli idolobho. Ngafunda
ngaphansi kukaGamaliyeli, ngafundiswa
okugcweleyo ngomlayo wabokhokho, lami
ngakhuthalela uNkulunkulu njengani lamuhla.
4 Ngabahlukuluza abalandeli bale iNdlela
baze bafa, ngibopha abesilisa labesifazane
ngibaphosela entolongweni, 5 into engafakazwa
ngumphristi omkhulu kanye lenkundla.
Ngaze ngathola izincwadi kubo zisiya
kubazalwane babo eDamaseko, ngaya khona
ngifuna ukubaletha labobantu beyizibotshwa
eJerusalema ukuthi bazojeziswa. 6 Kwathi
sekungaba yimini enkulu sengisondela
eDamaseko, masinyane kwaphazima ukukhanya
kuvela ezulwini kwangizingelezela. 7
Ngawela phansi, ngezwa ilizwi lisithi
kimi, 'Sawuli! Sawuli! Ungihlukuluzelani
na?' 8 Ngabuza ngathi, 'Ungubani, Nkosi?'
Waphendula wathi, 'NginguJesu waseNazaretha
omhlukuluzayo.' 9 Ababengiphelekezela
bakubona ukukhanya, kodwa kabalizwanga
ilizwi lalowo owayekhuluma lami. 10 Ngabuza
ngathi, 'Kumele ngenzeni Nkosi?' INkosi
yathi, 'Phakama uye eDamaseko. Khonale

uzatshelwa konke osumiselwe ukuthi ukwenze.’
11 Abaphelekezeli bami bangihola ngesandla
bangisa eDamaseko ngoba inkazimulo
yokukhanya yayingenze ngaba yisiphofu.
12 Indoda eyayithiwa ngu-Ananiya yeza
yazangibona. Yayingumlandeli omkhulu
womlayo njalo ihlonitshwa kakhulu yiwo
wonke amaJuda ayehlala khona. 13 Wema
eceleni kwami wathi, ‘Mzalwane Sawuli,
bona njalo!’ Ngalesosikhathi ngahle ngazuza
amandla okumbona. 14 Wasesithi, ‘UNkulunkulu
wabokhokho bethu usekukhethile ukuthi uyazi
intando yakhe lokuthi umbone oLungileyo
lokuba uzwe amazwi aphuma emlonyeni
wakhe. 15 Uzakuba ngufakazi wakhe ebantwini
bonke ngalokho okubonileyo lokuzwileyo.
16 Pho usalindeni? Sukuma ubhaphathizwe,
ugeze izono zakho, ubiza ibizo lakhe.’ 17
Ngithe sengibuyile eJerusalema ngikhuleka
ethempelini, ngafikelwa yisiyeziphupho,
18 ngabona iNkosi ikhuluma isithi kimi,
‘Phangisa! Suka masinyane eJerusalema
ngoba kabayikubamukela ubufakazi bakho
ngami.’ 19 Ngaphendula ngathi, ‘Nkosi,
lababantu bayakwazi ukuthi nganginquma
lamasinagogu ngibabopha njalo ngibatshaya
labo abakholwa kuwe. 20 Lalapho kuchithwa
igazi lomfakazi wakho uStefane ngangimi
khonapho ngivumelana labo njalo ngilinde
izigqoko zalabo ababembulala.’ 21 INkosi
yasisithi kimi, ‘Hamba; ngizakuthumela
kude kwabeZizwe.’” 22 Abantu bamlalela
uPhawuli sonke isikhathi, kodwa esetsho
lokhu bavungama bamemeza bathi, “Kasuswe
emhlabeni lo umuntu! Kamelanga aphile!”
23 Bathi sebeklabalala, behlubula amajazi
abo, njalo bephosa uthuli emoyeni, 24
umlawuli wamabutho walaya ukuthi uPhawuli
kangeniswe enkambeni yamabutho. Wayala
ukuthi atshaywe njalo abuzisiswe ukuthi
kungani abantu bemvukela kanje. 25 Bathi
sebemlalisa phansi ukuthi bambhaxabule
bembophile, uPhawuli wathi kumphathi
wekhulu owayemi khonapho, “Kusemthethweni
yini ukuthi utshaye umuntu ongumRoma
ongetheswanga cala na?” 26 Umphathi
wekhulu esekuzwile lokho wayabikela umlawuli
wamabutho wathi, “Usuzathini manje? Indoda
le ingumRoma.” 27 Umlawuli wamabutho
waya kuPhawuli wambuza wathi, “Ake
ungitshele, kanti ungumRoma na?” Wathi,
“Yebo, nginguye.” 28 Umlawuli wamabutho
wasesithi, “Mina ngahlawula imali ukuthi
ngithole ilungelo lokuba ngumRoma.”
UPhawuli waphendula wathi, “Kodwa mina
nginguye ngokuzalwa.” 29 Labo abasebelungele
ukumbuzisisa bahle batshedela emuva
masinyane. Umlawuli webutho ngokwakhe
wethuka esenanzelela ukuthi wayebophe
uPhawuli, umRoma, ngamaketane. 30 Ngosuku
olulandelayo, njengoba umlawuli wamabutho
wayefuna ukwazi isibili ukuthi kungani
uPhawuli wayebekwa icala ngamaJuda,
wamkhulula walaya abaphristi abakhulu
leSanihedrini yonke ukuthi bahlangane.
Wasemletha uPhawuli wamisa phambi kwabo.

23 UPhawuli wawujolozela umphakathi
weSanihedrini wathi, “Bazalwane,
sengiwugcwalisile umlandu wami
kuNkulunkulu ngenhliziyo eqotho kuze
kube lamuhla.” 2 Umphristi omkhulu, u-
Ananiya, kwamcunula lokhu, watshela labo
ababemi eduze kukaPhawuli ukuthi bamukule
umlomo. 3 UPhawuli wathi kuye, “UNkulunkulu
uzakumukula, wena mduli oconjwe ngekalaga
emhlophe! Lapha uhlalele ukungahlulela
ngomthetho, ikanti wena ngokwakho uyaweqa
umthetho ngokulaya ukuthi ngitshaywe!”
4 Labo ababemi eduze kukaPhawuli bathi,
“Ulesibindi sokuthuka umphristi omkhulu
kaNkulunkulu wena?” 5 UPhawuli waphendula
wathi, “Bazalwane, bengingazi ukuthi
ungumphristi omkhulu; ngoba kulotshiwe
ukuthi: ‘Ungakhulumi okubi ngombusi wabantu
bakini.’” 6 UPhawuli wayesazi ukuthi abanye
babo babe ngamaSadusi, abanye bengabaFarisi,
wasememeza phakathi kweSanihedrini wathi,
“Bazalwane, mina ngingumFarisi, indodana
yomFarisi. Ngithoniselwa ukuthi ngilethemba
lokuvuka kwabafileyo.” 7 Wathi ngokutsho
lokhu, kwavuka umsindo phakathi kwabaFarisi
lamaSadusi, umphakathi wasudabukana
phakathi. 8 (AmaSadusi athi kakulakuvuka

ekufeni, lokuthi kakulazingilosi loba imimoya,
kodwa abaFarisi bayakuvuma konke lokho
ukuthi kukhona.) 9 Kwaba lokuxokozela
okukhulu, kwathi abanye abafundisi bomthetho
ababe ngabaFarisi basukuma bayidaza inkani.
Bathi, "Kasiboni lutho olubi ngendoda le.
Mhlawumbe umoya kumbe ingilosi ikhulume
kuye ke?" 10 Yavutha inkani umlawuli
webutho waze wesaba ukuthi uPhawuli
sebengamdabudabula. Waselaya amabutho
ukuthi ahle amsuse kubo ngamandla amlethe
enkambeni yamabutho. 11 Ngobusuku
obulandelayo iNkosi yema eduze kukaPhawuli
yathi, "Iba lesibindi! Njengoba usufakaze ngami
eJerusalema, kusamele njalo uyofakaza eRoma."
12 Ngosuku olulandelayo amaJuda abumba
icebo njalo enza isifungo sokuthi kawayikudla
kumbe anathe engakambulali uPhawuli. 13
Kwakungamadoda edlula amatshumi amane
ayehambisana lalelocebo. 14 Baya kubaphristi
abakhulu labadala bathi, "Sesifunge ijoyi
lokuthi kasiyikudla lutho size simbulale
uPhawuli. 15 Ngakho-ke lina leSanihedrini
khalazani kumlawuli webutho ukuthi amlethe
kini ngenhloso yokuthi lifuna ubufakazi
obugcweleyo ngecala lakhe. Thina sesilungisile
ukuthi simbulale engakafiki lapha." 16
Kodwa kwathi ukuba indodana kadadewabo
kaPhawuli isilizwile lelicebo, yaya enkambeni
yamabutho yayamtshela uPhawuli. 17 UPhawuli
wasebiza omunye umphathi wekhulu wathi,
"Hamba lejaha leli kumlawuli wamabutho;
kukhona elifuna ukukutsho kuye." 18 Ngakho
wasemusa kumlawuli. Umphathi wekhulu wathi,
"Isibotshwa esinguPhawuli singibizile sangicela
ukuthi ngilethe ijaha leli kuwe ngoba kukhona
elifuna ukukutshela khona." 19 Umlawuli
wamthatha lowojaha, wambamba ngesandla
waya laye eceleni, wambuza wathi, "Kuyini
ofuna ukungitshela khona?" 20 Wathi: "AmaJuda
asevumelene ukuthi akucele wena ukuthi
ulethe uPhawuli phambi kweSanihedrini kusasa
ngenhloso yokuthi afuna ingcazelo ephelelelyo
mayelana laye. 21 Ungabavumeli ngoba abeqa
amatshumi amane bawo bazamcathamela.
Asenze isifungo sokuthi angadli njalo anganathi
engakabulali uPhawuli. Kunje nje sebelungile,
sebelindele imvumo yakho ngesicelo sabo."
22 Umlawuli wathi kahambe umfana,
wamqonqosela wathi, "Ungatsheli muntu
ukuthi usungazisile ngalokhu." 23 Wasebiza
abaphathi bebutho ababili wabalaya wathi,
"Lungisani ixuku lamabutho angamakhulu
amabili, abagadi bamabhiza abangamatshumi
ayisikhombisa labangamakhulu amabili
abahlome ngemikhonto ukuthi baye eKhesariya
lamuhla ebusuku ngehola lesithathu. 24
Lilungisele loPhawuli amabhiza ukuze
asiwe kuMbusi uFelikhe evikelekile." 25
Wabhala incwadi kanje: 26 Klawudiyasi Lisiya,
Kumhlekazi, uMbusi uFelikhe: Ngiyabingelela.
27 Indoda le yabanjwa ngamaJuda, okwathi
esezama ukuyibulala ngafika lamabutho
ami sayilamulela ngoba ngasengizwile
ukuthi ingumRoma. 28 Ngadinga ukwazi
ukuthi ayesithi yoneni, yikho ngayiletha
phambi kweSanihedrini yawo. 29 Ngezwa
ukuthi icala layo laliphathelene lomlayo
wawo, kodwa kwasweleka icala elingafanela
ukufa loba ukugwetshelwa entolongweni.
30 Ngithe sengilunywe indlebe ngecebo
lokuyibulala ngahle ngayedlulisela kuwe.
Ngiphinde ngatshela omayimangalela ukuthi
bazokwethula kuwe abamangalela ngakho. 31
Ngakho amabutho azilandela lezo ziqondiso
amthatha uPhawuli ebusuku ayamfikisa e-
Antiphatri. 32 Ngosuku olulandelayo amabutho
amtshiya leqembu labagade amabhiza ukuthi
liqhubeke laye, bona babuyela enkambeni.
33 Kwathi abamabhiza sebefikile eKhesariya
bayethula incwadi kumbusi loPhawuli laye
bamnikela kuye. 34 Umbusi wayibala incwadi
wambuza ukuthi wayedabuka kusiphi isifunda.
Esezwile ukuthi wayengoweSilisiya, 35
Wathi, "Icala lakho ngizalihlola nxa labo
abakumangalelayo sebefikile lapha." Waselaya
ukuthi uPhawuli agcinwe elindiwe esigodlweni
sikaHerodi.

24 Ngemva kwensuku ezinhlanu umphristi
omkhulu u-Ananiya wehlela eKhesariya
labadala abathile kanye lomeli owayethiwa
nguThethula, bafika beneka ukumangalela
kwabo uPhawuli kumbusi. 2 UPhawuli

esebiziwe, uThethula walethula icala kuFelikhe
wathi: “Mhlekazi! Ngaphansi kombuso wakho
sesikholise isikhathi sokuthula eside, ikanti
lombono wakho usulethe intuthuko kulesisizwe.
3 Yonke indawo, ngazozonke izindlela, mhlekazi
omuhle Felikhe, siyakwamukela konke lokhu
ngokubonga okukhulu. 4 Kodwa ukuthi
ngingakuchitheli isikhathi, ngiyakucela
ukuthi uke usizwe kancinyane esikutshoyo.
5 Indoda le siyifumane ukuthi iluhlupho,
ivusa isiphithiphithi phakathi kwamaJuda
kuwo wonke umhlaba. Ingumholi wequla
lamaNazarini 6 futhi yazama njalo ukungcolisa
ithempeli; yikho sayibamba. Sasifuna
ukumahlulela ngokomlayo wethu. [7 Kodwa
umlawuli uLisiya weza wazamthatha ngodlakela
ezandleni zethu, wathi obamangalelayo kabeze
phambi kwakhe]. 8 Ngokumhlola wena
ngokwakho uzalibona iqiniso ngazozonke
lezizinto esimangalela ngazo.” 9 AmaJuda lawo
ayingenela indaba eqinisa ukuthi lezizinto
zaziliqiniso. 10 Kwathi umbusi esemphile
ithuba lokuthi akhulume uPhawuli waphendula
wathi: “Ngiyazi ukuthi usube ngumahluli
walesisizwe okweminyaka eminengi; ngakho
ngizivikela ngesibindi langentokozo. 11
Ungalithola iqiniso lokuthi kakudluli insuku
ezilitshumi lambili ngiyile eJerusalema
ukuyakhonza. 12 Abangimangalelayo
kabazange bangifumane ngiphikisana lomuntu
ethempelini, loba ngitshotshozela amaxuku
emasinagogweni kumbe ngaphi edolobheni. 13
Bangezake balethe ubufakazi kuwe balezizinto
abangimangalela ngazo. 14 Kodwa ngiyavuma
ukuthi ngikhonza uNkulunkulu wabokhokho
bethu, njengomlandeli weNdlela abayibiza
ngokuthi ngumvukela. Ngiyakukholwa
konke okuvumelana loMlayo lokubhaliweyo
kubaphrofethi, 15 njalo ngilethemba elifana
lelamadoda la kuNkulunkulu, ukuthi kuzakuba
lokuvuka kwabafileyo, abalungileyo lababi.
16 Ngakho ngiyazama kokuphela ukuba
isazela sami sihlale sihlanzekile phambi
kukaNkulunkulu laphambi kwabantu. 17
Ngemva kweminyaka eminengi ngingekho,
ngeza eJerusalema ukuletha izipho zabaswelayo
ebantwini bakithi lokwethula iminikelo.
18 Ngangihlanzekile ngokomkhuba baze
bangifumane ethempelini ngisenza lokhu.
Kwakungelaxuku labantu elalilami, kumbe
ukuthi ngangiphazamisa ngokuthile. 19 Kodwa
kukhona amaJuda athile avela esifundeni sase-
Ezhiya, okufanele ukuthi ngabe akhona lapha
phambi kwakho, angethese icala nxa kukhona
akusolayo ngami. 20 Kumbe wonala akhona
kawachaze ukuthi licala bani alifumanayo kimi
mhlazana ngimi eSanihedrini, 21 ngaphandle
kwalokhu kodwa engakumemezayo ngimi
phambi kwawo ukuthi: ‘Kungenxa yokuvuka
kwabafileyo okwenza ngithonisiswe phambi
kwenu lamuhla.’” 22 Ngakho uFelikhe, owayesazi
kakhulu ngeNdlela walimisa icala. Wathi,
“Kuzakuthi nxa uLisiya umlawuli angafika
ngizaliquma icala lenu.” 23 Walaya umphathi
wekhulu ukuthi agcine uPhawuli elindiwe
kodwa amvumele ukukhululeka okuthile
kanye labangane bakhe ukuthi bamuphe
lokho akuswelayo. 24 Ngemva kwensuku
ezinengi uFelikhe wafika lomkakhe uDrusila
owaye ngumJudakazi. Wathi kakubizwe
uPhawuli, wamlalela echaza ngokukholwa
kuJesu Khristu. 25 UPhawuli wathi esebalisa
ngokulunga, langokuzithiba langokwahlulelwa
okuzayo uFelikhe wesaba wathi, “Sekwanele
okwamanje! Usungahamba. Kungaze kulunge
njalo ngizakubiza.” 26 Yena wayecabanga ukuthi
uPhawuli uzamupha imali yokumfumbathisa,
yikho wayembiza futhifuthi ekhuluma laye. 27
Isidlule iminyaka emibili, uFelikhe walandelwa
esikhundleni nguPhokhiyu Festasi, kodwa
ngoba uFelikhe wayefuna ukuthabisa amaJuda,
watshiya uPhawuli elokhu esentolongweni.

25 Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu efikile
esifundeni uFestasi, wasuka eKhesariya
waya eJerusalema 2 lapho abaphristi abakhulu
labakhokheli bamaJuda bema phambi kwakhe
beneka amacala kaPhawuli. 3 Bamcela
ngokuphangisa uFestasi, ukuba abenzele
umusa, abalethele uPhawuli eJerusalema,
ngoba babeceba ukumcathamela bambulale
endleleni. 4 UFestasi waphendula wathi,
“UPhawuli uvalelwe eKhesariya, njalo mina
ngokwami Ngiya khona masinyane. 5 Akuthi

abanye abakhokheli bakini bahambe lami
bafike bamethese amacala khonale, nxa
kukhona akonileyo." 6 Esehlale insuku
eziyisificaminwembili loba ezilitshumi
labo, wehlela eKhesariya, kwathi ngosuku
olulandelayo wangenisa inkundla wathi
kalethwe uPhawuli phambi kwakhe. 7 Esefikile
uPhawuli amaJuda ayebuyile evela eJerusalema
ambuthanela, ethula amacala amanengi
esabekayo ngaye, kodwa engelabufakazi ngawo.
8 UPhawuli wasezivikela wathi, "Angenzanga
lutho oluphikisa umlayo wamaJuda kumbe
ukudumaza ithempeli, kumbe oluphikisa
uKhesari." 9 UFestasi wayefuna ukwenzela
amaJuda umusa, wathi kuPhawuli, "Uyavuma
na ukuya eJerusalema ukuthi ngiyekuthonisela
khona amacala la?" 10 Waphendula uPhawuli
wathi, "Khathesi sengisiyakuma phambi
kwenkundla kaKhesari, lapho engifanele
ukuthonisiswa khona. Kangonanga lutho
kumaJuda, njengoba lawe usazi kakuhle. 11
Kodwa, nxa ngilecala lokwenza loba yini
efanele ukufa kangali ukubulawa. Kodwa
nxa lawomacala engiwetheswa ngamaJuda la
engasiqiniso, kakho olelungelo lokunginikela
kuwo. Ngilidlulisela kuKhesari!" 12 UFestasi
esehlanganise amakhanda lomphakathi wakhe,
wathi, "Usulidlulisele kuKhesari. Uzakuya-
ke kuKhesari!" 13 Sekuyizinsuku ezimbalwa
ngemva kwalokho iNkosi u-Agripha loBhenikhe
bafika eKhesariya ukuyaqinisa ubudlelwano
laye uFestasi. 14 Njengoba babezachitha insuku
ezinengi khona, uFestasi wakhuluma leNkosi
ngendaba kaPhawuli. Wathi, "Kulendoda
lapha eyatshiywa nguFelikhe iyisibotshwa. 15
Ngathi ngiseJerusalema, abaphristi abakhulu
labadala bamaJuda bayimangalela ngamacala
athile, bacela ukuthi ibulawe. 16 Ngabatshela
ukuthi kakusimkhuba wamaRoma ukunikela
umuntu engakahlanganiswa labamangaleli
bakhe, waphiwa ithuba lokuzivikela kulawo
macala abambeka wona. 17 Bathi sebefikile
lapha behamba lami, ngahle ngalingenisa
icala, kodwa inkundla ngayihlanganisa
ngosuku olulandelayo, ngathi indoda leyo
kayingeniswe. 18 Sebephakamile ukuba
bakhulume, kabasambekanga lawomacala
engangiwakhumbula. 19 Kodwa, kulezinto
ezithile ababephikisana ngazo laye mayelana
lenkolo yabo langenye indoda eyafayo ethiwa
nguJesu, uPhawuli athi yena iyaphila. 20 Ngisuke
ngadideka ukuthi ngizicubungule njani izindaba
ezinjalo; yikho ngimbuzile ukuthi angavuma
yini ukuya eJerusalema ayethonisiswa khona
ngamacala la. 21 Kuthe uPhawuli esethe ucela
icala lakhe limiswe liyoqunywa nguMbusi
oMkhulu, ngathi kagcinwe entolongweni
ngize ngimdlulisele kuKhesari." 22 U-Agripha
wasesithi kuFestasi, "Ngifuna ukuthi kengiyizwe
mina ngokwami indoda leyo." Waphendula
wathi, "Uzayizwa kusasa." 23 Kusisa u-
Agripha loBhenikhe bafika ngodumo olukhulu
bangena emthethwandaba lezikhulu zakhona
ezaziwayo kanye labakhokheli bedolobho.
UFestasi wathi uPhawuli kalethwe. 24 UFestasi
wasesithi, "Nkosi Agripha, lani lonke elikhona
lathi lapha, liyayibona indoda le! Sonke
isizwe samaJuda eJerusalema lakhona lapha
eKhesariya senza isikhalazo kimi bememeza
ukuthi kayisafanelanga ukuthi ibe ilokhu
iphila. 25 Ngafumana ukuthi kwakungelalutho
alwenzayo olufanele ukufa, kodwa ngenxa
yokuthi wacela ukudluliselwa kuMbusi
oMkhulu, ngakhetha ukuthi ngimdlulisele
eRoma. 26 Kodwa kakulalutho olubambekayo
engizalulobela uMhlekazi ngaye. Ngakho
sengimlethe lapha phambi kwenu lonke,
ikakhulu phambi kwakho wena Nkosi Agripha,
ukuze kuthi ngemva kokumhlola hlezi ngithole
ulutho engingaluloba. 27 Ngibona kungaba
liphutha elikhulu ukuthumela isibotshwa
ngingacacanga ngamacala esiwetheswayo."

26 U-Agripha wasesithi kuPhawuli,
"Ulemvumo yokuzikhulumela." Ngakho
uPhawuli wasephakamisa isandla sakhe
waqalisa ukuzivikela, wathi, 2 "Nkosi Agripha,
ngizibona ngilenhlanhla ukuma phambi kwakho
lamuhla ngisethula ukuzivikela kwami kuwo
wonke amacala engiwetheswa ngamaJuda,
3 ikakhulu njengoba wena uwazi amasiko
amaJuda kanye lokuphikisana kwawo. Ngakho
ngiyakucela ukuthi ungilalele ngokubekezela. 4
AmaJuda wonke ayayazi impilo engiyiphilileyo

kusukela ebuntwaneni bami, ekuqaleni
kokuphila kwami elizweni lakithi njalo
laseJerusalema. 5 Sebengazi okwesikhathi
eside njalo bangafakaza nxa bethanda, ukuthi
ngenhlelo zenkolo yethu eqinileyo, ngangiphila
ngingumFarisi. 6 Manje sekungenxa yethemba
lami kulokho uNkulunkulu akuthembisa
okhokho bethu okwenza ngithonisiswe lamuhla.
7 Lesi yiso isithembiso esilindelwe yizizwana
zakithi ezilitshumi lambili ukuthi zizasibona
sigcwaliseka zilokhu zimkhonza uNkulunkulu
ngokutshiseka emini lebusuku. Mhlekazi,
kungenxa yalo lelithemba engimangalelwa lona
ngamaJuda. 8 Kungenzakala kanjani ukuthi
phakathi kwenu kube yinto engakholekiyo
ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyabavusa abafileyo
na? 9 Lami ngokwami ngangizimisele
ukuthi ngenze yonke imizamo yokuphikisana
lebizo likaJesu waseNazaretha. 10 Lakanye
yikho lokho engakwenzayo eJerusalema.
Ngaphiwa amandla ngabaphristi abakhulu
ngaphosela abanengi abangcwele entolongweni,
kwathi ekubulaweni kwabo lami ngasekela
ukubalahla. 11 Izikhathi ezinengi ngangihamba
nginquma lamasinagogu ngisithi kabajeziswe,
ngazama njalo ukubabamba ngamandla ukuthi
bahlambaze uJesu. Ngathi ngihlanyiswa
yikubazonda ngaya lakwamanye amadolobho
asezizweni ukuyabahlukuluza khona. 12
Kolunye uhambo lwami ngalubangisa
eDamaseko ngilamandla lomlayo engawuphiwa
ngabaphristi abakhulu. 13 Kwathi sekungaba
yimini enkulu ngisendleleni Mhlekazi
Agripha, ngabona ukukhanya kuvela ezulwini,
kukhazimula ukwedlula ilanga, kungizingelezele
kanye labakhula bami. 14 Sonke sawela phansi,
ngezwa ilizwi lisithi kimi, ngesiHebheru,
'Sawuli, Sawuli ungihlukuluzelani na?
Kubuhlungu kuwe ukukhahlela izinciji.' 15
Ngasengibuza ngathi, 'Ungubani, Nkosi?'
INkosi yaphendula yathi, 'NginguJesu
omhlukuluzayo. 16 Phakama khathesi ume
ngezinyawo zakho. Ngizibonise kuwe ukuthi
ngikukhethe ukuba yinceku njalo ube
ngufakazi walokho osukubonile ngami, lalokho
engisazakutshengisa khona. 17 Ngizakuphephisa
ebantwini bakini lakwabeZizwe. Ngikuthuma 18
ukuthi uvule amehlo abo, ubaphendule basuke
ebumnyameni baye ekukhanyeni, njalo basuke
emandleni kaSathane baye kuNkulunkulu
ukuze bemukele ukuthethelelwa kwezono
lendawo phakathi kwalabo abangcweliswe
ngokukholwa kimi.' 19 Ngakho-ke, Nkosi
Agripha, kangiqholozelanga umbono ovela
ezulwini. 20 Ngaqala ngaba seDamaseko,
kwalandela abaseJerusalema laseJudiya lonke,
kwalandela labeZizwe labo, ngatshumayela
ukuthi kumele baphenduke babuyele
kuNkulunkulu njalo babonise ukuphenduka
kwabo ngezenzo zabo. 21 Kungaleso isizatho
okwenza amaJuda angibamba ngisemagumeni
ethempeli azama ukungibulala. 22 Kodwa
uNkulunkulu ungiphephisile kuze kube
namuhla, yikho ngimi lapha ngifakaza
kwabancinyane labakhulu ngokufananayo.
Kakulalutho engilutshoyo ngaphezu kwalokho
abaphrofethi loMosi abathi kuzakwenzakala,
23 ukuthi uKhristu wayezahlupheka, njalo
njengowokuqala ukuvuka kwabafileyo,
atshumayele ukukhanya ebantwini bakibo
lakwabeZizwe." 24 Khonapho uFestasi
wasemphazamisa esazivikela wathi, "Phawuli,
usangene ingqondo! Ukufunda kwakho
okukhulu sekukuphambanise ingqondo." 25
Waphendula uPhawuli wathi, "Kangihlanyi,
Mhlekazi omkhulu Festasi. Engikutshoyo
kuliqiniso njalo kulengqondo. 26 Inkosi
izijayele lezizinto yikho ngikhuluma kuyo
ngikhululekile. Ngiyakholwa ukuthi kakukho
lokukodwa kukho okuyeqileyo inkosi, ngoba
kakwenziwanga ejikweni ngokucatshelana. 27
Nkosi Agripha, uyabakholwa na abaphrofethi?
Ngiyazi ukuthi uyabakholwa." 28 U-Agripha
wasesithi kuPhawuli, "Kambe ucabanga
ukuthi ngesikhatshana esifitshane kangaka
ungangiphendula ngibe ngumKhristu?"
29 UPhawuli waphendula wathi, "Singaba
sisifitshane loba sibeside, ngiyakhuleka
kuNkulunkulu ukuthi kakungabi nguwe kuphela
kodwa bonke abangizwayo lamuhla bangaba
yilokho engiyikho khona, ngaphandle kwala
amaketane." 30 Inkosi yaphakama kanye
lombusi loBhenikhe lalabo ababehlezi labo. 31
Baphuma endlini, bathi sebekhuluma bodwa,

bathi, “Indoda le kakulalutho elwenzayo
olufanele ukufa loba ukuvalelwa entolongweni.”
32 U-Agripha wathi kuFestasi, “Indoda le
ibizakhululwa kube ibingedluliselanga icala
layo kuKhesari.”

27 Sekumisiwe ukuthi sizakuya e-Ithali,
uPhawuli kanye lezinye izibotshwa
banikelwa ezandleni zomphathi wekhulu
owayethiwa nguJuliyasi owaye ngoweButho
leSikhosini. 2 Sagada umkhumbi e-Adramithiya
owawusulungele ukuya emathekwini
asemakhunjini esifunda sase-Ezhiya, sahle
salungena ulwandle. Sasilo-Aristakhasi,
owayesuka eThesalonika. 3 Kusisa sakhuphukela
eSidoni; uJuliyasi watshengisa umusa
kuPhawuli, wamvumela ukuthi aye kubangane
bakhe bamenzele lokho ayengabe ekuswela.
4 Sesisuka lapho saluqonda ulwandle
njalo sagudla ethunzini laseSiphrasi ngoba
ukuvunguza komoya kwakuphambana
lathi. 5 Sathi sesiwele sadabula ulwandle
olubanzi malungana lasokhunjini lweSilisiya
lePhamfiliya, sakhuphukela eMira eseLikhiya.
6 Khonapho umphathi wekhulu wafumana
umkhumbi wase-Alekizandriya uwelela e-
Ithali, wasingenisa kuwo. 7 Sahamba sitotoba
okwensuku ezinengi, sathwala nzima ukuyafika
eKhinidu. Kwathi ngoba umoya usivalela ukuthi
sihambe ngendlela yethu, sawela sayagudla
ethunzini laseKhrethe, malungana leSalimoni.
8 Sahamba siceza okhunjini kanzima, safika
endaweni ethiwa kuseMathekumahle, eduze
ledolobho laseLaseya. 9 Sasesilahlekelwe
yisikhathi esinengi kakhulu, lokuhamba
olwandle kwasekuyingozi kabi ngoba
ngalesisikhathi kwasekungemva kwesikhathi
sokuzila. Yikho uPhawuli wabaxwayisa wathi,
10 “Madoda, ngibona ukuthi uhambo lolu
luzakuba lengozi lomonakalo omkhulu,
kubhidlike umkhumbi lempahla, lempilo
zethu lathi.” 11 Kodwa umphathi wekhulu,
esikhundleni sokulalela lokho okwakutshiwo
nguPhawuli, walandela iseluleko somtshayeli
womkhumbi kanye lomnikazi wawo. 12
Njengoba itheku lalingelihle ukuthi simise
khona ebusika, abanengi bakhetha ukuthi
siqhubeke ngohambo, bethemba ukuthi sizafika
eFenikhe simise khona ebusika lobo. Leli
kwakulitheku eliseKhrethe, elalikhangele
eningizimu yentshonalanga njalo lenyakatho
yentshonalanga. 13 Kwathi ngokuphephetha
komoya opholileyo waseningizimu, banakana
ukuthi basebekutholile ababekudinga; ngakho
bawukhulula umkhumbi wawela ugudle
iKhrethe. 14 Masinyazana nje, umoya
olamandla esivunguvungu owawuthiwa
“yiNhlampumalanga” wavunguza usuka
esihlengeni. 15 Umkhumbi watshaywa
yilesosiphepho wehluleka ukuqondana
lomoya; ngakho wasehlula sasesindenda
nje siwulandela. 16 Sathi lapho sidlula
ekusithekeni kwesihlenge esincane esithiwa
yiKhawuda, kwasekusala lokuthi simise kuhle
isikepe sokuphephela siqonde. 17 Kwathi
amadoda esesidonsele phezulu emkhunjini,
basebethandela izintambo bebopha umkhumbi
ngokwawo ukuze uqine wonke. Bathi ngoba
besesaba ukuthi bazatshayeka emhlabathini
wetshebetshebe laseSithisi, behlisa iseyili
bayekela umkhumbi wazindendela nje. 18
Isiphepho sasizunguza kabuhlungu kwaze
kwathi ngosuku olulandelayo saqalisa
ukujikela umthwalo olwandle. 19 Ngosuku
lwesithathu baphosela phandle ngezabo izandla
izintambo lezinye impahla zokuhambisa
umkhumbi. 20 Kwathi sekuyizinsuku ezinengi
singaliboni ilanga loba izinkanyezi, kodwa
isiphepho silokhu sisidla ubhedu, saphelelwa
lithemba lokuthi sizaphepha. 21 Amadoda
ayesehlale isikhathi eside engadlanga, uPhawuli
wasesima phambi kwabo, wathi, “Madoda,
ngabe lingilalele sangasuki eKhrethe; ngabe
kalizifakanga phakathi kwale inhlekenhleke
lokulahlekelwa lokhu. 22 Kodwa manje
ngiyalikhuthaza ukuthi lime isibindi, ngoba
kakukho lamunye wenu ozakufa; ngumkhumbi
kuphela ozabhidlika. 23 Izolo ebusuku ingilosi
kaNkulunkulu engingowakhe mina njalo
lengimkhonzayo ime phambi kwami 24 yathi,
‘Ungesabi, Phawuli. Kumele uyethonisiswa
nguKhesari; njalo uNkulunkulu usebe lomusa
wokukunika impilo zabo bonke owela
labo.’ 25 Ngakho manini isibindi, madoda,

ngoba ngiyamethemba uNkulunkulu ukuthi
kuzakwenzakala njengokungitshela kwakhe.
26 Kodwa phela sisezake sitshayeke phansi
sikhaphazelwe esihlengeni esithile." 27
Ngobusuku betshumi lane sasilokhu siyaluziswa
oLwandle lwe-Adriyathi, lapho okwathi
phakathi kobusuku abaqhubi bomkhumbi
bezwa kungathi basebesondela emhlabathini.
28 Baphosa izintambo zokulinganisa bafumana
ukuthi amanzi ayezike okwezingalo ezilikhulu
elilamatshumi amabili. Ngemva kwesikhatshana
baphinda baziphosa njalo bafumana izingalo
ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye
ukuzika. 29 Bathi ngoba besesaba ukuthi
sasizasakazeka ematsheni basebesehlisa insika
zokumisa umkhumbi ngemuva bekhalela
ukuthi kuse. 30 Abaqhubi bomkhumbi bazama
ukunyenya babaleke emkhunjini ngokwehlisela
isikepe sokusinda olwandle bezenza abafuna
ukuyakwehlisa ezinye insika ngaphambili
komkhumbi. 31 UPhawuli wasesithi kumphathi
wekhulu lasemabuthweni, "Nxa amadoda la
engahlali emkhunjini, ngeke lisinde." 32 Ngakho
amabutho asequma izintambo ezazibambe
isikepe sokusinda asiyekela sayagxumukela
emanzini. 33 Sekubanga emathathakusa,
uPhawuli wabakhuthaza bonke ukuthi badle.
Wathi, "Okwensuku ezilitshumi lane ezidluleyo
belihlezi libambe amaphaphu enu; lisehluleka
lokudla; kalizange lidle lutho. 34 Okwamanje
ngilicela ukuthi lidle. Kumele lidle ukuze
liphile. Kakho loyedwa wenu ozalahlekelwa
lalunwele ekhanda lakhe." 35 Esekutshilo lokhu,
wathatha isinkwa wabonga kuNkulunkulu
phambi kwabo bonke. Wasesihlephuna wadla.
36 Bonke baqunga isibindi basebesidla labo.
37 Sisonke sasingabantu abangamakhulu
amabili lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesithupha
emkhunjini. 38 Bathi sebedlile basutha,
baphungula ukusindwa komkhumbi
ngokuchithela amabele olwandle. 39
Kwathi sokusile kabawunanzelelanga
umhlabathi, kodwa babona itheku elaligcwele
itshebetshebe, basebezimisela ukuthi
umkhumbi bayewumisa khona nxa kuvuma.
40 Baquma insika bazitshiya zicwila olwandle,
baphinda banyomula lezintambo ezazibambe
okokugwedlisa. Basebephakamisa iseyili
yaphambili beyiqondisa emoyeni, basebeqonda
ekhunjini. 41 Kodwa umkhumbi watshayelela
esidulini setshebetshebe olwandle wahle
wabhajwa. Isihloko sawo sathi ngxi phansi asabe
sisanyikinyeka, ingemuva yona yahlakazeka
itshaywa ngamagagasi. 42 Amabutho
asesithi kungcono abulale izibotshwa ukuze
kungabikhona esizantsheza sibaleke. 43
Kodwa umphathi wekhulu wayefuna ukuvikela
impilo kaPhawuli, yikho wabalela ukuthi
bakwenze lokho abasebekumisile. Walaya labo
ababelamandla okuntsheza ukuba bazithele
olwandle bona kuqala baqonde emhlabathini.
44 Inengi lalizandenda ngamapulanka liye
khona loba ngasiqa bani somkhumbi. Ngale
indlela wonke umuntu wafika emhlabathini
ephephile.

28 Sathi sesiphephile safika emhlabathini,
sezwa ukuthi isihlenge leso sasithiwa
yiMalitha. 2 Abantu bakhona basiphatha
ngomusa ongajayelekanga. Basemukela kuhle
sonke, basibasela umlilo wekhanka ngoba
izulu lalisina njalo kumakhaza. 3 UPhawuli
watheza umnyaba wenkuni, wathi ebasela
kwaphuma inhlangwana isixotshwa ngumlilo
yahle yamthandela esandleni. 4 Abahlali
besihlengeni bathi bebona inyoka ilenga
esandleni sakhe bakhulumisana besithi, "Indoda
le iyisigebenga; ngoba loba isindile olwandle,
unkulunkulukazi uKulunga kayivumelanga
ukuthi iphile." 5 Kodwa uPhawuli wayithintitha
inyoka wayilabhulela emlilweni yena akaze
alimala lakancane. 6 Abantu babelinde
okwesikhathi eside bengaboni lutho olubi
lusenzakala kuye, baguqula imicabango yabo
basebesithi ungunkulunkulu. 7 Eduze kwalapho
kwakulepulazi likaPhabhiliyasi, owayeyisikhulu
esiphethe isihlenge. Wasemukela ngesihle
emzini wakhe, wasihlalisa khona okwensuku
ezintathu esiphethe kuhle. 8 Uyise wayegula
elele phansi ephethwe luqhuqho lesihudo.
UPhawuli wayambona, kwathi esekhulekile,
wambeka izandla wamsilisa. 9 Kwathi
sekwenzakele lokhu, bonke abagulayo
esihlengeni beza basiliswa. 10 Basidumisa

ngezipho ezinengi, kwasekusithi sesilungela
ukuwela basilungisela umphako owaneleyo.
11 Ngemva kwezinyanga ezintathu sangena
olwandle sigade umkhumbi owawuchithe
ubusika khona lapho. Wawungumkhumbi wase-
Alekizandriya owawulophawu lwamakhanda
amaphahla abonkulunkulu uKhasto loPholukhi.
12 Sakhuphukela eSirakhusi sahlala khona
okwensuku ezintathu. 13 Sesisuka lapho
sawela sayafika eRegiyumi. Ngakusasa
kwaphephetha umoya weningizimu, kwathi
ngelanga elilandelayo sayafika ePhuthewoli.
14 Lapho safumana abazalwane abasicela
ukuthi sihlale khona okweviki silabo. Sasesifika
eRoma. 15 Abazalwane balapho basebezwile
ukuthi siyeza, ngakho bahamba baze bayafika
eNkundleni yase-Aphiya laseziNkantini
eziNtathu besihlangabeza. Wathi ebabona
lababantu uPhawuli wabonga uNkulunkulu
njalo waqiniswa. 16 Sithe sesifikile eRoma,
uPhawuli wavunyelwa ukuhlala yedwa, elindwe
ngelilodwa ibutho. 17 Ngemva kwensuku
ezintathu uPhawuli wabiza abakhokheli
bamaJuda. Bathi sebehlangene wathi kubo,
“Bazalwane bami, loba ngingenzanga lutho
olubi ebantwini bakithi kumbe olwephula
imikhuba yabokhokho bethu, ngabotshwa
eJerusalema nganikelwa kwabaseRoma. 18
Wona esengihlolile afisa ukungikhulula ngoba
ngangingelacala loba elakuphi ukuganga
okwakungafanela ukufa. 19 Kodwa kwathi ngoba
amaJuda ekwala lokho ngabona sekufanele
ukuthi ngikhalaze kuKhesari; kungayisikho
ukuthi ngasengimangalela abantu bakithi.
20 Ngalesisizatho ngicelile ukuthi ngilibone,
ngikhulume lani. Kungenxa yethemba lika-
Israyeli okwenza ngibotshwe ngale iketane.”
21 Baphendula bathi, “Kasitholanga zincwadi
ezivela eJudiya mayelana lawe, njalo kakho
umzalwane ovela khonale oke wabika
kumbe wakhuluma ulutho olubi ngawe. 22
Kodwa sifuna ukuzwa imibono yakho, ngoba
siyakwazi ukuthi ezindaweni zonke abantu
bakhuluma kubi ngaloluhlelo lwenkolo.”
23 Balungiselela ukuhlangana loPhawuli
ngelanga elithile elalibekiwe, njalo kweza
abantu abanengi endaweni ayehlala kuyo.
Kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwaba ntambama
echaza umbuso kaNkulunkulu njalo efakaza
ngokuseMthethweni kaMosi lakubaPhrofethi.
Wazama njalo ukubazisa ngoJesu 24 Abanye
basuthiseka ngalokhu ayekutsho, kodwa
abanye kabazange bakholwe. 25 Baphikisana
bona bodwa basebesuka ngemva kokuba
uPhawuli esephethe inkulumo yakhe ngokuthi,
“Nxa uMoya oNgcwele wakhuluma iqiniso
kubokhokho benu aze ukhulume ngomphrofethi
u-Isaya ukuthi: 26 ‘Hamba kulababantu
uyekuthi, “Lizahlala lisizwa kokuphela, kodwa
lingaqedisisi; lizahlala libona kokuphela kodwa
lingabonisisi.” 27 Ngoba inhliziyo yalababantu
isibuthundu; kabasezwa ngezindlebe zabo,
njalo sebevale amehlo abo; ngoba bangaqabuka
bebona ngamehlo abo, bezwe ngezindlebe zabo,
baqedisise ngezinhliziyo zabo, baphenduke,
lami ngibasilise.’ 28 Ngakho ngithanda ukuthi
lazi ukuba insindiso kaNkulunkulu isithunyelwe
kwabeZizwe, njalo bona bazalalela!” [29
Ngemva kwalokhu, amaJuda asuka, ephikisana
wodwa kakhulu.] 30 UPhawuli wahlala khona
okweminyaka emibili egcweleyo, ehlala endlini
yakhe ayeloje kuyo, njalo esemukela ngesihle
bonke ababesiza bezombona. 31 Watshumayela
ngombuso kaNkulunkulu, wafundisa ngeNkosi
uJesu Khristu ngesibindi njalo engaphazanyiswa
muntu.

KwabaseRoma

1 UPhawuli, inceku kaKhristu uJesu,
owabizelwa ukuba ngumpostoli njalo
wahlukaniselwa ivangeli likaNkulunkulu,
2 ivangeli alithembisa ngaphambilini
ngabaphrofethi bakhe emibhalweni engcwele
3 mayelana leNdodana yakhe, yona okuthi
ngokwemvelo yayo yoluntu yayiyinzalo
kaDavida, 4 njalo ngoMoya wobungcwele
yabonakaliswa ngamandla ukuthi iyiNdodana
kaNkulunkulu ngokuvuka kwayo kwabafileyo;
uJesu Khristu iNkosi yethu. 5 Ngaye
samukela umusa lobupostoli ukuba sinxusele
abantu beZizwe bonke ekulaleleni okuza
ngokukholwa ngenxa yebizo lakhe. 6 Lani
futhi lingabanye babeZizweni ababizelwe
ukuba babe ngabakaJesu Khristu. 7 Kubo
bonke abaseRoma abathandwa nguNkulunkulu
njalo ababizelwe ukuba ngabangcwele bakhe:
Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu
uBaba laseNkosini uJesu Khristu kakube
kini. 8 Kuqala ngibonga uNkulunkulu wami
ngoJesu Khristu ngilibongela lani, ngoba
ukukholwa kwenu kubikwa umhlaba wonke.
9 UNkulunkulu engimkhonza ngenhliziyo
yami yonke ngokutshumayela ivangeli
leNdodana yakhe, ungufakazi wami ekuthini
ngilikhumbula kokuphela 10 emikhulekweni
yami izikhathi zonke; njalo ngiyakhuleka
khathesi ukuthi sengathi ekucineni ngentando
kaNkulunkulu ngivulelwe indlela yokuza
kini. 11 Ngiyafisa ukulibona ukuze ngilinike
isipho somoya sokuliqinisa, 12 okuyikuthi
ngokufananayo lina lami siqiniswe lukholo
lomunye wethu. 13 Kangifuni ukuba lingaze
lazi, bazalwane, ukuthi sengaceba kanengi
ukuba ngize kini (kodwa ngisehluleka
ukwenzanjalo kuze kube khathesi) ukuze
ngibe lesivuno phakathi kwenu, njengalokhu
engakwenzayo kwabanye abeZizweni. 14
Ngilomlandu kumaGrikhi lakwabangasiwo,
kwabahlakaniphileyo labayiziwula. 15 Yikho-
nje ngitshisekela ukutshumayela ivangeli
lakini eliseRoma. 16 Kangilanhloni ngevangeli,
ngoba lingamandla kaNkulunkulu okusindiswa
kwabo bonke abakholwayo: kuqala amaJuda,
kulandele abeZizwe. 17 Ngoba ukulunga okuvela
kuNkulunkulu kubonakaliswa evangelini,
ukulunga okungokukholwa kusukela ekuqaleni
kusiya ekucineni, njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
“Abalungileyo bazaphila ngokukholwa.” 18
Ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luyabonakaliswa luvela
ezulwini kulabo abangalunganga kanye lobubi
babantu abancindezela iqiniso ngobubi babo,
19 kalokho okungazakala ngoNkulunkulu
kusobala kubo, ngoba uNkulunkulu ekwenze
kwabasobala kubo. 20 Ngoba kusukela
ekudalweni komhlaba isimo sikaNkulunkulu
esingabonakaliyo, amandla akhe angapheliyo
kanye lobuNkulunkulu bakhe, sekubonakele
ngokusobala, kuzwisiseka ngokwenziweyo,
ukuze abantu bangabi lasizatho sokuzigeza.
(aïdios g126) 21 Ngoba lanxa uNkulunkulu
babemazi, kabamdumisanga njengoNkulunkulu
loba bambonge, kodwa imicabango yabo yaba
yize lezinhliziyo zabo eziyiziwula zaba mnyama.
22 Lanxa bazenza abahlakaniphileyo baba
yizithutha 23 benana inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu
ongafiyo ngemfanekiso eyenziwa yafana labantu
abalakho ukufa lezinyoni lezinyamazana
kanye lezinanakazana ezihuquzelayo. 24
Ngakho uNkulunkulu wabanikela esonweni
sezinkanuko zezinhliziyo zabo zobufebe
ngokwenza imzimba yabo ihlazo phakathi
kwabo. 25 Benana iqiniso likaNkulunkulu
ngamanga, badumisa bekhonza izinto
ezadalwayo kuloMdali odunyiswa kuze kube
nini lanini. Ameni. (aiōn g165) 26 Ngenxa yalokhu,
uNkulunkulu wabanikela ezinkanukweni
ezilihlazo. Labesifazane bakibo benana imvelo
yobudlelwano bemacansini ngokungasikho
kwemvelo. 27 Ngokufanayo abesilisa labo
badela ukuphathana kwemvelo labesifazane
batshiseka ngokukhanukana. Abesilisa benza
izenzo ezilihlazo lamanye amadoda, bazilethela
isijeziso esifanele ukuxhwala kwabo. 28
Phezu kwalokho, njengoba bengazange
bacabange ukuthi kufanele bagcine ukumazi
uNkulunkulu, wabanikela engqondweni
yokuxhwala, ukuba benze okungamelanga
kwenziwe. 29 Sebegcwele ngokonakala
konke, ububi, ubuhaga kanye lokuxhwala.

Bagcwele umhawu, lokubulala, lengxabano,
lenkohliso kanye lolunya. Bangabanyeyayo, 30
labahlebi, labazonda uNkulunkulu, leziqholo,
labazigqajayo kanye labazikhukhumezayo;
baqala izindlela zokwenza okubi; badelela
abazali babo; 31 kabaqedisisi, kabathembekanga,
kabalathando njalo kabalamusa. 32 Lanxa
besazi isimiso esilungileyo sikaNkulunkulu
sokuthi labo abenza izinto ezinje bafanele
ukufa, kabaqhubeki nje kuphela besenza zona
kanye lezizinto, kodwa bayavumelana njalo
lalabo abazenzayo.

2 Ngakho-ke, kawulasizatho sokuzigeza wena
owahlulela omunye, ngoba loba kungaphi
owahlulela khona omunye, uyazigweba
wena ngokwakho, ngoba wena owahlulelayo
wenza izinto ezifanayo. 2 Siyakwazi ukuthi
ukubahlulela kwakhe uNkulunkulu labo
abenza izinto ezinje kweyame eqinisweni.
3 Ngakho lapho-ke, wena muntu nje,
ubahlulela, kodwa usenza izinto ezifanayo,
ucabanga ukuthi uzakubalekela ukwahlulela
kukaNkulunkulu na? 4 Kumbe njalo weyisa
ubukhulu bomusa wakhe, ukubekezela
kanye lesineke sakhe, ungananzeleli ukuthi
umusa kaNkulunkulu ujonge ukukusa
ekuphendukeni na? 5 Kodwa ngenxa yobuqholo
bakho lenhliziyo yakho engaphendukiyo,
uziqoqela ulaka oluzakuhlupha ngosuku lolaka
lukaNkulunkulu, lapho okuzabonakaliswa
khona ukwahlulela kwakhe okulungileyo. 6
UNkulunkulu "uzakupha umvuzo emuntwini
munye ngamunye ngokuhambelana lalokho
akwenzileyo." 7 Kulabo abaphikelela besenza
okuhle bedinga inkazimulo, udumo kanye
lokungabhubhi, uzakubanika ukuphila
okulaphakade. (aiōnios g166) 8 Kodwa labo
abazinqinekelayo labala iqiniso balandele ububi,
kuzakuba lolaka lokuthukuthela. 9 Kuzakuba
lokuhlupheka losizi emuntwini wonke owenza
okubi, kuqala kumJuda kulandele koweZizweni,
10 kodwa inkazimulo, udumo kanye lokuthula
kuye wonke owenza okulungileyo, kuqala
kumJuda kulandele koweZizweni. 11 Ngoba
uNkulunkulu kalabandlululo. 12 Bonke
abenza isono ngaphandle komthetho
bazabhubha ngaphandle komthetho, njalo
bonke abenza isono ngaphansi komthetho
bazakwahlulelwa ngomthetho. 13 Ngoba
akusilabo abezwa umthetho abalungileyo
emehlweni kaNkulunkulu, kodwa yilabo
abalalela umthetho okuzathiwa balungile.
14 (Ngempela, nxa abeZizwe, abangelawo
umthetho, besenza ngokwemvelo izinto
ezifunwa ngumthetho, bangumthetho bona
ngokwabo, lanxa bengelawo umthetho, 15
njengoba bebonakalisa ukuthi okufunwa
ngumthetho kulotshiwe ezinhliziyweni zabo,
izazela zabo ziyafakaza, imicabango yabo ibasola
iphinde ibavikele.) 16 Lokhu kuzakwenzakala
ngosuku uNkulunkulu azakwahlulela imfihlo
zabantu ngoJesu Khristu, njengokutsho
kwevangeli lami. 17 Khathesi-ke wena, nxa
uzibiza ngokuthi ungumJuda; nxa uthembe
umthetho njalo uzincoma ngobudlelwane
bakho loNkulunkulu; 18 nxa uyazi intando
yakhe njalo uvumela okuhle ngoba ufundiswe
ngumthetho; 19 nxa ukholwa ukuthi
ungumkhokheli weziphofu, ukukhanya kwalabo
abasemnyameni, 20 umeluleki wezithutha,
lomfundisi wezingane, ngoba kwezomthetho
uhlanganisa ulwazi leqiniso, 21 ngakho wena
ofundisa abanye, kambe lawe kawuzifundisi
na? Wena otshumayela ngokungebi, uyeba na?
22 Wena othi abantu bangafebi, uyafeba na?
Wena owenyanya izithombe, uyawaphanga
amathempeli na? 23 Wena ozincoma
ngomthetho, uNkulunkulu uyamdelela
ngokwephula umthetho na? 24 Njengoba
kulotshiwe ukuthi, "Ibizo likaNkulunkulu
lihlanjaziwe phakathi kwabeZizwe ngenxa
yakho." 25 Ukusoka kuligugu nxa ugcina
umthetho, kodwa nxa usephula umthetho,
usufana lokuthi kawusokanga. 26 Nxa labo
abangasokanga begcina imfanelo zomthetho,
kabayikukhangelwa njengabasokileyo na? 27
Lowo ongasokanga ngokwenyama, kodwa
elalela umthetho, uzakulahla wena, okuthi
lanxa ulomlayo olotshiweyo njalo usokile,
ungumephuli womthetho. 28 Umuntu
kasumJuda nxa enguye emehlweni kuphela,
loba esokile emehlweni lenyameni kuphela.
29 Hatshi, umuntu ungumJuda nxa enguye

ngaphakathi, lokusoka yikusoka kwenhliziyo,
ngoMoya, hatshi ngomlayo. Ukubongwa
komuntu onjalo akuveli ebantwini, kodwa
kuNkulunkulu.

3 Pho yibungcono bani obukhona ekubeni
ngumJuda, loba ligugu bani elikhona
ekusokeni na? 2 Kukhulu ngezindlela
zonke. Okokuqala amaJuda aphathiswe wona
kanye amazwi kaNkulunkulu. 3 Kuba njani
nxa abanye babo babengathembekanga?
Ukungathembeki kwabo kungachitha
ukuthembeka kukaNkulunkulu na? 4 Akunjalo!
UNkulunkulu kabe qotho, umuntu wonke abe
ngumqambi wamanga. Njengoba kulotshiwe
ukuthi: "Ukuze ubonakaliswe ukuthi uqondile
lapho ukhuluma, njalo unqobe lapho
usahlulela." 5 Kodwa nxa ukungalungi kwethu
kusenza ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu kucace
kakhulu, thina sizakuthini na? UNkulunkulu
kalunganga ngokwehlisela ulaka lwakhe phezu
kwethu na? (Mina ngikhuluma njengokubona
komuntu.) 6 Ngempela akunjalo. Aluba
kwakunjalo, uNkulunkulu ubengawahlulela
kanjani umhlaba na? 7 Omunye angaphikisa
athi, "Nxa amanga ami ekhulisa ubuqotho
bukaNkulunkulu ngalokho andise udumo
lwakhe, kungani lokhe ngilahlwa njengesoni
na?" 8 Kungani singathi njengoba sigconwa
kuthiwa sitsho njalo futhi abanye bathi
"Kasenzeni okubi ukuze kuvele okulungileyo
na?" Ukulahlwa kwabo kufanele. 9 Pho
sizaphetha ngokuthini na? Kambe sesingcono
na? Hatshi akunjalo! Sesitshilo ukuthi
umJuda loweZizwe bangokufanayo ngaphansi
kwamandla esono. 10 Njengoba kulotshiwe
ukuthi: "Kakho olungileyo, kakho loyedwa; 11
kakho ozwisisayo, kakho odinga uNkulunkulu.
12 Bonke baphambukile, bonke kabasasizi
ngalutho; kakho owenza okuhle, kakho
loyedwa." 13 "Imiphimbo yabo ingamangcwaba
avulekileyo; inlimi zabo zisebenza ukukhohlisa."
"Ubuhlungu bezinhlangwana busezindebeni
zabo." 14 "Imilomo yabo igcwele ukuthuka
lentukuthelo." 15 "Inyawo zabo zilesiqubu
ekuchitheni igazi; 16 incithakalo losizi
kuphawula izindlela zabo, 17 indlela yokuthula
kabayazi." 18 "Ukumesaba uNkulunkulu
akukho emehlweni abo." 19 Siyakwazi ukuthi
loba kuyini okutshiwo ngumthetho, ukutsho
kulabo abangaphansi komthetho, ukuze
imilomo yonke ithuliswe lomhlaba wonke
ube lomlandu kuNkulunkulu. 20 Ngakho-ke,
kakho okuzathiwa ulungile emehlweni akhe
ngokugcina umthetho; kodwa ngomthetho siba
lakho ukwazi isono. 21 Kodwa khathesi ukulunga
okuvela kuNkulunkulu, ngaphandle komthetho,
sekwazisiwe, njalo kwafakazelwa nguMthetho
labaphrofethi. 22 Ukulunga lokhu okuvela
kuNkulunkulu kufika kubo bonke abakholwa
kuJesu Khristu. Akulamehluko phakathi
komJuda loweZizwe, 23 ngoba bonke bonile
njalo bayasilela enkazimulweni kaNkulunkulu,
24 njalo bakhululwa ngomusa wakhe kudlula
ngensindiso eyeza ngoKhristu uJesu. 25
UNkulunkulu wambeka njengomhlatshelo
wenhlawulo, ngokukholwa egazini lakhe.
Wenza lokhu ukuze abonakalise ukulunga
kwakhe, ngoba ngokubekezela kwakhe wayekela
izono ezenziwe ngaphambilini kungekho
kujeziswa, 26 wakwenzela ukubonakalisa
ukulunga kwakhe ngalesisikhathi, ukuze
abe ngolungileyo njalo onguye obenza babe
ngabalungileyo labo abakholwa kuJesu.
27 Pho kungaphi ukuzincoma? Kutshiywe
ngaphandle. Ngasimiso bani na? Esokugcina
umthetho na? Hatshi, kodwa ngesokukholwa.
28 Ngoba siyaqinisa ukuthi umuntu ulungiswa
yikukholwa langaphandle kokugcina umthetho.
29 UNkulunkulu unguNkulunkulu wamaJuda
kuphela na? KasuNkulunkulu wabeZizwe njalo
na? Yebo, ungowabeZizwe futhi, 30 njengoba
uNkulunkulu emunye kuphela, ozalungisa
abasokileyo ngokukholwa labangasokanga
ngalokho kukholwa okufanayo. 31 Pho,
siyawuchitha umthetho ngalokhu kukholwa
na? Hatshi, akunjalo! Kodwa, okuyikho yikuthi
umthetho siyawusekela.

4 Pho sizakuthi kuyini u-Abhrahama, ukhokho
wethu, akufumanayo ngokwenyama
kule indaba na? 2 Nxa, ngempela, u-
Abhrahama walungisiswa ngemisebenzi,
wayelakho okokuzincoma ngakho, kodwa

hatshi phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 3 Kanje
umbhalo uthini na? Uthi, “U-Abhrahama
wakholwa uNkulunkulu, njalo kwabalwa kuye
njengokulunga.” 4 Nxa umuntu esebenza,
umholo wakhe kawubalwa kuye njengesipho,
kodwa njengomlandu. 5 Ikanti emuntwini
ongasebenziyo kodwa ethemba uNkulunkulu
owenza ababi balunge, ukukholwa kwakhe
kubalwa njengokulunga. 6 UDavida utsho
okufanayo lapho ekhuluma ngokubusiseka
komuntu uNkulunkulu ambalela ukulunga
ngaphandle kwemisebenzi, esithi: 7 “Babusisiwe
labo oziphambeko zabo zithethelelwe, ozono
zabo zisibekelwe. 8 Ubusisiwe lowo ongasoze
abalelwe isono sakhe yiNkosi.” 9 Ukubusiseka
lokhu ngokwabasokileyo kuphela, kumbe
njalo lakwabangasokanga na? Kade sisithi
ukukholwa kuka-Abhrahama kwabalwa kuye
njengokulunga. 10 Kwabalelwa kusiphi
isimo na? Kwakungemva kokuba esesokile,
loba ngaphambilini na? 11 Wamukela
isibonakaliso sokusoka, uphawu lokulunga
abalalo ngokulunga engakasoki. Ngakho-ke,
unguyise wabo bonke abakholwayo, kodwa
bengasokanga, ukuze ukulunga kubalelwe
kubo. 12 Njalo unguyise wabasokileyo futhi,
abangasokanga nje kuphela, kodwa abahamba
ezinyathelweni zokholo ubaba u-Abhrahama
ayelalo engakasoki. 13 Akuzanga ngomthetho
ukuthi u-Abhrahama lenzalo yakhe amukele
isithembiso sokuthi uzakuba yindlalifa
yomhlaba, kodwa kweza ngokulunga okuza
ngokukholwa. 14 Ngoba nxa labo abaphila
ngomthetho bezindlalifa, ukukholwa kakulasizo
lesithembiso siyize, 15 ngoba umthetho uletha
ulaka. Njalo lapho okungelamthetho khona
akukho ukona. 16 Ngakho, isithembiso siza
ngokukholwa, ukuze sifike ngomusa njalo
siqiniseke kuyo yonke inzalo ka-Abhrahama,
hatshi kulabo abangabomthetho kuphela,
kodwa njalo lakulabo abangabokholo luka-
Abhrahama. Ungubaba wethu sonke. 17
Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi, “Sengikwenze
waba nguyise wezizwe ezinengi.” Ungubaba
emehlweni kaNkulunkulu akholwa kuye,
yena onika abafileyo ukuphila njalo enze
izinto ebezingekho zibe khona. 18 Kungekho
themba, u-Abhrahama ngethemba wakholwa
waba nguyise wezizwe ezinengi, njengoba
kwakutshiwo kuye ukuthi, “Izakuba njalo
inzalo yakho.” 19 Engekethisanga ekukholweni
kwakhe, wamelana lobuqotho bokuthi
umzimba wakhe wawusufana lofileyo,
njengoba wayeseleminyaka ephosa ibe likhulu
ubudala kanye lokuthi isibeletho sikaSara
laso sasesifile. 20 Waqiniswa ekukholweni
kwakhe, wapha udumo kuNkulunkulu, 21
ekholwe ngokupheleleyo ukuthi uNkulunkulu
wayelamandla okwenza lokho ayekuthembisile.
22 Yikho-nje “kwabalelwa kuye njengokulunga.”
23 Amazwi athi “kwabalelwa kuye”
kawalotshelwanga yena yedwa, 24 kodwa
lathi futhi, uNkulunkulu azabalela ukulunga
kwethu, thina esikholwa kuye, yena owavusa
uJesu iNkosi yethu kwabafileyo. 25 Wanikelwa
ekufeni ngenxa yezono zethu njalo wavuselwa
ekuphileni ukuze silungisiswe.

5 Ngakho-ke, njengoba silungisiswe
ngokukholwa, silokuthula kuNkulunkulu
ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, 2 esifinyelele
ngaye umusa esimi kuwo khathesi ngokukholwa.
Njalo siyathokoza ngethemba enkazimulweni
kaNkulunkulu. 3 Akunjalo kuphela, kodwa
siyathokoza njalo ezinhluphekweni zethu,
ngoba siyakwazi ukuthi ukuhlupheka kudala
ukuqinisela; 4 ukuqinisela, ubuntu; lobuntu,
ithemba. 5 Njalo ithemba kalisidanisi, ngoba
uNkulunkulu usethululele uthando lwakhe
ezinhliziyweni zethu ngoMoya oNgcwele,
asinike yena. 6 Liyabona, ngesikhathi
esifaneleyo, lapho sisesebuthakathaka, uKhristu
wafela abangakholwa kuNkulunkulu. 7
Kulivelakancane ukuthi umuntu afele umuntu
olungileyo, lanxa kungaba lolesibindi sokufela
umuntu olungileyo. 8 Kodwa uNkulunkulu
ubonakalisa uthando lwakhe kithi ngalokhu:
Siseseyizoni, uKhristu wasifela. 9 Njengoba
khathesi sesilungisiswe ligazi lakhe, pho
sizasindiswa kakhulu kangakanani olakeni
lukaNkulunkulu ngaye! 10 Ngoba ngesikhathi
sisaseyizitha zikaNkulunkulu, sabuyiselwa
kuye ngokufa kweNdodana yakhe, kuzakuba
kukhulu kangakanani, sesibuyiselwe, sahlengwa

ngokuphila kwakhe! 11 Lokhu akunjalo nje
kuphela, kodwa siyathokoza njalo kuNkulunkulu
ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, khathesi
esesithole ngaye ukubuyisana. 12 Ngakho-
ke, njengalokhu isono sangena emhlabeni
ngomuntu oyedwa, lokufa ngesono, njalo
ngale indlela ukufa kwafika ebantwini
bonke, ngoba bonke bona. 13 Ngeqiniso
isono saba khona emhlabeni umthetho
ungakaphawulwa, kodwa isono kasibalelwa
emuntwini umthetho ungekho. 14 Lanxa
kunjalo, ukufa kwabusa kusukela ngesikhathi
sika-Adamu kusiya esikhathini sikaMosi, kanye
lakulabo abangazange benze isono ngokweqa
umlayo, njengokwenziwa ngu-Adamu,
owayengumfanekiso walowo owayezakuza. 15
Kodwa isipho kasifani lesiphambeko. Ngoba nxa
abanengi bafa ngesiphambeko salowomuntu
oyedwa, umusa kaNkulunkulu kanye lesipho
eseza ngomusa walowomuntu oyedwa, uJesu
Khristu, kwaphuphuma kakhulu okungakanani
kwabanengi! 16 Njalo, isipho sikaNkulunkulu
kasifani lalokho okudalwa yisono salowomuntu
oyedwa. Ukwahlulela kwalandela isono esisodwa
kwaletha ukulahlwa, kodwa isipho salandela
iziphambeko ezinengi saletha ukulungisiswa.
17 Ngoba nxa ngesiphambeko salowomuntu
oyedwa, ukufa kwabusa ngalowomuntu
oyedwa, labo abamukela umusa omnengi
kaNkulunkulu kanye lesipho sokulunga
bazabusa kakhulu okungakanani ekuphileni
ngalowomuntu oyedwa uJesu Khristu. 18
Ngakho-ke, njengoba okwalandela isiphambeko
esisodwa kwaba yikulahlwa kwabantu bonke,
ngokunjalo isenzo sokulunga esisodwa saletha
ukulungisiswa lokuphila kwabantu bonke.
19 Ngoba ngokungalaleli kwalowomuntu
oyedwa abanengi baba yizoni, ngokunjalo futhi
ukulalela kwalowomuntu oyedwa abanengi
bazakwenziwa abalungileyo. 20 Umthetho
wabekwa ukuze isiphambeko sande. Kodwa
lapho okwanda khona isono, umusa wanda
kakhulukazi, 21 ukuze kuthi njengoba isono
sabusa ekufeni, kuthi ngokunjalo umusa lawo
ubuse ngokulunga ukuba ulethe ukuphila
okungapheliyo ngoJesu Khristu iNkosi yethu.
(aiōnios g166)

6 Ngakho, sizakuthini na? Sizaqhubeka sisenza
isono ukuze umusa wande na? 2 Akunjalo!
Safa ngenxa yesono; pho singaphila kanjani
kuso futhi na? 3 Kumbe njalo kalazi
yini ukuthi sonke thina esabhaphathizelwa
kuJesu Khristu sabhaphathizelwa ekufeni
kwakhe na? 4 Ngakho sangcwatshwa laye
ngokubhaphathizelwa ekufeni, ukuze kuthi
njengoba uKhristu wavuswa kwabafileyo
ngobukhosi bukaYise, lathi siphile ukuphila
okutsha. 5 Nxa sihlanganiswe laye kanje ekufeni
kwakhe, ngempela sizahlanganiswa laye futhi
ekuvukeni kwakhe. 6 Ngoba siyakwazi ukuthi
ubuntu bethu obudala babethelwa laye ukuze
umzimba wesono ulahlwe, khona singezukuba
yizigqili zesono futhi, 7 ngoba lowo osefile
usekhululwe esonweni. 8 Nxa safa loKhristu,
siyakholwa ukuthi sizaphila laye. 9 Ngoba siyazi
ukuthi njengoba uKhristu wavuswa kwabafileyo,
angeke afe futhi; ukufa akuselawo amandla
phezu kwakhe. 10 Ukufa akufayo wakufela
bonke kanye ngenxa yesono; kodwa ukuphila
akuphilayo, ukuphilela uNkulunkulu. 11
Ngokufanayo, zibaleni njengabafileyo esonweni,
kodwa abaphilayo kuNkulunkulu ngoKhristu
uJesu. 12 Ngakho lingavumeli isono ukuba
sibuse imizimba yenu efayo ukuba livumele
izinkanuko zaso ezimbi. 13 Linganikeli izitho
zemizimba yenu esonweni njengezikhali zobubi,
kodwa zinikeleni kuNkulunkulu njengabavuswe
kwabafileyo balethwa ekuphileni; linikele izitho
zemizimba yenu kuye njengezikhali zokulunga.
14 Ngoba isono kasiyikuba ngumbusi wenu,
ngoba lina kalikho ngaphansi komthetho, kodwa
ngaphansi komusa. 15 Pho-ke, sizakwenza
isono ngoba kasikho ngaphansi komthetho,
kodwa ngaphansi komusa na? Akunjalo! 16
Kalazi yini ukuthi nxa lizinikela komunye
umuntu ukuba njengezigqili ezilaleyo, liyizigqili
kulowo elimlalelayo, langabe liyizigqili zesono,
okuholela ekufeni, loba ezokulalela, okuholela
ekulungeni na? 17 Kodwa-ke, kabongwe
uNkulunkulu ngokuthi lanxa laliyizigqili
zesono, layilalela ngezinhliziyo ezipheleleyo
indlela yemfundiso elabekwa kuyo. 18
Lakhululwa esonweni laselisiba yizigqili
zokulunga. 19 Lokhu ngikubeka ngamazwi

abantu ngoba libuthakathaka ngokwemvelo
yobuntu benu. Njengoba lalinikela izitho
zemizimba yenu njengezigqili emanyaleni
lekuxhwaleni okwandayo, ngakho khathesi
zinikeleni njengezigqili ekulungeni okuholela
ebungcweleni. 20 Lapho laliyizigqili zesono,
lalikhululekile emandleni okulunga. 21
Ngumvuzo bani elawutholayo ngalesosikhathi
ezintweni eseliyangeka ngazo khathesi?
Lezozinto ziphetha ngokufa! 22 Kodwa
njengoba khathesi selikhululwe esonweni laba
yizigqili kuNkulunkulu, umvuzo eliwutholayo
uholela ebungcweleni, lesiphetho yikuphila
okungapheliyo. (aiōnios g166) 23 Ngoba inhlawulo
yesono yikufa, kodwa isipho sikaNkulunkulu
siyikuphila okungapheliyo kuJesu Khristu iNkosi
yethu. (aiōnios g166)

7 Kalazi yini bazalwane, ngoba ngikhuluma
ebantwini abawaziyo umthetho, ukuthi
umthetho ulamandla phezu komuntu nxa
esaphila kuphela na? 2 Njengesibonelo,
ngomthetho owesifazane owendileyo
ubotshelwe kumkakhe nxa esaphila, kodwa
umkakhe angafa, uyakhululwa emthethweni
wokuthathana. 3 Kungakho-ke, angendela
kwenye indoda umkakhe esaphila uthiwa
yisifebe. Kodwa umkakhe angafa, uyakhululwa
kulowomthetho angabi yisifebe, lanxa
esesendela kwenye indoda. 4 Ngakho-ke,
bazalwane bami, lani lafela emthethweni
ngomzimba kaKhristu, ukuze libe ngabomunye,
kuye owavuswa kwabafileyo, ukuze sithele
izithelo kuNkulunkulu. 5 Ngoba sisabuswa
yimvelo elesono, izinkanuko zesono ezavuswa
ngumthetho zazisebenza emzimbeni yethu,
okwenza sathelela ukufa izithelo. 6
Kodwa khathesi, ngokufela kulokho okwake
kwasibopha, sesikhululiwe emthethweni ukuze
sikhonze ngendlela entsha yoMoya hatshi
ngendlela endala yezimiso ezilotshiweyo. 7
Ngakho sizakuthini na? Umthetho uyisono
na? Ngempela kawusiso! Ngeqiniso mina
ngangingasoze ngazi ukuthi isono siyini
kungesiwo umthetho. Ngoba ngangingayikwazi
ukuthi ukuhawukela ngempela kuyini
aluba umthetho ungatshongo ukuthi,
"Ungahawukeli." 8 Kodwa isono, sathatha
ithuba elalethwa ngumlayo, saveza kimi
inhlobo zonke zenkanuko yokuhawukela.
Ngoba ngaphandle komthetho, isono sifile. 9
Mina ngake ngaphila ngaphandle komthetho;
kodwa kwathi ekufikeni komlayo, isono savuka
saphila, mina ngafa. 10 Ngathola ukuthi
umlayo lowo owawuhlose ukuletha ukuphila
waletha ukufa. 11 Ngoba isono sathatha
ithuba elalethwa ngumlayo, sangikhohlisa,
kwathi ngomthetho sangibulala. 12 Ngakho-
ke, umthetho ungcwele, lomlayo ungcwele,
ulungile njalo muhle. 13 Kanti lokho okuhle
kube yikufa kimi na? Akunjalo! Kodwa ukuze
isono sibonakale siyisono, saletha ukufa kimi
ngalokho okwakukuhle, ukuze kuthi ngomlayo
isono sibe yisono esipheleleyo. 14 Siyakwazi
ukuthi umthetho ungokomoya; kodwa mina
ngingowenyama, ngathengiswa esonweni
njengesigqili. 15 Engikwenzayo angikuzwisisi.
Ngoba lokho engifuna ukukwenza angikwenzi,
kodwa lokho engikuzondayo ngiyakwenza.
16 Ngakho nxa ngisenza lokho engingafuni
kukwenza, ngiyavuma ukuthi umthetho
ulungile. 17 Njengoba kunje, akuseyimi uqobo
okwenzayo, kodwa isono esihlala kimi. 18
Ngiyakwazi ukuthi akulalutho oluhle oluhlala
kimi, okutsho imvelo yami elesono. Ngoba
ngilesifiso sokwenza okuhle, kodwa angingeke
ngikufeze. 19 Ngoba engikwenzayo akusikho
okuhle engifuna ukukwenza; hatshi, okubi
engingafuniyo ukukwenza, lokhu ngiqhubeka
ngikwenza. 20 Nxa ngisenza engingafuni
kukwenza, akuseyimi okwenzayo, kodwa yisono
esihlala kimi esikwenzayo. 21 Ngakho ngithola
umthetho lo usebenza ukuthi: Lapho ngifuna
ukwenza okuhle, okubi kulami khonapho.
22 Ngoba ebuntwini bami bangaphakathi
ngiyathokoza ngomthetho kaNkulunkulu; 23
kodwa ngibona omunye umthetho usebenza
ezithweni zami, usilwa lomthetho wengqondo
yami ungenza ngibe yisibotshwa somthetho
wesono osebenzayo ezithweni zami. 24 Yeka
isinothongwana esengiyiso sona. Ngubani
ozangihlenga kulo umzimba wokufa? 25
Kabongwe uNkulunkulu ngoJesu Khristu
iNkosi yethu! Ngakho-ke, mina engqondweni

yami ngiyisigqili somthetho kaNkulunkulu,
kodwa ngokwemvelo yami yesono ngiyisigqili
somthetho wesono.

8 Ngakho, khathesi akusekho ukulahlwa
kulabo abakuKhristu uJesu, 2 ngoba
ngoKhristu uJesu umthetho woMoya wokuphila
wangikhulula emthethweni wesono lokufa. 3
Ngoba lokho umthetho owawungelamandla
okukwenza ngoba waxegiswa yimvelo elesono,
uNkulunkulu wakwenza ngokuthuma iNdodana
yakhe ngesimo somuntu olesono ukuba
ibe ngumnikelo wesono. Ngakho isono
yasilahla emuntwini olesono, 4 ukuze izimiso
ezilungileyo zomthetho zipheleliswe kithi,
thina esingaphili ngokwemvelo yesono, kodwa
ngokoMoya. 5 Labo abaphila ngokwemvelo
yesono ingqondo zabo zigxile kulokho
okufiswa yileyomvelo, kodwa labo abaphila
ngokwakoMoya ingqondo zabo zigxile kulokho
okufiswa nguMoya. 6 Ingqondo yomuntu
olesono yikufa, kodwa ingqondo ebuswa
nguMoya yikuphila lokuthula; 7 ingqondo
yimvelo yesono iyamzonda uNkulunkulu.
Kayiwuvumi umthetho kaNkulunkulu, njalo
ayingeke yenze njalo. 8 Labo ababuswa yimvelo
yesono abangeke bamthokozise uNkulunkulu. 9
Kodwa lina kalibuswa yimvelo yesono, kodwa
nguMoya, nxa uMoya kaNkulunkulu ehlala
kini. Njalo nxa umuntu engelaye uMoya
kaKhristu, kasuye kaKhristu. 10 Kodwa nxa
uKhristu ekini, umzimba wenu ufile ngenxa
yesono, kodwa umoya wenu uyaphila ngenxa
yokulunga. 11 Njalo nxa uMoya walowo owavusa
uKhristu kwabafileyo ehlala kini, yena owavusa
uKhristu kwabafileyo, imizimba yenu efayo
uzayinika ukuphila ngoMoya wakhe ohlala
kini. 12 Ngakho-ke, bazalwane, silomlandu,
kodwa kawungabi yimvelo yesono ukuba
siphile ngokwawo. 13 Ngoba nxa liphila
ngokwemvelo yesono, lizakufa; kodwa nxa
kungoMoya libulala izenzo ezimbi zomzimba,
lizaphila, 14 ngoba labo abakhokhelwa
nguMoya kaNkulunkulu bangamadodana
kaNkulunkulu. 15 Ngoba kalamukelanga umoya
olenza libe yizigqili, ukuze liphile ngokwesaba,
kodwa lamukela uMoya wobundodana. Njalo
siyamemeza ngawo sithi, “Abha, Baba.” 16
UMoya uqobo uyafakaza lomoya wethu ukuthi
thina singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu. 17
Ngakho, nxa singabantwana, sizindlalifa,
izindlalifa zikaNkulunkulu lezindlalifa
kanye loKhristu, nxa sihlanganyela laye
impela ezinhluphekweni zakhe ukuze
sihlanganyele laye njalo enkazimulweni
yakhe. 18 Ngikholwa ukuthi inhlupheko
zethu zakhathesi kazifanelanga ukulinganiswa
lenkazimulo ezabonakaliswa kithi. 19 Indalo
ilindile ngokulangazelela okukhulu ukuba
abantwana bakaNkulunkulu babonakaliswe.
20 Ngoba indalo ihlezi ihlukuluzekile,
kungasintando yayo, kodwa kungentando
yalowo oyihlukuluzayo, ngethemba 21
lokuthi indalo yona ngokwayo izakhululwa
ebugqilini bokonakala ilethwe enkululekweni
elenkazimulo yabantwana bakaNkulunkulu.
22 Siyakwazi ukuthi indalo yonke ibubula
njengosebuhlungwini bokuhelelwa kuze
kube khathesi. 23 Akunjalo kuphela, kodwa
lathi uqobo esilezithelo zakuqala zikaMoya,
siyabubula ngaphakathi silindile ngokutshiseka
ukwamukelwa njengamadodana, ukuhlengwa
kwemizimba yethu. 24 Ngoba ngalelithemba
sasindiswa. Kodwa ithemba elibonakalayo
kalisilothemba. Ngubani othemba lokho
avele eselakho na? 25 Kodwa nxa sithemba
lokho esingakabi lakho, siyakulindela
ngokubekezela. 26 Ngokufananayo, uMoya
uyasisiza ebuthakathakeni bethu. Kasikwazi
okumele sikukhulekele, kodwa uMoya uqobo
uyasinxusela ububula okungeke kuchazwe
ngamazwi. 27 Njalo yena lowo ohlola
inhliziyo zethu uyayazi ingqondo kaMoya,
ngoba uMoya uyabanxusela abangcwele
ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu. 28 Njalo
siyakwazi ukuthi ezintweni zonke uNkulunkulu
usebenzela okuhle kulabo abamthandayo,
ababizwe ngokwenjongo yakhe. 29 Ngoba labo
uNkulunkulu abazi ngaphambilini wabamisela
ukuba babe lesimo esifana leseNdodana yakhe,
ukuze abe lizibulo phakathi kwabazalwane
abanengi. 30 Labo abamiselayo, wababiza;
labo ababizayo, wabenza balunga; labo
abenza balunga, wabanika inkazimulo. 31 Pho

sizakuthini ngalokhu na? Nxa uNkulunkulu
elathi ngubani ongamelana lathi na? 32
Yena ongayigodlanga iNdodana yakhe, kodwa
wayinikelela thina sonke, angayekela kanjani
ukusipha ngesihle izinto zonke kanye layo na?
33 Ngubani ozababeka icala labo abakhethwe
nguNkulunkulu na? NguNkulunkulu olungisayo.
34 Ungubani lowo olahlayo? UKhristu Jesu
owafayo, okudlula lokho, owavuswayo waphila,
usesandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu njalo
laye uyasinxusela. 35 Ngubani ozasehlukanisa
lothando lukaKhristu na? Yikuhlupheka
kumbe ukudubeka loba ukuhlukuluzwa kumbe
indlala loba ukuhamba ze loba ingozi kumbe
inkemba na? 36 Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
"Ngenxa yakho, sikhangelane lokufa ilanga
lonke; sithathwa njengezimvu ezizahlatshwa."
37 Hatshi, kuzozonke lezizinto singaphezu
kokuba ngabanqobi ngaye owasithandayo. 38
Ngoba ngiyakholwa ukuthi loba yikufa kumbe
ukuphila, loba yizingilosi kumbe amadimoni,
loba khathesi kumbe isikhathi esizayo, loba
kungamandla bani, 39 loba kuyikuphakama
kumbe ukuzika, loba olunye ulutho kukho konke
okudaliweyo, akuyikusehlukanisa lothando
lukaNkulunkulu olukuKhristu uJesu iNkosi
yethu.

9 Ngikhuluma iqiniso ngikuKhristu,
kangiqambi manga, isazela sami siyakufakaza
lokhu ngoMoya oNgcwele, 2 Ngilosizi olukhulu
lobuhlungu obungapheliyo enhliziyweni
yami. 3 Ngoba ngangifisa ukuba ngabe
mina uqobo ngiyaqalekiswa ngisuswe
kuKhristu ngenxa yabazalwane bami,
labo abohlanga lwami ngokwenyama, 4
abantu bako-Israyeli. Okwabo yikwamukelwa
njengamadodana, ngeyabo inkazimulo
kaNkulunkulu, lesivumelwano, lokwamukela
umthetho, lenkonzo yasethempelini kanye
lezithembiso. 5 Okhokho ngababo, njalo
lusukela kubo usendo lwenyama lukaKhristu,
onguNkulunkulu ophezu kwakho konke,
odunyiswa kokuphela! Ameni. (aiōn g165)
6 Akunjengokuthi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu
lehluleka. Ngoba akusibo bonke abayinzalo
ka-Israyeli abangama-Israyeli. 7 Njalo
ngoba yinzalo yakhe akusibo bonke
abangabantwana baka-Abhrahama. Kodwa-
ke, "Isizukulwane sakho sizabalwa ngo-
Isaka." 8 Ngamanye amazwi, akusibantwana
benyama abangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu,
kodwa ngabantwana besithembiso ababalwa
njengenzalo ka-Abhrahama. 9 Ngoba
isithembiso satshiwo kanje: "Ngesikhathi
esimisiweyo ngizaphenduka, njalo uSara
uzakuba lendodana." 10 Akusilokho kuphela,
kodwa abantwana bakaRabheka bazalwa
sikhathi sinye ngubaba wethu u-Isaka. 11
Kodwa amaphahla engakazalwa loba ukwenza
ulutho oluhle kumbe olubi, ukuba inhloso
kaNkulunkulu yokukhetha iqhubeke; 12 hatshi
ngemisebenzi kodwa ngaye obizayo, watshelwa
ukuthi, "Omdala uzakhonza omncinyane."
13 Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi, "UJakhobe
ngamthanda, kodwa u-Esawu ngamzonda." 14
Pho sizakuthini na? UNkulunkulu kalunganga
na? Akunjalo! 15 Ngoba uthi kuMosi: "Ngizakuba
lesihawu kulowo engilesihawu kuye, njalo
ngizakuba lozwelo kulowo engilozwelo kuye."
16 Ngakho-ke, akuyi ngesifiso somuntu
loba umzamo wakhe, kodwa ngesihawu
sikaNkulunkulu. 17 Ngoba umbhalo uthi
kuFaro, "Ngakuphakamisela injongo yonale
kanye, ukuze ngibonakalise amandla ami
kuwe lokuthi ibizo lami litshunyayelwe
emhlabeni wonke." 18 Ngakho uNkulunkulu
ulesihawu kulowo athanda ukuba lesihawu
kuye, njalo umenza abe lukhuni lowo athanda
ukumenza abe lukhuni. 19 Omunye wenu
uzakuthi kimi: "Pho kungani uNkulunkulu
esisola? Ngoba ngubani ongamelana lentando
yakhe na?" 20 Kodwa ungubani wena,
ungumuntu, ukuba uphendule uNkulunkulu na?
Kambe okubunjiweyo kungatsho yini kulowo
owakubumbayo kuthi, "Kungani wangenza
ngabanje na?" 21 Umbumbi kalalo yini
ilungelo lokuba ngengxenye yebumba efanayo
enze okunye okubunjiweyo okomsebenzi
omuhle lokomsebenzi ojayelekileyo na?
22 Kwakungaba njani-ke nxa uNkulunkulu
wakhetha ukutshengisa ukubekezela okukhulu
ezidalweni zentukuthelo yakhe ezazimiselwe
ukubhujiswa etshengisa ulaka lwakhe lokwenza

amandla akhe aziwe. 23 Kube kunjani nxa wenza
lokhu ukuze enze ubuhle benkazimulo yakhe
bazakale ezintweni zesihawu sakhe, azilungisela
inkazimulo ngaphambilini, 24 kanye lathi
asibizayo, hatshi kumaJuda kuphela, kodwa
lakwabeZizweni? 25 Njengoba esitsho kuHosiya
ukuthi: "Ngizababiza ngokuthi 'ngabantu bami,'
labo Abangasibantu bami; njalo ngizambiza
'sithandwa sami,' lowo ongasiso isithandwa
sami," 26 njalo, "Kuzakwenzakala ukuba
kuyo kanye indawo lapho okwathiwa kubo,
'Kalisibo bantu bami,' bazabizwa ngokuthi
'ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ophilayo.'" 27 U-
Isaya uyamemezela ngo-Israyeli esithi: "Lanxa
inani labako-Israyeli linjengetshebetshebe
ngasolwandle, kuzasindiswa insalela kuphela.
28 Ngoba iNkosi izasifeza isigwebo sayo
emhlabeni ngesiqubu langokuphelelisa." 29
Kunjengoba u-Isaya watsho mandulo ukuthi:
"Aluba iNkosi uSomandla wayengasitshiyelanga
inzalo, sasizakuba njengeSodoma, sasizafana
leGomora." 30 Pho sizakuthini na? Sithi
abeZizweni abangakudinganga ukulunga,
sebekutholile, ukulunga okungokukholwa;
31 kodwa u-Israyeli owalandela umthetho
wokulunga, kakutholanga. 32 Kungani na?
Ngoba kabawulandelanga ngokukholwa,
kodwa kwakungemisebenzi. Bakhubeka
elitsheni elikhubayo. 33 Njengoba kulotshiwe
ukuthi: "Khangelani, ngibeka eZiyoni ilitshe
elikhubekisa abantu ledwala elibenza bawe,
njalo lowo okholwa kuye kazukuyangiswa."

10 Bazalwane, isifiso senhliziyo yami
lomkhuleko wami kuNkulunkulu ngabako-
Israyeli yikuba basindiswe. 2 Ngoba
ngingafakaza ngabo ukuthi batshisekela
uNkulunkulu, kodwa ukutshiseka kwabo
akugxilanga ekwazini. 3 Njengoba ukulunga
okuvela kuNkulunkulu bengakwazanga bafuna
ukumisa okwabo, kabavumanga ukuzibeka
ngaphansi kokulunga kukaNkulunkulu. 4
UKhristu uyisiphetho somthetho ukuze
kube lokulunga kubo bonke abakholwayo.
5 UMosi ukuchaza ngale indlela ukulunga
okungomthetho: "Umuntu owenza izinto
lezi uzaphila ngazo." 6 Kodwa ukulunga
okungokukholwa kuthi: "Ungabokutsho
enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi, 'Ngubani
ozakwenyukela ezulwini na?'" (okuyikuthi,
ukwehlisa uKhristu) 7 "loba, 'Ngubani
ozakwehlela ekuzikeni kolwandle na?'"
(okuyikuthi, ukuvusa uKhristu kwabafileyo).
(Abyssos g12) 8 Kodwa kuthini na? "Ilizwi liseduze
lawe, lisemlonyeni wakho lasenhliziyweni
yakho," lokho yikuthi, ilizwi lokukholwa
esilitshumayelayo: 9 nxa uvuma ngomlomo
wakho usithi, "UJesu uyiNkosi," njalo ukholwa
enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi uNkulunkulu
wamvusa kwabafileyo, uzasindiswa. 10 Ngoba
ukholwa ngenhliziyo yakho njalo ulungiswa
ngayo, njalo kungomlomo wakho ovuma ngawo
usindiswe. 11 Njengoba uMbhalo usithi, "Loba
ngubani okholwa kuye akayikuyangiswa." 12
Ngoba kawukho umahluko phakathi komJuda
loweZizwe, iNkosi yinye iyiNkosi yabo bonke
njalo iyababusisa kakhulu bonke abakhuleka
kuyo, 13 ngoba, "Wonke obiza ibizo likaThixo
uzasindiswa." 14 Pho, bangakhuleka kanjani
kulowo abangakholwa kuye? Njalo bangakholwa
njani kulowo abangakaze bezwe ngaye na?
Njalo bangezwa njani kungekho otshumayela
kubo na? 15 Njalo bangatshumayela njani
ngaphandle kokuba bethunyiwe na? Njengoba
kulotshiwe ukuthi, "Yeka ubuhle bezinyawo
zalabo abaletha izindaba ezinhle!" 16 Kodwa
akusibo bonke abako-Israyeli abazamukelayo
izindaba ezinhle. Ngoba u-Isaya uthi, "Nkosi,
ngubani olikholiweyo ilizwi lethu na?" 17
Ngakho-ke, ukukholwa kuvela ekuzweni ilizwi,
lelizwi lizwakala ngelizwi likaKhristu. 18 Kodwa
ngiyabuza ngithi: Kabezwanga na? Impela
bezwa ukuthi: "Ilizwi labo liphumile laya kuwo
wonke umhlaba, amazwi abo emikhawulweni
yomhlaba." 19 Ngiyabuza njalo ngithi: U-
Israyeli kaqedisisanga na? Kuqala uMosi
uthi, "Mina ngizalenza libe lomona kulabo
abangasiso sizwe; ngizalenza lithukuthelele
isizwe esingelakho ukuqedisisa." 20 Lo-Isaya
ukhuluma ngesibindi uthi, "Ngatholwa yilabo
ababengangidingi; ngazibonakalisa kulabo
abangangicelanga." 21 Kodwa mayelana lo-
Israyeli uthi, "Ilanga lonke ngelulele izandla

zami ebantwini abangalaleliyo labayiziqholo futhi.”

11 Lapho-ke ngiyabuza ngithi: Kanti uNkulunkulu wabalahla yini abantu bakhe? Hatshi akunjalo! Mina uqobo ngingum’Israyeli inzalo ka-Abhrahama, owesizwana sikaBhenjamini. **2** UNkulunkulu kabalahlanga abantu bakhe abazi kuqala. Kalikwazi yini ukuthi uMbhalo uthini esahlukwaneni ngo-Elija, ukuthi wakhalaza njani kuNkulunkulu esola u-Israyeli esithi: **3** “Nkosi, bababulele abaphrofethi bakho, badiliza lama-alithare akho; yimi ngedwa engiseleyo, njalo bafuna ukungibulala?” **4** Impendulo kaNkulunkulu kuye yathini na? Yathi, “Ngizigodlele mina ngokwami abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa abangamkhothamelanga uBhali.” **5** Ngakho futhi, ngalesisikhathi kulensalela ezakhethwa ngomusa. **6** Njalo nxa kungomusa, ngakho akuseyikho ngemisebenzi; nxa kwakunjalo, umusa wawungeke ube usaba ngumusa. **7** Pho-ke? Lokho u-Israyeli akufuna ngokuzimisela kakuzuzanga, kodwa abakhethiweyo bakuthola. Abanye baba lukhuni, **8** njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “UNkulunkulu wabanika umoya wokozela, lamehlo ukuze bangaboni, lendlebe ukuze bangezwa, kuze kube lamhla.” **9** Njalo uDavida uthi: “Sengathi itafula yabo ingaba ngumjibila lesifu, isikhubekiso kanye lesijeziso kubo. **10** Sengathi amehlo abo angafiphala ukuze bangaboni, lamaqolo abo akhokhobe kokuphela.” **11** Ngiyabuza njalo ngithi: Kambe bangabe bakhubeka bawa okungangokuthi kakuselakuphepha na? Akunjalo! Kodwa ngenxa yesiphambeko sabo, ukusindiswa sekufikile kwabeZizwe ukuba kwenze u-Israyeli abe lomona. **12** Kodwa nxa isiphambeko sabo sisitsho inotho emhlabeni, lencithakalo yabo isitsho inotho kwabeZizwe, inkulu kangakanani inotho elethwa yikuphelela kwabo! **13** Ngikhuluma lani lina abeZizwe. Njengoba ngingumpostoli wabezizwe, ngikhulisa inkonzo yami **14** ngethemba lokuthi mhlawumbe ngingavusa umona ebantwini bakithi ngisilise abanye babo. **15** Ngoba nxa ukulahlwa kwabo kuyikubuyisana komhlaba, ukwamukelwa kwabo kuzakuba yini na ngaphandle kokuphila okuvela kwabafileyo? **16** Nxa ingxenye yenhlama enikelwe njengezithelo zakuqala ingcwele, injalo yonke enye; nxa impande zingcwele, zinjalo lezingatsha. **17** Nxa ezinye ingatsha zephulwe, njalo wena, lanxa ulihlumela lom’oliva weganga, usuxhunyelelwe phakathi kwezinye njalo usuhlanganyela emhluzini okhulisayo ovela empandeni zom’oliva, **18** ungazincomi ngalezongatsha. Nxa ukwenza, cabanga ngalokhu: Impande kakusuwe oyithwalayo, kodwa impande yiyo ekuthweleyo. **19** Lapho-ke lina lizakuthi, “Ingatsha zephulwa ukuze mina ngixhunyelelwe.” **20** Yebo. Kodwa zephulwa ngenxa yokungakholwa, kodwa lina limi ngokukholwa. Lingazikhukhumezi, kodwa yesabani. **21** Ngoba nxa uNkulunkulu engaziyekelanga ingatsha zemvelo, lani kasoze aliyekele. **22** Ngakho cabangani ngesisa njalo lobulukhuni bukaNkulunkulu: ubulukhuni kulabo abawayo, kodwa isisa kini, nxa liqhubeka esiseni sakhe. Kungenjalo, lani lizaqunywa. **23** Njalo nxa bengaphikeleli ngokungakholwa, bazaxhunyelelwa, ngoba uNkulunkulu uyenelisa ukubaxhumelela futhi. **24** Phezu kwalokho, nxa laliqunywe esihlahleni som’oliva weganga ngemvelo, kwathi ngokuphambene lemvelo laxhunyelelwa esihlahleni se-oliva esilinywayo, pho kuzakuba lula kakhulu okunjani kulezi, ingatsha zemvelo, ukuba zixhunyelelwe esihlahleni sazo se-oliva. **25** Bazalwane, kangifuni ukuthi lingaze lazi ngale imfihlakalo, ukuze lingazikhukhumezi: U-Israyeli useyibonile ingxenye yokuba lukhuni inani elipheleleyo labeZizwe lize lingene. **26** Ngokunjalo u-Israyeli wonke uzasindiswa, njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Umkhululi uzafika eZiyoni: uzasusa kuJakhobe ukungakholwa. **27** Lesi yisivumelwano sami labo lapho ngizisusa izono zabo.” **28** Mayelana levangeli, bayizitha ngenxa yenu; kodwa mayelana lokukhetha, bayathandwa ngenxa yabokhokho, **29** ngoba izipho zikaNkulunkulu lokubiza kwakhe akuguquleki. **30** Njengoba lina elake ladelela uNkulunkulu khathesi selamukele umusa ngenxa yokudelela kwabo, **31**

ngokunjalo labo, ngenxa yomusa kaNkulunkulu
kini, kabasalaleli ukuze labo khathesi bamukele
umusa. 32 Ngoba uNkulunkulu ubophele abantu
bonke ekudeleleni ukuze abe lomusa kubo
bonke. (eleēsē g1653) 33 Yeka ukuzika kwenotho
yenhlakanipho kanye lokwazi kukaNkulunkulu!
Yeka ukwahlulela kwakhe okungeke kuhlolwe,
kanye lezindlela zakhe ezingeke zilandelwe!
34 "Ngubani owake wayazi ingqondo yeNkosi
na? Loba owake waba ngumcebisi wayo na?"
35 "Ngubani owake wanika uNkulunkulu
ulutho ukuba uNkulunkulu aluhlawule na?" 36
Ngoba izinto zonke zivela kuye langaye njalo
futhi zikuye. Udumo kalube kuye kuze kube
laphakade! Ameni. (aiōn g165)

12 Ngakho-ke, ngiyalincenga bazalwane,
ngenxa yomusa kaNkulunkulu, ukuba
linikele imizimba yenu njengemihlatshelo
ephilayo, engcwele lemthokozisayo
uNkulunkulu, okuyikukhonza kwenu ngomoya.
2 Lingavumi futhi ukulingisa umhlaba lo,
kodwa liguqulwe ingqondo zenu zibe zintsha.
Lapho-ke lizakwenelisa ukuhlola lokwamukela
lokho okuyintando kaNkulunkulu, intando
yakhe elungileyo, ethokozisayo lepheleleyo.
(aiōn g165) 3 Ngoba ngomusa engiwuphiweyo
ngithi kini lonke: Lingacabangi ngokuzazisa
kakhulu ukwedlula okufaneleyo, kodwa
lizicabangele ngokuqonda, ngokuhambelana
lesilinganiso sokukholwa uNkulunkulu
aliphe khona. 4 Njengalokhu omunye
lomunye wethu elomzimba owodwa olezitho
ezinengi, njalo izitho lezi zonke kazenzi
msebenzi munye, 5 Ngokunjalo kuKhristu
thina abanengi sibumba umzimba owodwa,
njalo ilunga linye ngalinye ngelawamanye
wonke. 6 Silezipho ezehlukeneyo, kusiya
ngomusa esawuphiwayo. Nxa isipho somuntu
siyikuphrofitha, kasisebenzise ngokulingana
lokukholwa kwakhe. 7 Nxa siyikukhonza,
kakhonze: nxa siyikufundisa, kafundise; 8 nxa
singesokukhuthaza, kakhuthaze; nxa siyikupha,
kasiphe ngothando; nxa siyibukhokheli,
kabuse ngokukhuthala; nxa siyikubonakalisa
umusa, kakwenze ngokuthokoza. 9 Uthando
kumele lube qotho. Zondani okubi libambelele
kokulungileyo. 10 Zimiseleni omunye komunye
ngothando lobuzalwane. Hloniphanani okudlula
ukuzihlonipha kwenu. 11 Lingaphelelwa
yikutshiseka, kodwa gcinani ukutshiseka
kwenu komoya, likhonza iNkosi. 12 Thokozani
ekwethembeni, libekezele ekuhlukuluzweni,
libambelele ekukhulekeni. 13 Bapheni abantu
bakaNkulunkulu abaswelayo. Zejwayezeni
ukuphana. 14 Babusiseni labo abalihluphayo;
busisani lingaqalekisi. 15 Thokozani lalabo
abathokozayo, lilile lalabo abalilayo. 16
Hlalisanani ngokuzwana. Lingazigqaji,
kodwa lihlanganyele labantukazana.
Lingazikhukhumezi. 17 Lingaphindiseli
muntu okubi ngokubi. Nanzelelani ukwenza
okulungileyo phambi kwabantu bonke. 18
Nxa kusenzakala, kusiya mayelana lokubona
kwenu, hlalani ngokuthula labantu bonke. 19
Lingaphindiseli, bangane bami abathandekayo,
kodwa litshiyele ulaka lukaNkulunkulu ithuba,
ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Ukuphindisela
ngokwami; ngizabuyisela," kutsho iNkosi.
20 Esikhundleni salokho: "Nxa isitha sakho
silambile, siphe ukudla; nxa somile, sinikeni
okunathwayo. Ngokwenza lokhu, lokhela
amalahle avuthayo ekhanda laso." 21
Linganqotshwa ngokubi, kodwa nqobani ububi
ngobuhle.

13 Umuntu wonke kumele azithobe kulabo
ababusayo, ngoba akukho mbuso
ngaphandle kwalowo obekwe nguNkulunkulu.
Imibuso ekhona ibekwe nguNkulunkulu.
2 Ngakho, lowo ovukela umbuso uvukela
okumiswe nguNkulunkulu, njalo labo
abenza njalo bazilethela ukwahlulelwa. 3
Ngoba ababusi kabesabeki kulabo abenza
okulungileyo, kodwa kulabo abenza okubi.
Liyafuna ukukhululeka ekwesabeni lowo
obusayo na? Ngakho yenzani okulungileyo
yena uzalincoma. 4 Ngoba yena uyinceku
kaNkulunkulu yokulenzela okuhle. Kodwa
nxa lisenza okubi, yesabani, ngoba inkemba
kayiphatheli ize. Uyinceku kaNkulunkulu, umeli
wentukuthelo ukuba ehlisele isijeziso kowenza
okubi. 5 Ngakho, kuyaswelakala ukuzithoba
kubabusi, hatshi kuphela ngenxa yokujeziswa

okungenzakala, kodwa langenxa yesazela. 6
Ngenxa yalokhu futhi yikho-nje lithela imithelo,
ngoba ababusi bazinceku zikaNkulunkulu,
ezinikela isikhathi sazo sonke ekubuseni. 7
Phanini abantu bonke okungokwabo: Nxa
ungathelanga, thela imithelo, nxa kuyikuqoqwa
kwemali, iqoqeni. Nxa kuyikwesaba, yesabani.
Nxa kuyikuhlonipha, hloniphani; nxa
kuyikudumisa, dumisani. 8 Lingayekeli umlandu
ungahlawulwanga, ngaphandle kokuqhubeka
komlandu wokuthandana, ngoba lowo othanda
umuntu wakibo usewugcwalisile umthetho. 9
Imilayo ethi, "Ungafebi, Ungabulali, Ungebi,
Ungahawukeli" kanye leminye imilayo
engabe ikhona ihlanganiswa ngumthetho
lo othi: "Thanda umakhelwane wakho
njengoba uzithanda." 10 Uthando kalwenzi
ngozi kumakhelwane. Ngakho uthando
luyikugcwaliswa komthetho. 11 Njalo yenzani
lokhu liqedisisa isikhathi sakhathesi. Isikhathi
sesifikile ukuba livuke ebuthongweni benu,
ngoba ukusindiswa kwethu khathesi sekuseduze
kakhulu kulekuqaleni kwethu ukukholwa.
12 Ubusuku sebuzadlula; ukusa sekusondele.
Ngakho kasilahleni imisebenzi yobumnyama
sigqoke isivikelo sokukhanya. 13 Kasiziphatheni
kuhle, njengasemini, hatshi emadilini okuminza
lokudakwa, hatshi ekuhlobongeni lentokozo
yobugangi, hatshi ngokuxabana langomona.
14 Kodwa zigqokiseni iNkosi uJesu Khristu,
njalo lingacabangi ngokuthokozisa inkanuko
yemvelo yenu yokona.

14 Mamukeleni lowo okholo lwakhe
lubuthakathaka, kungekho kwahlulela
ezindabeni eziphikisekayo. 2 Omunye umuntu
ukholo lwakhe luyamvumela ukuba adle
izinto zonke, kodwa omunye umuntu olokholo
olubuthakathaka, udla imbhida kuphela. 3
Umuntu odla izinto zonke akumelanga eyise
lowo ongadli konke, lomuntu ongadli konke
akumelanga asole umuntu odla konke, ngoba
uNkulunkulu umamukele. 4 Ungubani wena
ukuba wahlulele inceku yomunye? Ukuma
lokuwa kwayo ngokwenkosi yayo. Izakuma,
ngoba iNkosi ilamandla okuyimisa. 5 Omunye
umuntu ubona olunye usuku lungcwele kakhulu
kulolunye; omunye umuntu ubona insuku zonke
zifanana. Umuntu ngamunye kumele akholwe
ngokupheleleyo engqondweni yakhe. 6 Lowo
obona olunye usuku njengoluqakathekileyo,
wenzela iNkosi. Lowo odla inyama, udlela iNkosi,
ngoba uyambonga uNkulunkulu; njalo lowo
oyekelayo, wenzela iNkosi, njalo uyambonga
uNkulunkulu. 7 Ngoba kakho phakathi kwethu
oziphilela yena yedwa njalo kakho phakathi
kwethu ozifelayo yena yedwa. 8 Nxa siphila,
siphilela iNkosi; njalo nxa sisifa, sifela eNkosini.
Ngakho, loba siphila kumbe sisifa, singabeNkosi.
9 Ngenxa yasonalesi isizatho, uKhristu
wafa, wabuya waphila ukuze abe yiNkosi
yabafileyo labaphilayo. 10 Pho wena, kungani
usahlulela umzalwane wakho na? Loba kungani
useyisa umzalwane wakho na? Ngoba sonke
sizakuma phambi kwesihlalo sikaNkulunkulu
sokwahlulela. 11 Kulotshiwe ukuthi: "'Ngeqiniso
njengoba ngikhona, ngiphila,' kutsho UThixo,
'amadolo wonke azaguqa phambi kwami; ulimi
lunye ngalunye luzavuma kuNkulunkulu.'"
12 Ngakho-ke, omunye lomunye wethu
uzabika akwenzayo kuNkulunkulu. 13 Ngakho
kasiyekeleni ukwahlulelana. Esikhundleni
salokho zimisele engqondweni yakho ukuba
ungabeki isikhubekiso kumbe umgoqo endleleni
yomzalwane wakho. 14 Njengalowo oseNkosini
uJesu, ngiyakholwa ngokupheleleyo ukuthi
akulakudla okungcolileyo khona ngokwakho.
Kodwa nxa umuntu ecabanga ukuba ulutho
lungcolile, ngakho kuye lungcolile. 15 Nxa
umfowenu ekhathazeka ngenxa yalokho
okudlayo, kawusenzi okothando. Ungachithi
umfowenu owafelwa nguKhristu ngokudla
kwakho. 16 Ungavumi ukuba lokho wena
ocabanga ukuthi kuhle kuthiwe kubi. 17
Ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawusindaba
yokudla lokunatha, kodwa ngowokulunga,
lokuthula kanye lokuthokoza kuMoya oNgcwele,
18 ngoba lowo okhonza uKhristu ngale
indlela uthokozisa uNkulunkulu abukwe
langabantu. 19 Ngakho kasenzeni imizamo
yonke yokwenza okusilethela ukuthula
lokusizana ekuphilisaneni koluntu. 20
Ungachithi umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu ngenxa
yokudla. Ukudla konke kuhlanzekile, kodwa kubi

ukuthi umuntu adle ulutho olwenza omunye
akhubeke. 21 Kungcono ukungadli inyama
lokunganathi iwayini loba ukungenzi lutho
oluzawisa umfowenu. 22 Ngakho loba kuyini
okukholwayo ngalezizinto akube phakathi
kwakho loNkulunkulu. Ubusisiwe umuntu
ongazisoliyo ngalokho akukholwayo. 23 Kodwa
umuntu olokuthandabuza uyalahlwa nxa esidla,
ngoba ukudla kwakhe akuveli ekukholweni;
njalo konke okungaveli ekukholweni kuyisono.

15 Thina esilamandla sifanele ukubekezelela
ukwehluleka kwababuthakathaka, hatshi
ukuba sizithokozise. 2 Lowo lalowo wethu
kumele athokozise umakhelwane wakhe
ngokuhle kuye, ukuze amakhe. 3 Ngoba
loKhristu kazithokozisanga, kodwa njengoba
kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Ukuthuka kwalabo
abalithukayo kwehlele phezu kwami." 4 Ngoba
konke okwalotshwa kudala kwalotshelwa
ukusifundisa, ukuze kuthi ngokubekezela
langokukhuthazwa yimibhalo sibe lethemba.
5 Sengathi uNkulunkulu onika ukubekezela
lenkuthazo angalipha umoya wokumanyana
phakathi kwenu lapho lilingisa uKhristu Jesu,
6 ukuze kuthi Nganhliziyonye langomlomo
munye lidumise uNkulunkulu loYise weNkosi
yethu uJesu Khristu. 7 Ngakho yamukelani
omunye lomunye njengalokhu uKhristu
walamukela, ukuze kudunyiswe uNkulunkulu. 8
Ngoba ngiyalazisa ukuthi uKhristu waba yinceku
yamaJuda emele iqiniso likaNkulunkulu, ukuba
aqinise izithembiso ezenziwa kubokhokho,
9 ukuze abezizwe badumise uNkulunkulu
ngenxa yomusa wakhe, njengoba kulotshiwe
ukuthi: "Ngenxa yalesisizatho ngizakudumisa
phakathi kwabeZizwe, ngizahlabela amahubo
ebizweni lakho." 10 Njalo, kuthi, "Thokozani,
lina beZizwe, labantu bakhe." 11 Njalo,
"Dumisani iNkosi, lonke lina beZizwe, lihlabelele
indumiso kuyo, lonke lina bantu." 12 Njalo,
u-Isaya uthi, "Impande kaJese izavela, lowo
ozavuka ukuba abuse izizwe; abeZizwe
bazathembela kuye." 13 Sengathi uNkulunkulu
wethemba angaligcwalisa ngentokozo enkulu
langokuthula ekumethembeni kwenu, ukuze
libe lethemba elikhaphakayo ngamandla
kaMoya oNgcwele. 14 Mina ngokwami
ngiyakholwa bazalwane bami, ukuthi lina
ngokwenu ligcwele ukulunga, lilokwazi
okupheleleyo njalo liyenelisa ukufundisana.
15 Ngililobele ngesibindi mayelana leminye
imicijo, njengokungathi ngilikhumbuza
yona futhi, ngenxa yomusa uNkulunkulu
angiphe wona 16 ukuba yisikhonzi sikaKhristu
uJesu kwabeZizwe ngilomlandu wobuphristi
wokutshumayela ivangeli likaNkulunkulu ukuze
abeZizwe babe ngumnikelo owamukelekayo
kuNkulunkulu, ongcweliswe nguMoya
oNgcwele. 17 Ngakho ngiyaziqhenya kuKhristu
uJesu emsebenzini wami kuNkulunkulu. 18
Kangiyikuba lesibindi sokukhuluma ngolunye
ulutho ngaphandle kwalokho uKhristu
asekufeze ngami ekukhokheleni abeZizwe
ukuba balalele uNkulunkulu ngalokhu
engakutshoyo lengakwenzayo, 19 ngamandla
ezibonakaliso lezimangaliso, langamandla
kaMoya kaNkulunkulu. Ngakho indlela yonke
kusukela eJerusalema kusiya e-Ilirikhumu,
sengilitshumayele ngokugcweleyo ivangeli
likaKhristu. 20 Bekuhlezi kuyisifiso sami
ukutshumayela ivangeli lapho uKhristu
ayengaziwa khona, ukuze ngingakhi phezu
kwesisekelo somunye. 21 Ikanti kulotshiwe
ukuthi: "Labo abangatshelwanga ngaye
bazabona, lalabo abangakezwa bazaqedisisa."
22 Yikho-nje kade ngixakeka ekubeni ngize kini.
23 Kodwa khathesi njengoba kungaselandawo
engingasebenza kuyo kulezizigaba, njalo
njengoba bengifisa okweminyaka eminengi
ukulibona, 24 ngiceba ukwenzanjalo lapho
sengisiya eSpeyini. Ngithemba ngizalibona
ngisedlula lokuba lingisize ngohambo lwami
lokuya khonale, emva kokuba sengithokoze
ukuba lani okwesikhatshana. 25 Kodwa khathesi
ngisendleleni yokuya eJerusalema emsebenzini
wabantu beNkosi khonale. 26 Ngoba
abeMasedoniya labe-Akhayiya kwabathokozisa
ukusiza abayanga phakathi kwabantu beNkosi
eJerusalema. 27 Kwabathokozisa ukwenza
lokho, njalo impela balomlandu walokho
kubo. Ngoba nxa abeZizwe bahlanganyela
ezibusisweni zakomoya zamaJuda, balomlandu
kumaJuda wokuhlanganyela lawo ezibusisweni

zokwenyama. 28 Ngakho emva kokuqeda
umsebenzi lo, njalo sengibe leqiniso ukuthi
sebesamukele isithelo lesi, ngizakuya
eSpeyini njalo ngilethekelele ohanjweni
lwami. 29 Ngiyakwazi ukuthi lapho ngisiza
kini, ngizakuza ngilesibusiso esigcweleyo
sikaKhristu. 30 Ngiyalincenga bazalwane,
ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu langothando
lukaMoya, ukuba lihlanganyele lami
ekutshikatshikeni kwami ngokungikhulekela
kuNkulunkulu. 31 Khulekelani ukuba
ngihlengwe kwabangakholwayo eJudiya lokuthi
umsebenzi wami eJerusalema wamukeleke
ebantwini beNkosi khonale, 32 ukuze ngize kini
ngentokozo kuthi ngentando kaNkulunkulu
ngivuselelwe kanye lani. 33 UNkulunkulu
wokuthula kabe lani lonke. Ameni.

16 Ngimethula kini udadewethu uFebhi,
isikhonzikazi sebandla eKhenkireya. 2
Ngiyalicela ukuba limamukele eNkosini
ngendlela efanele abangcwele njalo limsize
ngakho konke angakuswela kini, ngoba
laye ubelosizo olukhulu ebantwini abanengi,
lakimi. 3 Bingelelani uPhrisila lo-Akhwila,
abayizisebenzi kanye lami kuKhristu uJesu.
4 Babeka impilo yabo engozini ngenxa yami.
Akusimi kuphela, kodwa wonke amabandla
abeZizwe ayababonga kakhulu. 5 Bingelelani
lebandla elihlanganela endlini yabo. Bingelelani
umngane wami othandekayo u-Ephenethasi,
owaba ngowokuqala ukuphendukela kuKhristu
esiqintini sase-Ezhiya. 6 Bingelelani uMariya
owalisebenzela kanzima. 7 Bingelelani
u-Andronikhasi loJuniyasi, izihlobo zami
ezazisentolongweni kanye lami. Badumile
phakathi kwabapostoli, njalo babekuKhristu
mina ngingakabi khona. 8 Bingelelani u-
Ampiliyathasi, engimthandayo eNkosini. 9
Bingelelani u-Abhanusi, oyisisebenzi kanye
lathi kuKhristu, lomngane wami othandekayo
uStakhisi. 10 Bingelelani u-Aphele, owahlolwayo
wamukelwa kuKhristu. Bingelelani labo
abangabendlu ka-Aristobhulasi. 11 Bingelelani
uHerodiyoni, isihlobo sami. Bingelelani labo
abasemzini kaNakhisu abaseNkosini. 12
Bingelelani uTrayifina loTrifosa, abesifazane
labo abasebenza kakhulu eNkosini. Bingelelani
umngane wami othandekayo, uPhesisi,
omunye owesifazane osesebenze kakhulukazi
eNkosini. 13 Bingelelani uRufasi, okhethiweyo
eNkosini, lonina, obengumama lakimi. 14
Bingelelani u-Asinkrithasi, loFilegoni, loHemesi,
loPhathirobhasi, uHemasi kanye labazalwane
abalabo. 15 Bingelelani uFilologu, loJuliya,
loNerusi lodadewabo, kanye lo-Olimpasi labo
bonke abangcwele abalabo. 16 Bingelelanani
ngokwangana okungcwele. Wonke amabandla
kaKhristu ayalibingelela. 17 Ngiyalincenga,
bazalwane, ukuba libaqaphele labo abadala
ukwehlukana bebeka izikhubekiso endleleni
yenu, okuphambene lemfundiso elayifundayo.
Baxwayeni. 18 Ngoba abantu abanjalo
kabakhonzi Nkosi yethu uKhristu, kodwa
izinkanuko zabo. Ngenkulumo emnandi
langobuqili bakhohlisa ingqondo zabantu
abayiziphukuphuku. 19 Abantu bonke sebezwile
ngokulalela kwenu, ngakho ngilokuthokoza
okukhulu ngani; kodwa ngifuna ukuba
lihlakaniphele okuhle, njalo libemsulwa kokubi.
20 UNkulunkulu wokuthula uzamchoboza
masinyane uSathane ngaphansi kwezinyawo
zenu. Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu kawube lani.
21 UThimothi, engisebenza laye, uyalibingelela,
loLukhiyu, loJasoni kanye loSosiphatha, izihlobo
zami. 22 Mina Thethiyasi, engilobe incwadi
le, ngiyalibingelela eNkosini. 23 UGayiyasi,
osiphatho sakhe esihle siyangijabulisa mina
kanye lebandla lonke lapha, uyalibingelela. U-
Erastu, ongumqondisi wemisebenzi yabantu
bonke wedolobho, lomzalwane wethu uKhwathu
bayalibingelela. [24 Sengathi umusa weNkosi
yethu uJesu Khristu ungaba lani lonke. Ameni.]
25 Kuye olamandla okuliqinisa ngevangeli lami
langentshumayelo kaJesu Khristu, mayelana
lokwambulwa kwemfihlakalo eyayifihlakele
okweminyakanyaka eyedlulayo, (aiōnios g166) 26
kodwa khathesi yambulwe yaziswa ngemibhalo
yabaphrofethi ngokulaya kukaNkulunkulu
waphakade, ukuze abaZizwe bonke bamlalele
ngokukholwa, (aiōnios g166) 27 kuNkulunkulu
onguye yedwa olenhlakanipho, udumo kalube
kuye ingunaphakade ngoJesu Khristu! Ameni.
(aiōn g165)

1 KwabaseKhorinte

1 UPhawuli, obizelwe ukuba ngumpostoli
kaJesu Khristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu,
kanye lomzalwane wethu uSosithene. 2
Ebandleni likaNkulunkulu eKhorinte, kulabo
abangcweliswe kuJesu Khristu babizelwa
ukuba ngabangcwele bakhe kanye labo
bonke abasezindaweni zonke abakhuleka
ebizweni leNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, iNkosi
yabo leyethu: 3 Umusa lokuthula okuvela
kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu Khristu
kakube kini. 4 Ngihlezi ngimbonga kokuphela
uNkulunkulu wami ngani, ngenxa yomusa
wakhe eliwuphiweyo kuJesu Khristu. 5
Ngoba kuye linothiswe ngezindlela zonke,
ekukhulumeni kwenu konke lasekwazini
konke, 6 ngoba ubufakazi bethu ngoKhristu
baqiniswa kini. 7 Ngakho kalisileli lakusiphi
isipho somoya lapho lilindele ngokutshiseka
ukuba iNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu ibonakaliswe.
8 Izaligcina liqinile kuze kube sekupheleni
ukuze lingabi lasici ngosuku lweNkosi yethu
uJesu Khristu. 9 UNkulunkulu olibizele
ekuhlanganyeleni leNdodana yakhe uJesu
Khristu iNkosi yethu, uthembekile. 10
Ngiyalincenga bazalwane, ngebizo leNkosi
yethu uJesu Khristu, ukuba lonke livumelane
ukuze kungabi lokwehlukana phakathi
kwenu kanye lokuthi libe ngabamanyeneyo
engqondweni lasemcabangweni. 11 Bazalwane
bami, abanye abendlu yakoKlowe bangitshele
ukuthi kulezingxabano phakathi kwenu. 12
Engikutshoyo yilokhu: Omunye wenu uthi,
“Mina ngilandela uPhawuli”; omunye uthi,
“Mina ngilandela u-Apholo”; omunye uthi,
“Mina ngilandela uKhefasi”; omunye laye uthi,
“Mina ngilandela uKhristu.” 13 Kambe uKhristu
wehlukene na? UPhawuli wake wabethelwa
ngenxa yenu na? Labhaphathizwa ngebizo
likaPhawuli na? 14 Ngibonga uNkulunkulu
ngokuthi kangibhaphathizanga lamunye
wenu ngaphandle kukaKhrispasi loGayiyasi,
15 ngakho kakho ongathi labhaphathizwa
ngebizo lami. 16 (Yebo ngabhaphathiza
abendlu KaStefane, ngaphandle kwalokho
angikhumbuli ngibhaphathiza omunye.)
17 Ngoba uKhristu kangithumanga ukuba
ngibhaphathize kodwa ukuba ngitshumayele
ivangeli, hatshi ngamazwi enhlakanipho
yabantu, funa isiphambano silahlekelwe
ngamandla aso. 18 Ngoba ilizwi lesiphambano
liyibuthutha kulabo ababhubhayo, kodwa kithi
abasindisiweyo lingamandla kaNkulunkulu.
19 Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Ngizachitha
inhlakanipho yabahlakaniphileyo; ukwazi
kwezazi ngizakunqunda.” 20 Ungaphi umuntu
ohlakaniphileyo na? Singaphi isifundiswa
somthetho na? Singaphi isazi salesisikhathi
na? UNkulunkulu kenzanga ukuhlakanipha
kwasemhlabeni kwaba yibuthutha na?
(aiōn g165) 21 Ngoba ekuhlakanipheni
kukaNkulunkulu, umhlaba ngokuhlakanipha
kwawo kawumazanga, uNkulunkulu wathokoza
ngobuthutha balokho okwatshunyayelwayo
ukuze kusindise abakholwayo 22 AmaJuda
afuna izibonakaliso lezimangaliso lamaGrikhi
adinga ukuhlakanipha, 23 kodwa thina
sitshumayela uKhristu owabethelwayo:
isikhubekiso kumaJuda lobuthutha kwabeZizwe,
24 kodwa kulabo ababizwe nguNkulunkulu,
amaJuda lamaGrikhi, uKhristu ungamandla
lokuhlakanipha kukaNkulunkulu. 25 Ngoba
ubuthutha bukaNkulunkulu buhlakaniphile
kulokuhlakanipha komuntu, lobuthakathaka
bukaNkulunkulu bulamandla kulamandla
omuntu. 26 Bazalwane, khumbulani ngalokho
elaliyikho ekubizweni kwenu. Kababanengi
phakathi kwenu ababehlakaniphile
ngesilinganiso sabantu; kababanengi
ababelamandla; kababanengi ababezalwa
yizikhulu. 27 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wakhetha
izinto zasemhlabeni eziyizithutha ukuba
ayangise izihlakaniphi; uNkulunkulu wakhetha
izinto zasemhlabeni ezibuthakathaka ukuba
ayangise abalamandla. 28 Wakhetha izinto zalo
umhlaba eziphansi lezinto ezeyisekayo kanye
lezinto ezingekho ukuba achithe okukhona, 29
ukuze kungabi lamuntu ozazincoma phambi
kwakhe. 30 Ngenxa yakhe lina likuKhristu
uJesu, yena osebe yikuhlakanipha okuvela
kuNkulunkulu esenzela thina, okuyikulunga
kwethu, ubungcwele lokusindiswa. 31 Ngakho-

ke, njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Lowo
ozincomayo kazincome eNkosini.”

2 Ekufikeni kwami kini bazalwane,
kangifikanga lobugabazi bokukhuluma
kumbe ukuhlakanipha okukhulu lapho
ngitshumayela kini ubufakazi ngoNkulunkulu.
2 Ngoba ngazimisela ukungazi lutho
ngiseselani ngaphandle kukaJesu Khristu yena
owabethelwayo. 3 Ngafika kini ngibuthakathaka,
ngisesaba njalo ngithuthumela kakhulu. 4 Ilizwi
lami lentshumayelo yami akubanga ngamazwi
okuhlakanipha lahugayo, kodwa kubonakalisa
amandla kaMoya, 5 ukuze ukukholwa kwenu
kungeyami ekuhlakanipheni kwabantu,
kodwa emandleni kaNkulunkulu. 6 Kodwa
siyalikhuluma ilizwi lokuhlakanipha kulabo
asebekhulile, belo kungasikho kuhlakanipha
kwalesisikhathi loba okwababusi balesisikhathi,
asebezakuba yize. (aiōn g165) 7 Hatshi,
sikhuluma ngokuhlakanipha kukaNkulunkulu
okufihlakeleyo, ukuhlakanipha obekukade
uNkulunkulu akumisela inkazimulo yethu
isikhathi singakaqalisi. (aiōn g165) 8 Kakho
kubabusi balesisikhathi owakuzwisisayo ngoba
aluba kwakube njalo, babengasoze bayibethele
iNkosi yenkazimulo. (aiōn g165) 9 Kodwa
kunjengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Akulalihlo
eselibonile, akulandlebe esizwile; njalo
akulangqondo yomuntu esicabangile ngalokho
uNkulunkulu akulungisele labo abamthandayo,”
10 kodwa uNkulunkulu ukuvezile kithi ngoMoya.
UMoya uyazihlolisisa izinto zonke, kanye
lezinto ezizikileyo zikaNkulunkulu. 11 Kambe
ngubani phakathi kwabantu oyaziyo imicabango
yomuntu ngaphandle komoya walowomuntu
ongaphakathi kwakhe na? Ngokufanayo,
kakho oyaziyo imicabango kaNkulunkulu
ngaphandle kukaMoya kaNkulunkulu. 12
Kasamukelanga umoya wasemhlabeni, kodwa
uMoya ovela kuNkulunkulu ukuze siqedisise
ngalokho uNkulunkulu asiphe khona ngesihle.
13 Lokhu yikho esikukhulumayo, hatshi
ngamazwi esawafundiswa yikuhlakanipha
kwabantu kodwa ngamazwi esawafundiswa
nguMoya. 14 Umuntu ongelaMoya kazamukeli
izinto ezivela kuMoya kaNkulunkulu ngoba
kuye ziyibuthutha njalo angeke aziqedisise
ngoba zibonakaliswa ngomoya. 15 Umuntu
womoya uyazahlulela izinto zonke kodwa yena
ngokwakhe akukho muntu ongamahlulela,
16 ngoba, “Ngubani owake wayazi ingqondo
yeNkosi ukuba ayeluleke na?” Kodwa thina
silengqondo kaKhristu.

3 Bazalwane, ngangingeke ngikhulume
lani njengabaphila ngomoya, kodwa
njengabomhlaba, insane nje kuKhristu. 2
Ngalinika uchago, hatshi ukudla okuqinileyo,
ngoba lalingakakulungeli. Impela lilokhu
lingakakulungeli. 3 Lilokhu lingabomhlaba.
Kalokho njengoba kulomona lokuxabana
phakathi kwenu, kambe kalisibo bomhlaba
na? Kalenzi njengabantu nje na? 4 Ngoba nxa
omunye esithi, “Mina ngilandela uPhawuli,”
omunye laye athi, “Mina ngilandela u-
Apholo,” kambe kalisibantu nje na? 5 Kanti
u-Apholo uvele uyini na? LoPhawuli uyini
na? Bazinceku nje kuphela lina elakholwa
ngazo, njengoba iNkosi imisele omunye
lomunye umsebenzi wakhe. 6 Mina ngahlanyela
inhlanyelo, u-Apholo wayithelela, kodwa
nguNkulunkulu owayikhulisayo. 7 Ngakho lowo
ohlanyelayo, loba othelelayo, akasilutho, kodwa
nguNkulunkulu kuphela owenza izinto zikhule.
8 Umuntu ohlanyelayo lomuntu othelelayo
banhlosonye, njalo lowo lalowo uzanikwa
umvuzo wakhe njengokusebenza kwakhe.
9 Ngoba thina siyizisebenzi emsebenzini
kaNkulunkulu; lina liyinsimu kaNkulunkulu,
isakhiwo sikaNkulunkulu. 10 Ngomusa
uNkulunkulu angipha wona, ngabeka isisekelo
njengengcitshi yomakhi, njalo abanye bakha
phezu kwaso. Kodwa omunye lomunye kumele
ananzelele ukuthi wakha njani. 11 Ngoba kakho
ongabeka esinye isisekelo ngaphandle kwaleso
esivele sesibekiwe, esinguJesu Khristu. 12
Nxa umuntu esakhela phezu kwalesisisekelo
ngegolide, ngesiliva, ngamatshe adulayo,
ngezigodo, ngotshani loba ngamahlanga, 13
umsebenzi wakhe uzabonakaliswa unjalo, ngoba
usuku luzawubeka ekukhanyeni. Uzavezwa
obala ngomlilo, njalo umlilo uzahlola umsebenzi
womuntu ngamunye ukuthi unjani. 14 Nxa

lokho okwakhiweyo kuzasala kukhona, umakhi
uzakwamukela umvuzo wakhe. 15 Kodwa nxa
kusitsha kuphele du, umakhi uzalahlekelwa
kodwa yena ngokwakhe uzaphepha, loba nje
kunjengomuntu ophunyuka edabula phakathi
kwamalangabi. 16 Kanti kalazi yini ukuthi lina
ngokwenu lilithempeli likaNkulunkulu kanye
lokuthi uMoya kaNkulunkulu uhlala phakathi
kwenu? 17 Nxa umuntu echitha ithempeli
likaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uzamchitha
ngoba ithempeli likaNkulunkulu lingcwele njalo
lina lonke liyilelothempeli. 18 Lingazikhohlisi.
Nxa omunye wenu ecabanga ukuthi
uhlakaniphile ngokwesilinganiso salesisikhathi
kabe yisithutha ukuze ahlakaniphe. (aiōn
g165) 19 Ngoba ukuhlakanipha kwalo umhlaba
kuyibuthutha phambi kukaNkulunkulu.
Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Ubamba
abahlakaniphileyo ebuqilini babo," 20
lokuthi, "UThixo uyakwazi ukuthi imicabango
yabahlakaniphileyo iyize nje." 21 Ngakho,
Akungabikhona ukuzincoma ngabathungameli
abangabantu. Izinto zonke ngezenu, 22 loba
nguPhawuli kumbe u-Apholo loba uKhefasi
kumbe umhlaba loba ukuphila kumbe ukufa
loba kukhathesi kumbe kwelizayo, konke
ngokwenu, 23 njalo lina lingabakaKhristu,
loKhristu ungokaNkulunkulu.

4 Ngakho abantu kumele basibone
njengezisebenzi zikaKhristu lanjengalabo
abagciniswe izinto ezifihlakeleyo
zikaNkulunkulu. 2 Kuyadingeka ukuthi
labo abagcinisiweyo babonakalise ukuthi
bathembekile. 3 Kanginaki kakhulu nxa
ngahlulelwe yini loba omunye umthethwandaba
wabantu; impela, kangizahluleli lami. 4 Isazela
sami simsulwa, kodwa lokho kakungenzi
ngingabi lacala. INkosi yiyo engahlulelayo.
5 Ngakho-ke, lingahluleli lutho isikhathi
esimisiweyo singakafiki; manini iNkosi
ize ifike. Yona izakubeka ekukhanyeni
okufihlwe emnyameni, njalo izaziveza obala
injongo zezinhliziyo zabantu. Ngalesosikhathi
omunye lomunye uzakwamukela ukubongwa
kwakhe kuNkulunkulu. 6 Bazalwane,
izinto lezi ngizisebenzisile kimi laku-
Apholo ngenxa yenu ukuze lifunde kithi
okutshiwo yisitsho esithi, "Lingenzi okudlula
okulotshiweyo." Lapho-ke, kaliyikuzigqaja
ngomunye umuntu komunye. 7 Kambe ngubani
olenza lehluke omunye komunye na? Kuyini
elilakho elingakwamukelanga na? Njalo nxa
lakwamukela, pho kungani lizincoma kungathi
alikwamukelanga? 8 Livele selilakho konke
elikufunayo! Selinothile! Selibe ngamakhosi,
njalo ngaphandle kwethu! Yeka ukufisa kwami
ukuthi ngabe laba ngamakhosi ukuze lathi sibe
ngamakhosi kanye lani! 9 Ngoba kini kukhanya
angathi thina abapostoli uNkulunkulu usibeke
embukisweni ekucineni kodwendwe, njengalabo
abagwetshelwe ukufa enkundleni. Senziwe
umbukiso emhlabeni wonke, ezingilosini
kanye lasebantwini. 10 Thina siyizithutha
ngenxa kaKhristu, kodwa lina lihlakaniphe
kangaka kuKhristu! Thina sibuthakathaka lina
lilamandla! Liyahlonitshwa, thina siyadelelwa.
11 Kuze kube yilesisikhathi, siyalamba njalo
some, simanikiniki, siyahlukuluzwa ngolunya,
kasilamakhaya. 12 Sisebenza nzima ngezandla
zethu. Nxa siqalekiswa, thina siyabusisa;
lapho sihlukuluzwa, thina siyaqinisela; 13
lapho sinyeywa, siphendula kuhle. Kuze
kube yilesisikhathi sesibe ngamanyala
omhlaba, izibi zomhlaba. 14 Kangilobi lokhu
ukuba ngiliyangise kodwa ukulixwayisa
njengabantwabami abathandekayo. 15 Lanxa
lilabondli abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi
kuKhristu, kalilabo oyihlo abanengi, ngoba
kuJesu Khristu ngaba nguyihlo ngevangeli.
16 Ngakho ngiyalicela ukuba lenze njengami.
17 Ngenxa yalesisizatho, ngilithumela
uThimothi, indodana yami ethandekayo,
ethembekileyo eNkosini. Uzalikhumbuza
indlela yokuphila kwami kuJesu Khristu,
evumelana lalokho engikufundisayo ezindaweni
zonke, emabandleni wonke. 18 Abanye benu
sebezikhukhumeza, kungazathi kangizi kini. 19
Kodwa ngizakuza kini masinyane, nxa iNkosi
ithanda, njalo lapho-ke angizukudinga kuphela
ukwazi ukuthi lababantu abazikhukhumezayo
bakhulumani, kodwa ukuba balamandla anjani.
20 Ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawusindaba
yokukhuluma kodwa eyamandla. 21 Likhetha

kuphi? Ngize kini lomqwayi wokuliqondisa,
kumbe ngothando kanye lomoya othobekileyo
na?

5 Kuyabikwa impela ukuthi
kulokuhlobonga phakathi kwenu njalo
obohlobo olungenzakaliyo laphakathi
kwabangakholwayo: Umuntu uthatha umkayise.
2 Njalo lina liyazigqaja! Kwakungamelanga
libe buhlungu kakhulu yini limsuse
enhlanganweni yenu umuntu owenze lokhu
na? **3** Lanxa mina ngingekho mathupha, ngilani
emoyeni. Njengomunye olani endaweni enje,
sengimahlulele lowo owenze lokhu ebizweni
lenkosi yethu uJesu. **4** Lapho libuthene ebizweni
leNkosi yethu uJesu ngilani ngomoya, lamandla
eNkosi yethu uJesu akhona, **5** umuntu lo
mnikeleni kuSathane ukuze umzimba wakhe
wesono uchithwe lomoya wakhe usindiswe
ngosuku lweNkosi. **6** Ukuzincoma kwenu
akulunganga. Kalikwazi yini ukuthi imvubelo
encane ibilisa inhlama yonke? **7** Susani
imvubelo endala ukuze libe yinhlama entsha
engelamvubelo, njengoba linjalo impela.
Ngoba uKhristu, iwundlu lethu lePhasika,
lihlatshiwe. **8** Ngakho, kasigcineni uMkhosi,
hatshi kulemvubelo endala, imvubelo yenzondo
lobubi, kodwa lesinkwa esingelamvubelo,
isinkwa sobuqotho leqiniso. **9** Ngalilobela
encwadini yami ukuba lingahlanganyeli labantu
abayizixhwali ngobufebe, **10** ngingatsho
abantu bakulo umhlaba abagangileyo, loba
abayizihwaba lamaqili, loba abakhonza
izithombe. Nxa kunjalo kuzamele liwutshiye
umhlaba lo. **11** Kodwa khathesi ngililobela
ukuba lingahlanganyeli lomuntu ozibiza
ngokuthi ngumzalwane, kodwa exhwalile,
eyisifebe, isihwaba, umkhonzi wezithombe
loba onyeyayo, isidakwa loba iqili. Umuntu
onjalo lingalokothi lidle laye. **12** Kungumlandu
wami na ukuba ngahlulele abangaphandle
kwebandla? Akumelanga lahlulele labo
abaphakathi na? **13** UNkulunkulu uzakwahlulela
labo abangaphandle. "Mxotsheni umuntu
omubi phakathi kwenu."

6 Nxa owakini elombango lomunye uyahamba
ayemangalela kwabangakholwayo endaweni
yokuya kwabakholwayo na? **2** Kalazi yini
ukuthi abantu bakaNkulunkulu bazakwahlulela
umhlaba na? Nxa lizakwahlulela umhlaba,
kalenelisi ukwahlulela amacala amancane na?
3 Kalazi yini ukuthi sizakwahlulela izingilosi?
Pho sizakwehlulwa yini ukwahlulela izindaba
zalimpilo! **4** Ngakho-ke, nxa lilemibango
yezindaba ezinje, lidinga ukwahlulelwa
ngabantu abalempilo ezisolekayo ebandleni
na? **5** Ngitsho lokhu ukuze libelenhloni.
Kungenzakala yini ukuthi akulamuntu phakathi
kwenu ohlakaniphe okwaneleyo ukuba ahlulele
umbango phakathi kwabazalwane na? **6** Kodwa
esikhundleni salokho, omunye umzalwane uya
emthethweni ukuyamangalela omunye, njalo
lokhu ekwenza phambi kwabangakholwayo! **7**
Khona lokhu ukuthi impela kulokumangalelana
phakathi kwenu kutsho ukuba selehlulwe
ngokupheleleyo. Kakungcono yini ukwamukela
ukoniwa? Kakungcono yini ukwamukela
ukuqilibezelwa? **8** Esikhundleni salokho, lina
ngokwenu liyaqilibezela njalo lone, futhi lokhu
likwenza kubazalwane benu. **9** Kalazi yini
ukuthi abonayo kabayikuba zindlalifa zombuso
kaNkulunkulu? Lingakhohliswa. Akulazifebe
ezixhwalileyo loba abakhonza izithombe
kumbe iziphingi loba izitabane **10** kumbe
amasela loba izihwaba kumbe izidakwa loba
abanyeyayo kumbe amaqili azakudla ilifa
lombuso kaNkulunkulu. **11** Njalo lokho yikho
abanye benu ababeyikho. Kodwa selageziswa,
selangcweliswa, selalungiswa ngebizo leNkosi
uJesu Khristu langoMoya kaNkulunkulu wethu.
12 Lithi "Ngilelungelo lokwenza loba yini,"
kodwa akusikho konke okusizayo. "Ngilelungelo
lokwenza loba yini" kodwa angiyikubuswa lutho.
13 Lithi "Ukudla kwesisu lesisu sokudla, kodwa
uNkulunkulu uzakuchitha kokubili." Umzimba
kawusiwokuhlobonga, kodwa ngoweNkosi,
leNkosi ngeyomzimba. **14** Ngamandla akhe
uNkulunkulu wayivusa kwabafileyo iNkosi,
lathi futhi uzasivusa. **15** Kalazi yini ukuthi
imizimba yenu iyizitho zikaKhristu uqobo
na? Kambe ngingathatha izitho zikaKhristu
ngizihlanganise lesiphingi na? Hatshi! **16** Kalazi

yini ukuthi lowo ozihlanganise lesiphingi uba
munye laso emzimbeni? Ngoba kuthiwa, “Labo
ababili bazakuba nyamanye.” 17 Kodwa lowo
ozihlanganisa leNkosi munye layo emoyeni. 18
Balekelani ukuhlobonga. Zonke ezinye izono
umuntu azenzayo zingaphandle komzimba
wakhe, kodwa lowo owenza isono sobufebe
wenza isono emzimbeni wakhe. 19 Kalazi yini
ukuthi umzimba wenu ulithempeli likaMoya
oNgcwele, ophakathi kwenu, elamamukela
kuNkulunkulu na? Kalisibo benu, 20 lathengwa
ngentengo. Ngakho-ke, dumisani uNkulunkulu
ngemizimba yenu.

7 Mayelana lezindaba elaloba ngazo:
“Kuhle ukuba indoda ingabi lobudlelwano
bemacansini lowesifazane.” 2 Kodwa njengoba
kulokuhlobonga okungaka, indoda yinye
kumele ibe lobudlelwano bemacansini lomkayo,
lomfazi munye abe lendoda yakhe. 3 Indoda
kumele igcwalise umlandu wayo wokuthathana
kumkayo, kube njalo lomfazi endodeni yakhe.
4 Umfazi kalamandla ngomzimba wakhe
kodwa uwunikela kumkakhe. Ngokufanayo,
lendoda kayilamandla ngomzimba wayo
kodwa iwunikela kumkayo. 5 Lingancitshani
ngaphandle kokuba kungokokuvumelana
njalo okwesikhatshana, ukuze lizinikele
ekukhulekeni. Libuye lihlangane futhi ukuze
uSathane angalilingi ngenxa yokusilela
kokuzithiba kwenu. 6 Lokhu ngikutsho
njengokuvumela, hatshi njengomlayo. 7
Sengathi ngabe lonke linjengami. Kodwa
umuntu ngamunye ulesipho sakhe esivela
kuNkulunkulu, omunye ulalesi isipho,
omunye laye ulalesiyana. 8 Kwabangendanga
labafelokazi ngithi: Kuhle kubo ukuba bahlale
bengendanga, njengami. 9 Kodwa nxa bengeke
bazithiba, kabende, ngoba ukwenda kungcono
kulokutshiseka ngokufisa. 10 Abathatheneyo
ngibapha umlayo lo (hatshi mina, kodwa iNkosi):
Umfazi akumelanga ehlukane lendoda yakhe. 11
Kodwa nxa ekwenzile, kahlale engendanga loba
abuyisane lendoda yakhe. Lendoda akumelanga
imlahle umkayo. 12 Kwabanye ngithi (mina,
hatshi iNkosi): Nxa umzalwane elomfazi
ongasilokholwa kodwa evuma ukuhlala laye,
akumelanga amlahle. 13 Njalo nxa owesifazane
elendoda engakholwayo ivuma ukuhlala
laye, akumelanga ayilahle. 14 Ngoba indoda
engakholwayo isingcweliswe ngomkayo, lomfazi
ongakholwayo usengcweliswe ngendoda yakhe
ekholwayo. Kungenjalo ngabe abantwana benu
bangcolile, kodwa okwamanje bangcwele. 15
Kodwa nxa ongakholwayo etshiya, myekeleni
enze njalo. Owesilisa kumbe owesifazane
okholwayo phakathi kabotshelwanga phakathi
komumo onje; uNkulunkulu usibizele ukuhlala
ngokuthula. 16 Wazi njani, mfazi, mhlawumbe
uzasindisa indoda yakho? Loba, wazi njani
ndoda, mhlawumbe uzasindisa umkakho?
17 Lanxa kunjalo, lowo lalowo ekuphileni
kumele agcine leyondawo iNkosi emuphe
yona njalo abizelwe kuyo nguNkulunkulu.
Lo ngumlayo engiwubeka emabandleni
wonke. 18 Indoda yayivele isisokile ekubizweni
kwayo na? Kayingabi ngengasokanga. Indoda
yayingasokanga ekubizweni kwayo na?
Akumelanga isokwe. 19 Ukusoka lokungasoki
konke kuyize. Ukugcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu
yikho okuqakathekileyo. 20 Lowo lalowo
kahlale kulesosimo ayekuso ekubizweni kwakhe
nguNkulunkulu. 21 Wawuyisigqili na ekubizweni
kwakho? Kakungakukhathazi, lanxa ungathola
ukukhululeka kwakho, yenza njalo. 22 Ngoba
lowo owayeyisigqili ekubizweni kwakhe yiNkosi,
ungokhululekileyo weNkosi; ngokufanayo, lowo
owayekhululekile ekubizweni kwakhe uyisigqili
sikaKhristu. 23 Lathengwa ngentengo; kalingabi
yizigqili zabantu. 24 Bazalwane, umuntu munye
ngamunye, njengolomlandu kuNkulunkulu,
kumele ahlale ekulesosimo uNkulunkulu
ambizela kuso. 25 Mayelana lezintombi
ezigcweleyo: Kangilamlayo ovela eNkosini,
kodwa ngahlulela njengothembekileyo
ngomusa weNkosi. 26 Ngenxa yokukhathazeka
kwakhathesi, ngicabanga ukuthi kuhle kini
ukuba lihlale linjengoba linjalo. 27 Uthethe
na? Ungadingi ukwehlukana. Kawuthathanga
na? Ungathathi. 28 Kodwa nxa uthatha,
kawenzanga sono njalo nxa intombi egcweleyo
isenda kayonanga. Kodwa labo abathathanayo
bazabona inhlupho ezinengi kulokhukuphila,
njalo ngifuna ukuliphephisa kulokhu. 29

Engikutshoyo, bazalwane, yikuthi isikhathi
sifitshane. Kusukela khathesi kusiya phambili
labo abalabafazi kabaphile kungathi kabalabo:
30 labo abakhalayo, kube sengathi kabakhali;
labathokozayo babe njengabangathokoziyo;
labo abathenga ulutho, kube sengathi
kalusilo lwabo ukuba balugcine; 31 labo
abasebenzisa izinto zasemhlabeni, kube
sengathi kabathathekanga kuzo. Ngoba
umhlaba lo kulesisimo sawo sakhathesi
uyedlula. 32 Ngifuna ukuba linganqineki.
Umuntu ongathathanga unqinekela izindaba
zeNkosi, ukuba angayithokozisa kanjani iNkosi.
33 Kodwa umuntu othetheyo unqinekela
izindaba zalo umhlaba, ukuba angamthokozisa
kanjani umkakhe, 34 lezifiso zakhe zehlukene
phakathi. Umfazi ongendanga loba intombi
egcweleyo inqinekela izindaba zeNkosi:
Isifiso sayo yikuzinikela eNkosini ngakho
kokubili umzimba lomoya. Kodwa umfazi
owendileyo unqinekela izindaba zalo umhlaba,
ukuba angamthokozisa kanjani umkakhe. 35
Ngitsho lokhu ukuba kube lusizo kini, hatshi
ukulivimbela. Ngifuna ukuba liphile ngendlela
eqondileyo ngokuzinikela okupheleleyo
eNkosini. 36 Nxa umuntu ecabanga ukuthi
uziphatha ngokungafanelanga entombini
egcweleyo athandana layo, esilokhu isiba ndala,
njalo esizwa kusithi kufanele athathe, kenze
njengokuthanda kwakhe. Kenzi sono. Kumele
bathathane. 37 Kodwa umuntu osenze isinqumo
engqondweni yakhe engancindezelwanga
kodwa elamandla okuzibamba esifisweni
sakhe, njalo osemise engqondweni yakhe
ukungayithathi intombi leyo, umuntu lo
laye wenza into eqondileyo. 38 Ngakho-
ke, lowo othatha intombi egcweleyo wenza
okuqondileyo, kodwa lowo ongayithathiyo
wenza okungcono kakhulu. 39 Owesifazane
ubotshelwe endodeni yakhe nxa isaphila.
Kodwa indoda yakhe ingafa, ukhululekile
ukwendela kwenye ayithandayo, kodwa kumele
ibe seNkosini. 40 Ngokubona kwami, uyathokoza
kakhulu nxa ehlala enjalo, njalo ngiyakholwa
ukuthi ngiloMoya kaNkulunkulu.

8 Mayelana lokudla okunikelwe ezithombeni:
Siyakwazi ukuthi sonke silolwazi. Ulwazi
luyakhukhumeza, kodwa uthando luyakha. 2
Umuntu ocabanga ukuthi wazi ulutho kakazi
lutho njengoba efanele ukwazi. 3 Kodwa
umuntu othanda uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu
uyamazi lowomuntu. 4 Ngakho-ke, mayelana
lokudla okunikelwe ezithombeni: Siyakwazi
ukuthi "Isithombe kasisilutho emhlabeni" kanye
lokuthi "UNkulunkulu munye kuphela kakho
omunye." 5 Ngoba lanxa kulabonkulunkulu
abatshiwoyo, langabe ezulwini loba emhlabeni
(njengoba impela kulabonkulunkulu abanengi
lamakhosi amanengi), 6 kodwa kithi
kuloNkulunkulu oyedwa kuphela, uYise,
okwavela kuye izinto zonke njalo okunguye
esimphilelayo; njalo kuleNkosi eyodwa kuphela,
uJesu Khristu, izinto zonke zeza ngaye njalo
esiphila ngaye. 7 Kodwa akusimuntu wonke
okwaziyo lokhu. Abanye abantu balokhu
bejayele izithombe kuze kuthi lapho besidla
ukudla okunjalo, bacabange ukuthi kunikelwe
esithombeni njalo njengoba isazela sabo
sibuthakathaka, siyangcoliswa. 8 Kodwa
ukudla akusisondezi eduzane loNkulunkulu;
kasilahlekelwa yilutho nxa singadli, njalo
kasizuzi lutho nxa sisidla. 9 Kodwa
qaphelani ukuba ukusebenza kwamalungelo
enu akubi yisikhubekiso kwababuthakathaka.
10 Ngoba nxa umuntu olesazela esibuthakathaka
ebona lina elilalolulwazi lisidla ethempelini
lesithombe, kambe kazukuba lesibindi sokudla
okunikelwe ezithombeni na? 11 Ngakho
umzalwane lo, uKhristu amfelayo, uchithwa
yikwazi kwenu. 12 Nxa lisenza isono
kubazalwane benu kanje lilimaza isazela
sabo esibuthakathaka, lenza isono kuKhristu.
13 Ngakho-ke, nxa engikudlayo kusenza
umzalwane wami awele esonweni, angiyikudla
inyama futhi, ukuze ngingamwisi. (aiōn g165)

9 Kangikhululekanga na? Kangisumpostoli na?
Kanje kangimbonanga uJesu iNkosi yethu
na? Kalisizithelo zomsebenzi wami eNkosini
na? 2 Lanxa ngingasuye umpostoli kwabanye,
impela nginguye kini! Ngoba lina liluphawu
lobupostoli bami eNkosini. 3 Lokhu kuyisivikelo

sami kulabo abazangahlulela. 4 Kasilalungelo
lokudla lokunatha na? 5 Kambe silelungelo
bani lokuthatha owesifazane okholwayo
owendileyo sihambe laye njengokwenziwa
ngabanye abapostoli labafowabo beNkosi kanye
loKhefasi na? 6 Kumbe yimi loBhanabhasi
kuphela esingelalo ilungelo lokusebenzela
impilo? 7 Ngubani osebenza njengebutho
ngendleko zakhe na? Ngubani olima isivini
angadli izithelo zaso na? Ngubani owelusa
umhlambi anganathi uchago lwawo na? 8
Lokhu ngikutsho ngokwengqondo yabantu
na? Umthetho kawutsho okufanayo na? 9
Ngoba kulotshiwe emthethweni kaMosi ukuthi:
"Inkabi ungayifaki isayeke nxa ibhula amabele."
UNkulunkulu ukhathazeka ngenkabi na?
10 Impela uyasikhulumela lokhu; akunjalo
na? Yebo, lokhu kwalotshelwa thina, ngoba
nxa umlimi elima lobhulayo ebhula kumele
benzenjalo belethemba lokwabelana isivuno.
11 Nxa sahlanyela inhlanyelo yakomoya
kini, kambe kunengi kakhulu yini nxa
sivuna isivuno sempahla kini na? 12 Nxa
abanye belaleli ilungelo losizo oluvela kini,
thina akumelanga sibe lalo kakhulu na?
Kodwa thina kasilisebenzisanga ilungelo leli.
Esikhundleni salokho sibekezelele konke
kulokuthi sivimbele ivangeli likaKhristu. 13
Kalazi yini ukuthi abasebenza ethempelini
bathola ukudla kwabo ethempelini, lokuthi
labo abakhonza e-alithareni babelana lokho
okunikelwe e-alithareni na? 14 Ngokufanayo
iNkosi ilaye ukuthi labo abatshumayela
ivangeli kumele bathole ukuphila kwabo
evangelini. 15 Kodwa mina angisebenzisanga
lalinye lala amalungelo. Njalo kangilobi
lokhu ngethemba lokuthi lizangenzela izinto
ezinjalo. Ngingakhetha ukufa kulokuthi
umuntu angemuke ukuzincoma lokhu. 16
Ikanti lapho ngitshumayela ivangeli, angingeke
ngizincome ngoba kumele ngitshumayele!
Maye kimi nxa ngingatshumayeli ivangeli! 17
Nxa ngitshumayela ngokuzithandela, ngithola
umvuzo; nxa ngingazithandeli, ngifeza umlandu
obekwe kimi. 18 Pho umvuzo wami uyini na?
Uyilokhu nje: ukuthi lapho ngitshumayela
ivangeli, ngilitshumayela kungekho mbadalo,
kalokho ngingasebenzisi malungelo ami
ekulitshumayeleni. 19 Lanxa ngikhululekile
ngingasuye womunye umuntu, ngizenza isigqili
ebantwini bonke, ukuze ngizuze abanengi nxa
kusenzeka. 20 KumaJuda ngaba njengomJuda,
ukuba ngizuze amaJuda. Kulabo abangaphansi
komthetho ngaba njengongaphansi
komthetho (lanxa nje mina ngingekho
ngaphansi komthetho), ukuba ngizuze
labo abangaphansi komthetho. 21 Kulabo
abangelamthetho ngaba njengongelamthetho
(lanxa ngingakhululekanga emthethweni
kaNkulunkulu ngingaphansi komthetho
kaKhristu), ukuba ngizuze labo
abangelamthetho. 22 Kwababuthakathaka
ngababuthakathaka, ukuba ngizuze
ababuthakathaka. Sengibe yizinto zonke
ebantwini bonke ukuze kuthi ngazozonke
izindlela ezingenzakala ngisilise abanye.
23 Ngenza konke lokhu ngenxa yevangeli,
ukuze lami ngihlanganyele ezibusisweni
zalo. 24 Kalazi yini ukuthi emncintiswaneni
wokugijima abagijimi bayagijima bonke, kodwa
ngoyedwa kuphela othola umvuzo? Gijimani
ngendlela ezakwenza ukuthi lithole umvuzo.
25 Umuntu wonke oncintisayo emidlalweni
uba sekufundisweni okulukhuni. Bakwenzela
ukuzuza umqhele wamaluba ongasoze uhlale
isikhathi eside, kodwa thina sikwenzela ukuba
sithole umqhele ozahlala ukhona kuze kube
laphakade. 26 Ngakho kangigijimi njengomuntu
ogijima engahlose lutho; kangilwi njengomuntu
obindana lomoya. 27 Hatshi, ngitshaya umzimba
wami ngiwenze isigqili sami ukuze kuthi
lapho sengitshumayele kwabanye, mina uqobo
ngingemukwa ilungelo lokuthola umvuzo.

10 Ngoba, bazalwane, kangifuni ukuthi
lingalazi iqiniso lokuthi okhokho
babengaphansi kweyezi kanye lokuthi bonke
badabula phakathi kolwandle. 2 Bonke
babhaphathizelwa kuMosi eyezini kanye
lasolwandle. 3 Bonke badla kudla kunye
komoya 4 banatha okunathwayo kunye komoya,
ngoba banatha edwaleni lomoya elalihamba
labo, njalo lelodwala lalinguKhristu. 5 Kodwa
uNkulunkulu kathokozanga ngenengi labo,

ngakho imizimba yabo yahlakazwa enkangala.
6 Lezizinto zenzakala njengezibonelo, ukuba
zisinqabele ekubekeni inhliziyo zethu
ezintweni ezimbi njengalokhu abakwenzayo.
7 Lingakhonzi izithombe, njengokwenziwa
ngabanye babo; njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
“Abantu bahlala phansi badla, banatha,
basukuma bagida.” 8 Akumelanga sihlobonge
njengokwenziwa ngabanye babo, njalo
ngosuku olulodwa kwafa abazinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lantathu. 9
Akumelanga silinge uKhristu njengokwenziwa
ngabanye babo, babulawa zinyoka. 10
Lingakhononi, njengokwenziwa ngabanye
babo, babulawa yingilosi ebhubhisayo. 11
Izinto lezi zenzakala kubo njengezibonelo njalo
zalotshwa njengezixwayiso kithi, osekufike kubo
ukugcwaliseka kwezikhathi. (aiōn g165) 12 Ngakho
nxa licabanga ukuthi limi liqinile, qaphelani
ukuba lingawi. 13 Akulazilingo ezilehleleyo
ngaphandle kokwejayelekileyo ebantwini. Njalo
uNkulunkulu uthembekile; akayikuvumela
ukuba lilingwe ngokwedlula lokho
elingakumela. Kodwa lapho lilingwa, uzalinika
indlela yokuphunyuka ukuze limelane lakho.
14 Ngakho-ke, bangane bami abathandekayo,
balekelani ukukhonza izithombe. 15
Ngikhuluma labantu abalengqondo;
zenzeleni esenu isinqumo ngalokho
engikutshoyo. 16 Konje inkezo yokubonga
esiyibongelayo kayisikuhlanganyela egazini
likaKhristu na? Lesinkwa esisihlephunayo
kasisisokuhlanganyela emzimbeni kaKhristu
na? 17 Njengoba kulesinkwa sinye, thina
abanengi, singumzimba munye, ngoba sonke
sihlanganyela lesosinkwa sinye. 18 Khumbulani
abantu bako-Israyeli: Kakusikho yini ukuthi
labo abadla imihlatshelo balokuhlanganyela
e-alithareni na? 19 Pho ngitsho ukuthi
umhlatshelo onikelwe esithombeni uyilutho,
loba ukuthi isithombe siyilutho na? 20
Hatshi, kodwa imihlatshelo yabangakholwayo
inikelwa emadimonini hatshi kuNkulunkulu,
njalo kangifuni ukuba libe ngabahlanganyela
lamadimoni. 21 Kalingeke linathe inkezo
yeNkosi lenkezo yamadimoni njalo, alingeke libe
lokuhlanganyela etafuleni yeNkosi lasetafuleni
yamadimoni. 22 Sizama ukuvusa umona
weNkosi na? Kambe silamandla kulayo na?
23 “Ngilelungelo lokwenza loba yini,” kodwa
akusizinto zonke ezilosizo. “Ngilelungelo
lokwenza loba yini,” kodwa akusizinto zonke
ezakhayo. 24 Akulamuntu omele azidingele
okuhle, kodwa okuhle kwabanye. 25 Dlanini
konke okuthengiswa lapho okuthengiswa khona
inyama kungekho kubuza imibuzo yesazela,
26 ngoba, “Umhlaba ngokaThixo, lakho konke
okukuwo.” 27 Nxa omunye wabangakholwayo
elibizela ukudla njalo lifuna ukuhamba,
dlanini loba kuyini okubekwe phambi kwenu
kungekho kubuza imibuzo yesazela. 28 Kodwa
nxa omunye esithi kini, “Lokhu kunikelwe
njengomhlatshelo,” lokho-ke lingakudli,
ngenxa yomuntu lowo olitshelileyo langenxa
yesazela, 29 ngitsho isazela salowomuntu, hatshi
esenu. Kungani ukukhululeka kwami kumele
kwahlulelwe ngesazela somunye na? 30 Nxa
ngihlanganyela ekudleni ngokubonga, kungani
ngisolwa ngolutho engilubongela iNkosi na?
31 Ngakho ingabe liyadla kumbe liyanatha,
loba kuyikuphi elikwenzayo, kwenzeleni
udumo lukaNkulunkulu. 32 Lingakhubekisi
muntu, loba kungamaJuda, amaGrikhi loba
ibandla likaNkulunkulu, 33 lalapho ngizama
ukuthokozisa abantu bonke ngezindlela zonke.
Ngoba kangidingi okuhle kwami, kodwa okuhle
kwabanengi, ukuze basindiswe.

11 Landelani isibonelo sami, njengalokhu
lami ngilandela isibonelo sikaKhristu. 2
Ngiyalibonga ngokungikhumbula ezintweni
zonke langokubambelela emfundisweni
njengokuyethula kwami kini. 3 Kodwa ngifuna
ukuba likwazi ukuthi inhloko yamadoda wonke
nguKhristu, lenhloko yowesifazane yindoda,
lenhloko kaKhristu nguNkulunkulu. 4 Yonke
indoda ekhuleka loba iphrofithe ikhanda layo
limboziwe ihlayaza ikhanda layo. 5 Lowesifazane
wonke okhuleka loba aphrofithe ikhanda lakhe
lingembozwanga uhlayaza ikhanda lakhe,
kufana lokuthi ikhanda lakhe liphuciwe. 6
Nxa owesifazane engambozi ikhanda lakhe,
angagela inwele zakhe; kodwa nxa kulihlazo
ukuthi owesifazane agele loba aphuce inwele

zakhe, kumele alimboze ikhanda lakhe. 7
Indoda akumelanga imboze ikhanda layo,
ngoba ingumfanekiso lodumo lukaNkulunkulu
kodwa owesifazane uludumo lwendoda. 8
Ngoba indoda kayivelanga kowesifazane kodwa
owesifazane wavela endodeni 9 njalo indoda
kayidalelwanga owesifazane kodwa owesifazane
wadalelwa indoda. 10 Ngakho-ke, njalo ngenxa
yezingilosi, owesifazane kumele abe lophawu
lwamandla ekhanda lakhe. 11 Kodwa eNkosini,
owesifazane weyeme endodeni, lendoda yeyeme
kowesifazane. 12 Ngoba njengoba owesifazane
wavela endodeni, ngokunjalo indoda layo
izalwa ngowesifazane. Kodwa izinto zonke
zivela kuNkulunkulu. 13 Zahluleleni ngokwenu:
Kulungile yini ukuba owesifazane akhuleke
kuNkulunkulu ikhanda lakhe lingembozwanga?
14 Imvelo yezinto uqobo kayilifundisi yini ukuba
nxa owesilisa elenwele ezinde, kulihlazo kuye,
15 kodwa owesifazane nxa elenwele ezinde,
kuludumo lwakhe? Ngoba waphiwa inwele
ezinde njengesimbozo. 16 Nxa umuntu efuna
ukuba lenkani ngalokho, kasilawo omunye
umkhuba, lamabandla kaNkulunkulu kawalawo.
17 Kuziqondiso ezilandelayo angilincomi, ngoba
imihlangano yenu yenza ububi obunengi
kulobuhle. 18 Okokuqala, ngizwa kuthiwa
nxa libuthene njengebandla, kulokwahlukana
phakathi kwenu, njalo ngiphosa ngikholwe.
19 Akuthandabuzeki ukuthi kufanele kube
lokungavumelani phakathi kwenu ukuba
kubonakale ukuthi yibaphi abenu abamukelwe
nguNkulunkulu. 20 Lapho libuthene, akusiSidlo
seNkosi elisidlayo, 21 ngoba ekudleni kwenu,
lowo lalowo wenu uyaqhubeka engamelelanga
omunye. Omunye usala elambile, omunye
adakwe. 22 Kanti kalilamakhaya yini okudlela
lokunathela kuwo? Kumbe liyaleyisa yini
ibandla likaNkulunkulu lidumaza lalabo
abangelalutho na? Ngizakuthini kini na?
Ngingalincoma ngenxa yalokhu na? Impela
hatshi! 23 Ngoba eNkosini ngamukela lokho
lami engakudlulisela kini ukuthi: INkosi uJesu,
ngalobobusuku eyanikelwa ngabo, yathatha
isinkwa, 24 kwathi isibongile, yasihlephuna
yathi, “Lokhu kungumzimba wami, ongowenu;
yenzani lokhu njengesikhumbuzo sami.” 25
Ngokunjalo, emva kokudla yathatha inkezo,
yathi, “Inkezo le iyisivumelwano esitsha egazini
lami; yenzani lokhu izikhathi zonke lapho
liyinatha, njengesikhumbuzo sami.” 26 Ngoba
lapho lisidla isinkwa lesi linatha lenkezo le,
litshumayela ukufa kweNkosi ize ibuye. 27
Ngakho-ke, lowo odla isinkwa loba anathe
inkezo yenkosi ngokungafanelanga uzakuba
lecala lokwenza isono ngomzimba langegazi
leNkosi. 28 Umuntu kumele azihlole phambi
kokuba adle isinkwa loba anathe inkezo. 29
Ngoba lowo odlayo anathe engawukholwa
umzimba kaKhristu udla anathe ukwahlulelwa
kwakhe. 30 Yikho-nje abanengi phakathi
kwenu bebuthakathaka begula, njalo labanye
benu sebelele. 31 Kodwa nxa sizahlulela
kasiyikwahlulelwa. 32 Lapho sisahlulelwa
yiNkosi, siyajeziswa ukuze singalahlwa
lomhlaba. 33 Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami,
nxa libuthene ukuba lidle, kumele lidle
ndawonye. 34 Nxa omunye elambile, kabokudla
ekhaya, ukuze kuthi lapho selibuthene kungabi
lokwahlulelwa. Ekufikeni kwami ngizalipha
ezinye iziqondiso.

12 Mayelana lezipho zikamoya, bazalwane,
kangifuni ukuba lingaze lazi. 2 Liyakwazi
ukuthi ngesikhathi lingakabi ngabakholwayo,
ngezinye indlela laholelwa njalo ledukiselwa
ezithombeni eziyizimungulu. 3 Ngakho
ngiyalitshela ukuthi kakho okhuluma ngoMoya
kaNkulunkulu othi, “UJesu kathukwe,” njalo
kakho ongathi, “UJesu yiNkosi,” ngaphandle
kokuba kungoMoya oNgcwele. 4 Kulenhlobo
ezehlukeneyo zezipho zikamoya kodwa
uMoya munye. 5 Kulezindlela ezehlukeneyo
zokukhonza, kodwa iNkosi yinye. 6 Kulezindlela
ezehlukeneyo zokukhonza kodwa uNkulunkulu
munye njalo uzisebenza zonke ebantwini
bonke. 7 Emuntwini ngamunye ukubonakaliswa
kukaMoya kwenzelwa ukusiza umuntu
wonke. 8 Omunye ngoMoya uphiwa amandla
okukhuluma ngokuhlakanipha, omunye
amandla okukhuluma ngokwazi ngaye uMoya
munye lowo, 9 omunye uphiwa ukukholwa
ngoMoya munye lowo, omunye uphiwa izipho
zokusilisa ngawona lowo Moya munye, 10

omunye uphiwa amandla okwenza izimangaliso,
omunye uphiwa ukuphrofitha, omunye uphiwa
amandla okuhlola omoya, omunye njalo
aphiwe ukuchasisa izindimi. 11 Konke lokhu
kungumsebenzi kaMoya munye, njalo ukupha
umuntu ngamunye, njengokuthanda kwakhe.
12 Umzimba munye lanxa ubunjwe ngezitho
ezinengi; njalo lanxa izitho zawo zonke
zinengi, zibumba umzimba owodwa. Kunjalo
ngoKhristu. 13 Ngoba sonke sabhaphathizwa
ngoMoya munye kulowomzimba munye, loba
singamaJuda kumbe abeZizwe, izigqili loba
abakhululekileyo, sonke saphiwa uMoya munye
ukuba siwunathe. 14 Umzimba kawenziwanga
ngesitho esisodwa kodwa ezinengi. 15 Nxa
unyawo lungathi, "Njengoba ngingasisandla,
kangisingxenye yomzimba," ngalesosizatho
alungeke lwekele ukuba yingxenye yomzimba.
16 Njalo nxa indlebe ingathi, "Njengoba
ngingasilihlo, kangisingxenye yomzimba,"
ngalesosizatho ayingeke yekele ukuba
yingxenye yomzimba. 17 Aluba umzimba wonke
wawulilihlo, pho ukuzwa kwakuzakuba ngaphi
na? Aluba umzimba wonke wawuyindlebe,
pho kwakuzanukwa ngani na? 18 Kodwa
okuyikho yikuthi uNkulunkulu wabeka izitho
zomzimba, zonke, njengayefune ukuba zibe
yikho khona. 19 Aluba zonke zaziyisitho
sinye, pho umzimba wawuzakuba ngaphi
na? 20 Njengoba kunjalo, kulezitho ezinengi,
kodwa umzimba munye. 21 Ilihlo alingeke
lithi esandleni, "Kangikudingi!" Lekhanda
alingeke lithi enyaweni, "Kangikudingi!"
22 Kodwa, lezozitho zomzimba ezikhanya
zibuthakathaka ziyadingeka, 23 lezitho thina
esicabanga ukuthi kazihlonipheki kakhulu
siziphatha ngokuhlonipha okuthize. 24 Izitho
ezihloniphisayo siziphatha ngokuhlonipha
kakhulu. Kodwa uNkulunkulu wahlanganisa
izitho zomzimba njalo usenike udumo olukhulu
kulezozitho ezazingelalo, 25 ukuze kungabi
lokwehlukana emzimbeni, kodwa ukuba izitho
zawo zibe lokuzwelana okufananayo. 26
Nxa esinye isitho sibongwa, izitho zonke
zithokoza laso. 27 Lina lingumzimba kaKhristu
njalo omunye lomunye wenu uyingxenye
yawo. 28 Ebandleni uNkulunkulu wabeka
abapostoli kuqala kulabo bonke, okwesibili
abaphrofethi, okwesithathu abafundisi, kwaba
labenza izimangaliso, lalabo abalezipho
zokusilisa, abalezokusiza abanye, abalezipho
zokuthungamela, kanye lalabo abakhuluma
inhlobo zezindimi ezehlukeneyo. 29 Bonke
bangabapostoli na? Bonke bangabaphrofethi
na? Bonke bangabafundisi na? Bonke
bayazenza izimangaliso na? 30 Bonke balezipho
zokusilisa na? Bonke bakhuluma ngendimi
na? Bonke bayachasisa na? 31 Kodwa zifuneni
ngokutshiseka izipho ezinkulu. Khathesi-ke
ngizalitshengisa indlela eyiyo enhle kakhulu.

13 Loba ngikhuluma ngendimi zabantu
lezezingilosi, kodwa ngingelalo
uthando, ngiyinsimbi nje ekhalayo loba
izenge elincencethayo. 2 Loba ngilesipho
sokuphrofitha, ngingaqedisisa imfihlakalo
zonke kanye lokwazi konke, njalo nxa
ngilokukholwa okungasusa izintaba, kodwa
ngingelalo uthando, kangisilutho. 3 Loba
nginganika abayanga konke engilakho
nginikele lomzimba wami emalangabini,
kodwa ngingelalo uthando, kangizuzi
lutho. 4 Uthando luyabekezela, uthando
lulomusa. Kalulamona, kaluzincomi, kaluzigqaji.
5 Kalusisosiqholo, kaluzifuneli okwalo,
kaluphangisi ukuthukuthela, kalubambeli
zikhwili. 6 Uthando kaluthokozeli okubi,
kodwa luthokozela iqiniso. 7 Luhlezi luvikela,
luhlezi lukholwa, luhlezi lusethemba, luhlezi
lubekezela. 8 Uthando kalupheli. Kodwa
lapho okuleziphrofethi khona, zizaphela,
lapho okulezindimi khona, zizathuliswa;
lapho okulokwazi khona, kuzakwedlula.
9 Ngoba sazi ingxenye, njalo siphrofitha
ingxenye, 10 kodwa lapho ukuphelela
kufika, ukungapheleli kuyanyamalala.
11 Ngisesengumntwana, ngakhuluma
njengomntwana, ngacabanga njengomntwana,
nganakana njengomntwana. Sengiyindoda,
ngaziyekela izindlela zobuntwana. 12 Khathesi
sibona kalufifi esibukweni; sizabuye sibone
ubuso ngobuso. Khathesi ngazi ingxenye;
ngizabuye ngazi okupheleleyo, njengoba lami
ngisaziwa ngokupheleleyo. 13 Okuthathu lokhu

kuma kunjalo: ukukholwa, ithemba lothando.
Kodwa okukhulu kwalokhu luthando.

14 Landelani indlela yothando lizifune
ngokutshiseka izipho zikamoya ikakhulu
isipho sokuphrofitha. 2 Ngoba okhuluma
ngendimi kakhulumi ebantwini kodwa
kuNkulunkulu. Impela kakho obezwayo,
bakhuluma imfihlakalo ngoMoya. 3 Kodwa
umuntu wonke ophrofithayo ukhuluma
ebantwini ukuba abaqinise, abakhuthaze njalo
abaduduze. 4 Lowo okhuluma ngolimi oluthile
uyazakha kodwa lowo ophrofithayo wakha
ibandla. 5 Ngifisa ukuba lonke likhulume
ngendimi kodwa ikakhulu ukuba liphrofithe.
Ophrofithayo mkhulu kulalowo okhuluma
ngendimi, ngaphandle kokuba echasisa, ukuze
ibandla lakheke. 6 Ngakho-ke, bazalwane, nxa
ngifika kini ngikhulume ngendimi, ngilosizo
bani kini, ngaphandle kokuba ngililethele
ukwambulwa okuthile loba ukwazi loba
isiphrofethi kumbe imfundiso, na? 7 Lezizinto
ezingaphiliyo ezenza umsindo njengomhubhe
loba ichacho, umuntu angalazi njani iculo
elikhaliswayo ngaphandle kokuba kulomahluko
empawini zomculo? 8 Njalo nxa icilongo lisitsho
umbiko ongacacanga, ngubani ozalungela impi
na? 9 Kunjalo-ke lakini. Nxa lingakhulumi
amazwi azwakalayo ngolimi lwenu, umuntu
uzakwazi njani elikutshoyo? Lizakuba likhuluma
lomoya nje. 10 Akuthandabuzwa ukuthi
kulenhlobonhlobo zezindimi emhlabeni kodwa
zonke zilomutsho. 11 Nxa ngingakuzwa
okutshiwo ngomunye, ngingowezizweni kulowo
okhulumayo, laye ngowezizweni kimi. 12
Kunjalo-ke lakini. Njengoba litshisekela izipho
zikamoya, zamani ukwenza okuhle kakhulu
ngezipho ezakha ibandla. 13 Ngakho-ke,
umuntu okhuluma ngendimi kumele akhulekele
ukuba achasise lokho akutshoyo. 14 Ngoba
nxa ngikhuleka ngendimi, umoya wami
uyakhuleka kodwa ingqondo yami kayilazithelo.
15 Pho ngenzeni na? Ngizakhuleka ngomoya
wami njalo ngizakhuleka langengqondo
yami; ngizahlabela ngomoya wami njalo
ngizahlabela langengqondo yami. 16 Nxa libonga
uNkulunkulu ngomoya wenu, angatsho kanjani
ozithola esephakathi kwalabo abangazwisisiyo
ukuthi, "Ameni" ekubongeni kwenu, yena
engakwazi elikutshoyo na? 17 Lingabe
libonga kuhle sibili kodwa omunye umuntu
kabusisekanga. 18 Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu
ngoba mina ngikhuluma ngendimi ukudlula
lina lonke. 19 Kodwa ebandleni ngithanda
ukukhuluma amazwi amahlanu azwakalayo
ngifundisa abanye kulamazwi azinkulungwane
ezilitshumi ngendimi. 20 Bazalwane, yekelani
ukucabanga njengabantwana. Mayelana
lobubi, wobani zingane kodwa ekucabangeni
kwenu wobani ngabadala. 21 Emthethweni
kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Ngabantu bezindimi
ezingaziwayo langezindebe zabezizweni
ngizakhuluma lalababantu, kodwa loba
kunjalo kabayikungilalela, kutsho iNkosi." 22
Ngakho-ke, izindimi ziyisibonakaliso, hatshi
kwabakholwayo, kodwa kwabangakholwayo;
kodwa ukuphrofitha ngokwabakholwayo hatshi
abangakholwayo. 23 Ngakho nxa ibandla
lonke libuthene umuntu wonke akhulume
ngendimi, kuthi abanye abangezwayo loba
abangakholwayo bangene, kambe kabazukuthi
ingqondo zenu ziphambene na? 24 Kodwa nxa
ongakholwayo loba omunye ongaqedisisiyo
engena lapho abantu bonke bephrofitha,
uzavunyiswa yibo bonke ukuthi uyisoni
njalo ahlulelwe yibo bonke, 25 lezimfihlo
zenhliziyo yakhe zizavezwa obala. Ngakho
uzakhothamela phansi akhonze uNkulunkulu
esithi, "UNkulunkulu impela uphakathi
kwenu!" 26 Pho sizakuthini, bazalwane?
Lapho libuthana ndawonye, umuntu wonke
ulehubo loba ilizwi lokufundisa, lokwambula,
lezindimi, loba ukuchasisa. Konke lokhu kumele
kwenziwe ukuze ibandla lakheke. 27 Nxa
omunye ekhuluma ngendimi, ababili loba
kungabangadluli abathathu, kumele kukhulume
oyedwa ngasikhathi sinye, njalo omunye
kumele achasise. 28 Nxa kungelamchasisi,
okhulumayo kumele athule ebandleni,
azikhulumele yedwa, kuye lakuNkulunkulu.
29 Kumele kukhulume abaphrofethi ababili
loba abathathu, kuthi abanye bakuhlolisise
ngokunanzelela okutshiwoyo. 30 Njalo nxa
ukwambulelwa kufika komunye ohlezi phansi,

okhulume kuqala kumele athule. 31 Ngoba lonke
lingaphrofitha lintshintshana ukuze umuntu
wonke afundiswe njalo akhuthazwe. 32 Imimoya
yabaphrofethi iphathwa ngabaphrofethi.
33 Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasuye Nkulunkulu
wengxabangxoza kodwa ungowokuthula.
Njengasemabandleni wonke abantu beNkosi.
34 Abesifazane kumele bathule emabandleni.
Kabavunyelwa ukukhuluma kodwa kumele
bazithobe njengokutsho komthetho. 35 Nxa
befuna ukubuza ngolutho oluthile, kumele
babuze omkabo emakhaya ngoba kulihlazo
ukuthi owesifazane akhulume ebandleni. 36
Konje ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lavela kini na?
Kumbe lafika kini kuphela? 37 Nxa umuntu
ecabanga ukuthi ungumphrofethi loba ukuthi
ulesipho sikaMoya, kavume ukuthi lokhu
engililobela khona kungumlayo weNkosi. 38
Nxa lokhu engakunaki, laye akayikunakwa.
39 Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami, tshisekelani
ukuphrofitha njalo lingenqabeli ukukhuluma
ngendimi. 40 Kodwa izinto zonke kumele
zenziwe ngendlela efaneleyo lehlelwe kuhle.

15 Bazalwane, ngithanda ukulikhumbuza
ngevangeli engalitshumayela kini,
elalamukelayo njalo eselimi ngalo. 2
Ngalelivangeli liyasindiswa, nxa libambelela
elizwini engalitshumayela kini. Nxa kungenjalo,
selikholwe ize. 3 Ngoba engakwamukelayo
lami ngakudlulisela kini njengokuqakatheke
kakhulu: ukuthi uKhristu wafela izono zethu
mayelana lemibhalo, 4 lokuthi wangcwatshwa,
lokuthi wavuswa kwabafileyo ngosuku
lwesithathu njengokutsho kwemibhalo,
5 kanye lokuthi wabonakala kuKhefasi,
wasebonakala kwabalitshumi lambili. 6
Emva kwalokho wabonakala kubazalwane
abadlula amakhulu amahlanu sikhathi sinye,
inengi labo lilokhu lisaphila, lanxa abanye
sebalala. 7 Wabuya wabonakala kuJakhobe,
wasebonakala kubapostoli bonke, 8 kwathi
ekucineni wabonakala kimi futhi, njengalowo
ozelwe ngendlela engajayelekanga. 9 Ngoba
mina ngingomncane kubapostoli njalo
kangifanelanga lokuthiwa ngingumpostoli
ngoba ngahlukuluza ibandla likaNkulunkulu.
10 Kodwa ngenxa yomusa kaNkulunkulu
ngiyilokhu engiyikho njalo umusa wakhe
kawubanga yize kimi. Hatshi, mina ngasebenza
kakhulu kulabo bonke, kungayisimi belo kodwa
kungumusa kaNkulunkulu owawukimi. 11
Ngakho langabe kwakuyimi loba kuyibo, lokhu
yikho esikutshumayelayo njalo lokhu yikho
elakukholwayo. 12 Kodwa nxa kutshunyayelwa
ukuthi uKhristu wavuswa kwabafileyo, pho
bangakutsho kanjani abanye benu ukuthi
akukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo na? 13 Nxa
kungekho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, loKhristu
kavuswanga phela. 14 Njalo nxa uKhristu
engavuswanga, ukutshumayela kwethu akusizi
lutho njalo lunjalo lokholo lwenu. 15 Phezu
kwalokho, singatholakala singofakazi bamanga
ngoNkulunkulu ngoba sifakaze ngoNkulunkulu
ukuthi wavusa uKhristu kwabafileyo. Kodwa
kamvusanga nxa ngempela abafileyo bengayi
kuvuswa. 16 Nxa abafileyo bengayi kuvuswa,
ngakho loKhristu kavuswanga. 17 Nxa uKhristu
engavuswanga kwabafileyo ukholo lwenu
luyize; lilokhu lisezonweni zenu. 18 Lalabo
abafa bekuKhristu balahlekile phela. 19
Nxa sithembele kuKhristu kulokhukuphila
kuphela, sizazwelwa usizi kakhulu kulabantu
bonke. 20 Kodwa ngempela uKhristu wavuswa
kwabafileyo, izithelo zakuqala zalabo asebelele.
21 Ngoba njengoba ukufa kweza ngomuntu,
ukuvuka kwabafileyo lakho kuza ngomuntu.
22 Ngoba njengoba ku-Adamu bonke besifa,
ngokunjalo kuKhristu bonke bazaphiliswa.
23 Kodwa yilowo lalowo ngethuba lakhe:
UKhristu, oyizithelo zakuqala; kuzakuthi
ekubuyeni kwakhe, kuvuke labo abangabakhe.
24 Lapho-ke isiphetho sizafika esenikela umbuso
kaNkulunkulu uBaba emva kokuba esechithe
imibuso yonke, ubukhosi kanye lamandla. 25
Ngoba kumele abuse uNkulunkulu aze azibeke
zonke izitha zakhe ngaphansi kwezinyawo
zakhe. 26 Isitha sokucina esizachithwa, yikufa.
27 Ngoba uNkulunkulu “usebeke izinto zonke
ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe.” Kodwa nxa
kuthiwa “izinto zonke” sezibekwe ngaphansi
kwakhe, kusobala ukuthi lokhu akugoqeli
uNkulunkulu yena ngokwakhe, owabeka
izinto zonke ngaphansi kukaKhristu. 28

Lapho esekwenzile lokhu, iNdodana uqobo
izakuba ngaphansi kwakhe yena owabeka izinto
zonke ngaphansi kwakhe, ukuze uNkulunkulu
abe yikho konke, kukho konke. 29 Nxa
kungelakuvuka ekufeni, pho bazakwenzani
labo ababhaphathizelwe abafileyo na? Nxa
abafileyo bengavuswa, pho kungani abantu
bebhaphathizwa ngenxa yabo na? 30 Thina-
ke, sizifakelani engozini isikhathi sonke na? 31
Mina ngifa nsuku zonke, ngitsho khonokho
bazalwane, ngeqiniso engiziqhenya ngalo
ngani kuKhristu uJesu iNkosi yethu. 32 Nxa
ngalwa lezilo zeganga e-Efesu ngenxa yabantu,
ngazuzani na? Nxa abafileyo bengavuswa,
"Kasidleni sinathe, ngoba kusasa sizakufa."
33 Lingedukiswa: "Abangane ababi bayasona
isimilo esihle." 34 Khumbulani ngengqondo zenu
njengokumele likwenze, licine ukwenza izono;
ngoba kulabanye abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu,
ngitsho lokhu ukuze libelenhloni. 35 Kodwa
omunye angabuza athi, "Abafileyo bavuswa
njani na? Bazabuya belemizimba enjani na?"
36 Yeka ubuwula! Elikuhlanyelayo akuphili
ngaphandle kokuba kufe. 37 Lapho lihlanyela,
kalihlanyeli umzimba ozakuba khona kodwa
inhlanyelo nje, mhlawumbe eyengqoloyi loba
okunye lakho. 38 Kodwa uNkulunkulu uyinika
umzimba njengokuthanda kwakhe njalo uhlobo
ngalunye lwenhlanyelo ulunika umzimba
walo. 39 Inyama yonke kayifanani: Abantu
balohlobo lunye lwenyama, izinyamazana
zilolunye, izinyoni olunye lenhlanzi olunye.
40 Njalo kulezidalwa zasezulwini lezidalwa
zasemhlabeni; kodwa inkazimulo yezidalwa
zasezulwini ingolunye uhlobo, lenkazimulo
yezidalwa zasemhlabeni ingolunye. 41 Ilanga
lilolunye uhlobo lwenkazimulo, inyanga olunye
lezinkanyezi olunye; njalo inkanyezi iyehluka
kwenye inkanyezi ngokukhazimula. 42 Kuzakuba
njalo-ke ngokuvuka kwabafileyo. Umzimba
ohlanyelwayo uyabola, uvuswa ungasaboli; 43
uhlanyelwa useyiswa, uvuswe ngenkazimulo;
uhlanyelwa ubuthakathaka, 44 uvuswe
usungumzimba olamandla. Nxa kulomzimba
wemvelo, ukhona njalo lomzimba womoya. 45
Ngakho kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Umuntu wakuqala
u-Adamu waba yisidalwa esiphilayo"; kodwa u-
Adamu wokucina waba ngumoya ophilisayo. 46
Owomoya kafikanga kuqala, kodwa owemvelo,
emva kwalokho kwafika owomoya. 47 Umuntu
wakuqala wayenziwe ngothuli lomhlabathi;
umuntu wesibili wavela ezulwini. 48 Njengoba
wayenjalo umuntu wasemhlabeni, banjalo
lalabo abangabomhlaba; njalo njengoba
enjalo umuntu ovela ezulwini, banjalo labo
abangabasezulwini. 49 Njalo njengoba silesimo
somuntu wasemhlabeni, ngokunjalo sizakuba
lesimo somuntu ovela ezulwini. 50 Bazalwane,
ngithi kini inyama legazi akungeke kudle
ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu, lokubolayo
akulidli ilifa lokungaboliyo. 51 Lalelani,
ngilitshela imfihlakalo: Kasiyikufa sonke,
kodwa sonke sizaguqulwa, 52 ngesikhatshana,
ngokucwayiza kwelihlo, ngecilongo lokucina.
Ngoba icilongo lizakhala, abafileyo bazavuswa
bengabolanga, njalo sizaguqulwa. 53
Ngoba okubolayo kumele kuzigqokise
ngokungaboliyo, lokufayo ngokungafiyo. 54
Nxa okubolayo sekugqokiswe okungaboliyo,
lokufayo okungafiyo, kuzagcwaliseka isitsho
esilotshiweyo esithi: "Ukufa kuginyiwe
ekunqobeni." 55 "Kungaphi, we kufa, ukunqoba
kwakho? Lungaphi udonsi lwakho, we
kufa?" (Hadēs g86) 56 Udonsi lokufa yisono,
lamandla esono ngumthetho. 57 Kodwa
kabongwe uNkulunkulu! Uyasinika ukunqoba
ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. 58 Ngakho-ke,
bazalwane bami abathandekayo, manini liqine.
Akungabi lalutho olulinyikinyayo. Zinikeleni
ngokupheleleyo emsebenzini weNkosi izikhathi
zonke ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi ukusebenza
kwenu eNkosini akusilo ize.

16 Mayelana lomnikelo onikelelwa abantu
bakaNkulunkulu: Yenzani lokhu engatshela
amabandla aseGalathiya ukuba akwenze. 2
Ngosuku lwakuqala maviki wonke, yilowo
lalowo wenu kabeke eceleni imali ethile
kusiya mayelana leholo lakhe, ayigcine, ukuze
kuthi ekufikeni kwami kungabi lokuqoqa
okwenziwayo. 3 Ngakho-ke, ekufikeni kwami
ngizabapha izincwadi zokubaveza labobantu
elibakhethileyo ngibathume eJerusalema
lesipho senu. 4 Kungabonakala kufanele

ukuba ngihambe labo, bazangiphelekezela.
5 Sengidlule eMasedoniya ngizakuza kini,
ngoba ngizadlula eMasedoniya. 6 Mhlawumbe
ngizahlala lani okwesikhatshana, mhlawumbe
ubusika bonke, ukuze lingisize ohanjweni
lwami, ezindaweni zonke engiya kuzo. 7
Kangifisi ukulibona khathesi ngilethekelela
okwesikhatshana nje; ngithemba ngizahlala
lani okwesikhathi esithile, nxa iNkosi ivuma.
8 Kodwa ngizahlala e-Efesu kuze kufike
iPhentekhosti, 9 ngoba ngivulelwe umnyango
omkhulu womsebenzi ophumelelayo, njalo
banengi abangiphikisayo. 10 UThimothi
angafika, libone ukuthi akulalutho alwesabayo
eseselani ngoba uqhubeka ngomsebenzi
weNkosi njengami. 11 Ngakho akungabi
lomuntu owalayo ukumamukela. Medluliseni
ngokuthula ukuze abuye kimi. Ngimlindele
kanye labazalwane. 12 Mayelana lomzalwane
wethu u-Apholo: Ngamncenga kakhulu
ukuba eze kini labazalwane. Ubengafisi
ukuhamba khathesi kodwa uzahamba lapho
eselethuba. 13 Lindani; qinani ekukholweni
kwenu; libe ngabantu abalesibindi, wobani
lamandla. 14 Yenzani konke ngothando. 15
Liyakwazi ukuthi abendlu KaStefane baba
ngamakholwa akuqala e-Akhayiya njalo
sebazinikela emsebenzini wabantu beNkosi.
Ngiyalincenga, bazalwane, 16 ukuba lizinikele
kwabanjengalaba lakubo bonke abahlanganyela
emsebenzini basebenze khona. 17 Ngathokoza
ekufikeni kukaStefane loFothunathu kanye lo-
Akhayikhu ngoba balethe obekusilela kuvela
kini. 18 Ngoba bavuselela umoya wami
kanye lowenu. Abantu abanjalo bafanele
ukuqakathekiswa. 19 Amabandla asesifundeni
sase-Ezhiya ayalibingelela. U-Akhwila loPhrisila
ngokuthokoza eNkosini bayalibingelela kakhulu,
lenza njalo lebandla elihlanganela endlini yabo.
20 Bonke abazalwane abalapha bayalibingelela.
Bingelelanani ngokwangana okungcwele. 21
Mina, Phawuli, ngiloba ukubingelela lokhu
ngesami isandla. 22 Nxa umuntu engayithandi
iNkosi, kehlelwe yisithuko. Woza, awu Nkosi! 23
Umusa weNkosi uJesu kawube lani. 24 Uthando
lwami kini lonke kuKhristu uJesu. Ameni.

2 Kwabasekhorinte

1 UPhawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu
ngentando kaNkulunkulu, loThimothi
umzalwane wethu. Ebandleni likaNkulunkulu
eKhorinte, kanye lakubangcwele bonke
kulolonke elase-Akhayiya: **2** Umusa lokuthula
okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini
uJesu Khristu kakube kini. **3** Makabongwe
uNkulunkulu uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu
Khristu, uBaba wesihawu loNkulunkulu
wenduduzo yonke, **4** osiduduzayo kuzozonke
inhlupheko zethu ukuze lathi siduduze
abasekuhluphekeni ngenduduzo esiduduzwe
ngayo nguNkulunkulu. **5** Njengoba inhlupheko
zikaKhristu zigelezela ekuphileni kwethu,
ngakho ngokunjalo futhi induduzo yethu
iyaphuphuma ngoKhristu. **6** Nxa sihlupheka,
kungenxa yenduduzo lokusindiswa kwenu;
nxa siduduzekile, kungenxa yokududuzwa
kwenu okulenza liqinisele ekubekezeleleni zona
lezo zinhlupheko ezisihluphayo. **7** Ithemba
lethu ngani liqinile ngoba siyakwazi ukuthi
njengoba lahlanganyela ekuhluphekeni kwethu,
ngokunjalo liyahlanganyela ekududuzweni
kwethu. **8** Kasithandi, bazalwane, ukuba
libe ngabangaziyo ngobunzima esabuzwayo
esabelweni sase-Ezhiya. Sasilokuncindezeleka
okukhulu, okungaphezu kwamandla ethu
okuqinisela, saze saphelelwa lalithemba
lokuphila. **9** Impela isigwebo sokufa sasizwa
ezinhliziyweni zethu. Kodwa lokhu kwenzakala
ukuze singazithembi thina ngokwethu kodwa
uNkulunkulu, ovusa abafileyo. **10** Wasihlenga
engozini ebulalayo, njalo uzasikhulula. Ithemba
lethu silibeke kuye ukuba uzaqhubeka
esihlenga, **11** lapho lisisiza ngemikhuleko yenu.
Abanengi bazasibongela ngomusa omangalisayo
esiwuphiweyo kuyimpendulo yemikhuleko
yabanengi. **12** Thina sizincoma ngokuthi izazela
zethu ziyafakaza ukuthi siziphathe kuhle
emhlabeni, ikakhulu phakathi kobudlelwano
bethu lani, ngobungcwele langobuqotho
obuvela kuNkulunkulu. Lokhu kasikwenzanga
sigxile ekuhlakanipheni kwasemhlabeni, kodwa
ngomusa kaNkulunkulu. **13** Ngoba kasililobeli
ngolutho elingeke lilubale loba liluqedisise.
Njalo ngiyathemba ukuthi, **14** njengoba
seliqedisisa okunye ngathi, lizaqedisisa
ngokupheleleyo lizincome ngathi njengoba
lathi sizazincoma ngani ngosuku lweNkosi
uJesu. **15** Ngoba ngangilethemba kulokhu,
ngangifuna ukwethekelela lina kuqala ukuze
lisizakale kabili. **16** Ngangifuna ukulethekelela
ekuyeni kwami eMasedoniya, ngedlule kini
futhi sengivela eMasedoniya, beselingithuma-
ke eJudiya. **17** Ngakunakana ngingabaza yini
lokhu? Kumbe ngenza amalungiselelo ami
ngendlela yasemhlabeni okokuthi ngasikhathi
sinye ngithi, “Yebo, yebo,” ngibuye ngithi,
“Hatshi, hatshi,” na? **18** Kodwa ngeqiniso
njengoba uNkulunkulu ethembekile, ilizwi lethu
kini kalisikuthi “Yebo,” lokuthi, “Hatshi.” **19**
Ngoba iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, uJesu Khristu,
eyatshunyayelwa kini yimi, uSayilasi kanye
loThimothi, yayingasi “Yebo” lo “Hatshi,”
kodwa kuyo kokuphela kwakungu “Yebo.” **20**
Ngoba lanxa zizinengi kangakanani izithembiso
uNkulunkulu azenzileyo zingu “Yebo”
kuKhristu. Ngakho ngaye ibizo elithi “Ameni”
litshiwo yithi sidumisa uNkulunkulu. **21** Njalo
nguNkulunkulu owenza thina kanye lani siqine
kuKhristu. Wasigcoba, **22** wasibeka uphawu
lwakhe lokuba ngabakhe, wabeka loMoya wakhe
ezinhliziyweni zethu njengesibambiso, esipha
isiqiniseko sokuzayo. **23** Ngibiza uNkulunkulu
njengomfakazi wami ukuthi kangibuyanga
eKhorinte ukuze ngingalikhathazi. **24** Akusikuthi
silibamba ngamandla ekukholweni kwenu
kodwa sisebenza lani ukuze lithokoze, ngoba
liqiniswa lukholo.

2 Ngakho ngenza isinqumo engqondweni
yami ukuba ngingenzi olunye uhambo
olubuhlungu lokuza kini. **2** Ngoba nxa
ngilibangela usizi, ngubani omunye
ozangithokozisa ngaphandle kwenu lina
esengilibangele usizi? **3** Ngaloba ngokunjalo
ukuze kuthi ekufikeni kwami ngingadaniswa
yilabo obekumele bangithokozise. Ngalethemba
lonke, ukuba lonke lizathokoza kanye lami. **4**
Ngoba ngalilobela ngokukhathazeka okukhulu
lobuhlungu benhliziyo njalo langezinyembezi

ezinengi, hatshi ukuba ngilizwise ubuhlungu
kodwa ukuba ngilazise ngokuzika kothando
lwami kini. 5 Nxa kukhona obange usizi,
kalubanganga kimi kangako, kodwa ngenye
indlela ulubange kini lonke, ukuze kungedlulisi
amalawulo. 6 Isijeziso asinikwe ngabanengi
simlingene. 7 Esikhundleni salokhu, kumele
limthethelele njalo limduduze, ukuze
angagajelwa lusizi olukhulu. 8 Ngakho
ngiyalincenga ukuba liluqinise futhi uthando
lwenu kuye. 9 Isizatho sokulilobela kwakuyikuba
ngibone ukuthi lingamelana lobunzima njalo
lilalele ezintweni zonke. 10 Nxa lithethelela
omunye umuntu, lami ngiyamthethelela. Njalo
lokho esengikuthethelele, nxa kwakukhona
okwakumele kuthethelelwe, ngithethelele
phambi kukaKhristu ngenxa yenu, 11
ukuze uSathane angasiqilibezeli. Ngoba
amacebo akhe siyawazi. 12 Ekuyeni
kwami eTrowasi ukuyatshumayela ivangeli
likaKhristu njalo ngathola ukuthi iNkosi
yayingivulele umnyango, 13 ngangilokhe
ngingelakho ukuthula emoyeni wami ngoba
ngingamtholanga umzalwane wami uThithu
khonale. Ngakho ngavalelisa ngasengisedlulela
eMasedoniya. 14 Kodwa-ke, kabongwe
uNkulunkulu, yena osikhokhelela kokuphela
njengabathunjiweyo ekunqobeni kukaKhristu
njalo esenza sithele iphunga elimnandi
lokumazi ezindaweni zonke. 15 Ngoba
kuNkulunkulu siliphunga elimnandi likaKhristu
phakathi kwalabo abasindiswayo lalabo
ababhubhayo. 16 Komunye siliphunga elibi
lokufa; komunye siliphunga elimnandi
lokuphila. Ngubani olingene umsebenzi
lo na? 17 Thina kasihambi sithengisa
ilizwi likaNkulunkulu njengabanengi.
Kodwa kuKhristu siyakhuluma phambi
kukaNkulunkulu ngobuqotho, njengabantu
abathunywe nguNkulunkulu.

3 Kanti sesiqala futhi ukuzethula na?
Kumbe njengabanye abantu kumele sibe
lezincwadi zokusikhulumela kini kumbe
ezivela kini na? 2 Lina ngokwenu liyizincwadi
zethu ezibhalwe ezinhliziyweni zethu,
ezaziwayo lezifundwa ngumuntu wonke.
3 Liyabonakalisa ukuba liyincwadi evela
kuKhristu, isithelo sokutshumayela kwethu,
engabhalwanga nge-inki kodwa ngoMoya
kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, hatshi ezibhebhedwini
zamatshe kodwa ezibhebhedwini zezinhliziyo
zabantu. 4 Ithemba elinjengaleli ngelethu
ngoKhristu phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 5
Kungayisikho ukuthi siyenelisa ukwahlulela
konke esikwenzayo kodwa ukwenelisa kwethu
kuvela kuNkulunkulu. 6 Usiphe amandla
okuba zinceku zesivumelwano esitsha,
kungayisiso sokulotshiweyo kodwa esikaMoya;
ngoba okulotshiweyo kuyabulala kodwa
uMoya uletha ukuphila. 7 Nxa imfundiso
eyaletha ukufa eyayibhalwe ngamabala
elitsheni, yeza lenkazimulo, ukuze abako-
Israyeli bangabukhangeli kokuphela ubuso
bukaMosi ngenxa yenkazimulo yabo, lanxa
nje yayisifiphala, 8 kambe imfundiso kaMoya
kayiyikuba lenkazimulo enkulu na? 9 Nxa
imfundiso elahla abantu ilenkazimulo, pho
inkulu kangakanani inkazimulo yemfundiso
eletha ukulunga. 10 Ngoba okwakulenkazimulo
khathesi akuselayo inkazimulo kuqathaniswa
lenkazimulo enkulu. 11 Njalo nxa okwakufiphala
kwaletha inkazimulo, pho inkulu kangakanani
inkazimulo yalokho okungulaphakade! 12
Ngakho, njengoba silethemba elinje, silesibindi.
13 Thina kasinjengoMosi owamboza ubuso bakhe
ukuze abako-Israyeli bangabukhangeli lapho
inkazimulo yayisifiphala. 14 Kodwa ingqondo
zabo zathundubezwa, ngoba kuze kube lamhla
lesosembeso sisala sikhona lapho isivumelwano
esidala sibalwa. Kasisuswanga ngoba sisuswa
ngoKhristu kuphela. 15 Langalolosuku nxa
kubalwa umlayo kaMosi, isembeso sembesa
inhliziyo zabo. 16 Kodwa nxa umuntu
ephendukela eNkosini, “isembeso siyasuswa.”
17 INkosi inguMoya njalo lapho okuloMoya
weNkosi khona, kulokukhululeka. 18 Njalo
thina, sonke esibonakalisa inkazimulo yeNkosi
ngobuso obungembeswanga, siguqulelwa
ekufananeni layo ngenkazimulo ekhula
kokuphela, evela eNkosini, enguMoya.

4 Ngakho, njengoba ngomusa kaNkulunkulu
silale imfundiso, kasiphelelwa lithemba.

2 Kodwa-ke sizilahlile izindlela zangasese
lezilihlazo; kasisebenzisi buqili loba
ukuhlanekela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. Kodwa
ngokubeka iqiniso obala, sizinikela kunembeza
womuntu wonke phambi kukaNkulunkulu.
3 Lanxa ivangeli lethu lembesiwe, lembeswe
kulabo ababhubhayo. 4 Unkulunkulu
walesisikhathi usephumputhekise ingqondo
zabangakholwayo, ukuze bangakuboni
ukukhanya kwevangeli lenkazimulo kaKhristu,
ongumfanekiso kaNkulunkulu. (aiōn g165) 5
Ngoba kasizitshumayeli thina ngokwethu,
kodwa uJesu Khristu njengeNkosi, njalo
thina njengezinceku zenu ngenxa kaJesu.
6 Ngoba uNkulunkulu owathi, "Ukukhanya
kakube khona emnyameni," wenza ukukhanya
kwakhe kwakhanya ezinhliziyweni zethu
ukuba asiphe ukukhanya kokwazi inkazimulo
kaNkulunkulu ebusweni bukaJesu Khristu. 7
Kodwa inotho le silayo ezimbizeni zebumba
ukubonakalisa ukuthi amandla amakhulukazi
la avela kuNkulunkulu hatshi kithi. 8
Sincindezelwe kalukhuni enhlangothini
zonke kodwa kasifihlizeki; sididekile kodwa
kasilahlanga ithemba; 9 siyahlukuluzwa kodwa
kasidelwanga; sitshayelelwa phansi kodwa
kasibhujiswanga. 10 Sikuthwele njalonje
emzimbeni yethu ukufa kukaJesu, ukuze
ukuphila kukaJesu lakho kubonakaliswe
emizimbeni yethu. 11 Ngoba thina abaphilayo
sihlezi sinikelwa ekufeni ngenxa kaJesu, ukuze
ukuphila kwakhe kubonakaliswe emizimbeni
yethu efayo. 12 Ngakho ukufa kuyasebenza
kithi kodwa ukuphila kuyasebenza kini. 13
Kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Ngakholwa; ngakho
ngasengikhuluma." Ngalowomoya wokukholwa
lathi siyakholwa, yingakho siyakhuluma, 14
ngoba siyakwazi ukuthi lowo owavusa iNkosi
uJesu kwabafileyo lathi uzasivusa loJesu
asethule kanye lani phambi kwakhe. 15 Konke
lokhu ngokokusiza lina, ukuze kuthi umusa ofika
ebantwini abanengi ungenza ukubonga kwande
ukuze kudunyiswe uNkulunkulu. 16 Ngakho-
ke, kasililahli ithemba. Lanxa ngaphandle
sicikizeka kodwa ngaphakathi senziwa sibe
batsha insuku zonke. 17 Ngoba ukukhanya
kwethu lezinhlupheko zethu zesikhatshana
zisilethela inkazimulo elaphakade, enkulu
kulazo zonke. (aiōnios g166) 18 Ngakho amehlo ethu
kasiwakhangelisanga kokubonakalayo, kodwa
kokungabonakaliyo, ngoba okubonakalayo
kuyedlula, kodwa okungabonakaliyo kuyahlala
laphakade. (aiōnios g166)

5 Siyakwazi ukuthi nxa ithente lethu
lasemhlabeni lidilizwa, silesakhiwo esivela
kuNkulunkulu, indlu yaphakade ezulwini,
engakhiwanga ngezandla zabantu. (aiōnios
g166) 2 Okwakhathesi siyabubula, sifisa
ukwembeswa ngekhaya lethu lasezulwini, 3
ngoba nxa sesembesiwe kasiyikutholakala
sinqunu. 4 Ngoba nxa sisesekuleli ithente,
siyabubula njalo siyasindwa ngoba kasifisi
ukwembulwa kodwa ukwembeswa ngekhaya
lethu lasezulwini ukuze okufayo kuginywe
yikuphila. 5 UNkulunkulu nguye owasidala
ngenxa yale injongo njalo wasinika uMoya
njengesibambiso, eqinisa okuzayo. 6 Ngakho
sihlezi silethemba njalo siyakwazi ukuthi nxa
sisesekhaya emzimbeni, sikhatshana leNkosi. 7
Ngoba siphila ngokukholwa hatshi ngokubona.
8 Ngithi silethemba njalo ngingakhetha ukuba
khatshana lomzimba ngisekhaya kanye leNkosi.
9 Ngakho sikwenza kube yinjongo yethu
ukuyithokozisa, langabe sisekhaya emzimbeni
loba kude lawo. 10 Ngoba sonke kumele sime
phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela sikaKhristu
ukuze lowo lalowo amukele okumfaneleyo,
okwezinto azenzayo esemzimbeni, langabe
ngezinhle loba ezimbi. 11 Ngakho njengoba
sikwazi ukuthi ukwesaba iNkosi kuyini, siyazama
ukubancenga abantu. Lokhu thina esiyikho
kusobala kuNkulunkulu njalo ngithemba
kusobala lakuzazela zenu. 12 Kasizami ukuzibika
kini futhi kodwa silinika ithuba lokuba
lizigqaje ngathi, ukuze lenelise ukubaphendula
labo abazigqaja ngokubonakalayo endaweni
yalokho okusenhliziyweni. 13 Nxa sesiphambene
ingqondo, kungenxa yokwenzela kwethu
uNkulunkulu; nxa siphelele engqondweni,
senzela lina. 14 Ngoba uthando lukaKhristu
luyasifuqa, ngoba siyakholwa ukuba oyedwa
wafela bonke, ngakho bonke bafa. 15
Wafela abantu bonke ukuze abaphilayo

bangaziphileli bona ngokwabo kodwa lowo
owabafelayo wavuswa njalo. 16 Ngakho-ke,
kusukela khathesi kusiya phambili kasikhangeli
muntu ngengqondo yasemhlabeni. Lanxa
sake sakhangela uKhristu ngale indlela,
kasisakwenzi. 17 Ngakho-ke, nxa umuntu
ekuKhristu, uyisidalwa esitsha; okudala
akusekho, sekufike okutsha. 18 Konke lokhu
kuvela kuNkulunkulu owasibuyisela kuye
ngoKhristu wasinika imfundiso yokubuyisana:
19 ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayebuyisa umhlaba
kuye ngoKhristu, abantu engababaleli izono
zabo. Njalo usesinike ilizwi lokubuyisana.
20 Ngokunjalo, singabameli bakaKhristu,
ngokungathi uNkulunkulu wenza isikhalazo
sakhe ngathi. Siyalincenga simele uKhristu
sithi: Buyisanani loNkulunkulu. 21 UNkulunkulu
wamenza waba yisono owayengelasono ngenxa
yethu ukuze kuthi kuye sibe yikulunga
kukaNkulunkulu.

6 Njengezisebenzi zikaNkulunkulu
siyalincenga ukuba lingamukeli umusa
kaNkulunkulu ngeze. 2 Ngoba uthi: "Ngesikhathi
esifaneleyo kimi ngalizwa, langosuku
lokusindiswa ngalisiza." Zwanini, khathesi
sekuyisikhathi esifaneleyo, khathesi lusuku
lokusindiswa. 3 Kasibeki zikhubekiso endleleni
yomuntu ukuze imfundiso yethu ingasolwa.
4 Kodwa, njengezinceku zikaNkulunkulu
sizethula ngazozonke izindlela: ngokubekezela
okukhulu; ekuhluphekeni, ebunzimeni kanye
lasezinsizini; 5 ekutshayweni, ekuvalelweni
entolongweni laseziphithiphithini; ukusebenza
nzima, ukungalali ebusuku kanye lendlala;
6 ukuhlambuluka, ukuqedisisa, ukubekezela
kanye lomusa, ngoMoya oNgcwele langothando
oluqotho, 7 ngokukhuluma iqiniso langamandla
kaNkulunkulu; ngezikhali zokulunga esandleni
sokudla lesenxele; 8 ngodumo langehlazo,
ukukhulunyelwa kubi lokukhulunyelwa
kuhle; siqotho, kodwa sikhangelwa
njengabakhohlisi; 9 siyaziwa kodwa sikhangelwa
njengabangaziwayo, abafayo, kodwa siqhubeka
siphila; siyatshaywa kodwa kasibulawa, 10
sisosizini kodwa sihlezi sijabula; simpofu
kodwa sinothisa abanengi; kasilalutho kodwa
silezinto zonke. 11 Sikhulume kini sikhululekile,
maKhorinte, sazivula ngokupheleleyo inhliziyo
zethu kini. 12 Kasilugodli uthando lwethu
kini kodwa lina liyalugodla olwenu kithi. 13
Okungaba yikuphana okuhle, ngikhuluma
njengasebantwaneni bami, lani zivuleni
ngokupheleleyo inhliziyo zenu kithi. 14
Lingahlanganyeli labangakholwayo. Ngoba
ukulunga lobubi kulokuhambelana bani
na? Loba yibudlelwano bani obungaba
khona phakathi kokukhanya lobumnyama
na? 15 Yikuzwana bani okukhona phakathi
kukaKhristu loBheliyali na? Yikuhambelana
bani okholwayo alakho longakholwayo na?
16 Yisivumelwano bani esikhona phakathi
kwethempeli likaNkulunkulu lezithombe na?
Ngoba thina silithempeli likaNkulunkulu
ophilayo. Njengoba uNkulunkulu wathi:
"Ngizahlala labo ngihambe phakathi kwabo
njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo bona
babengabantu bami." 17 Ngakho, "phumani
kubo lehlukane labo, kutsho iNkosi. Lingathinti
lutho olungcolileyo, mina ngizalemukela." 18
Njalo, "mina, ngizakuba nguYihlo, lina lizakuba
ngamadodana lamadodakazi ami, kutsho iNkosi
uSomandla."

7 Njengoba silezithembiso lezi, bazalwane
abathandekayo, kasizihlambululeni
ezintweni zonke ezingcolisa umzimba
lomoya, siphelelise ubungcwele ngokwesaba
uNkulunkulu. 2 Sivuleleni inhliziyo zenu.
Kasonelanga muntu, kasixhwalisanga muntu,
kasenzanga nzuzo ngomuntu. 3 Kangitsho
lokhu ukuba ngililahle; ngitshilo ngaphambilini
ukuthi likhona ezinhliziyweni zethu okungenza
siphile kumbe sife lani. 4 Ngilethemba
elikhulu ngani; ngiyazigqaja kakhulu ngani.
Ngiduduzekile kakhulu; kuzozonke inhlupho
zethu intokozo yami kayilamikhawulo. 5 Ngoba
ekufikeni kwethu eMasedoniya, umzimba wethu
lo wawungelakuphumula kodwa sasikhathazwa
ezindaweni zonke, ingxabano ngaphandle,
lokwesaba ngaphakathi. 6 Kodwa uNkulunkulu
oduduza abadanileyo wasiduduza ngokufika
kukaThithu, 7 kungayisikho ngokufika
kwakhe nje kuphela kodwa langokumduduza

kwenu. Wasitshela ngokungikhumbula kwenu,
usizi lwenu olukhulu, lokutshiseka kwenu
likhathazeka ngami, ukuthokoza kwami kwaze
kwaba kukhulu kakhulu. 8 Lanxa ngalibangela
usizi ngencwadi yami, angizisoli ngayo. Lanxa
ngazisola ngayo, ngiyabona ukuba incwadi
yami yalikhuba, kodwa okwesikhatshana
nje, 9 ikanti khathesi ngiyathokoza, hatshi
ngoba ladaniswa kodwa ngoba usizi lwenu
lwalenza laphenduka. Ngoba laba lusizi
njengokujonga kukaNkulunkulu njalo thina
kasizange sililimaze langayiphi indlela. 10 Usizi
lokwesaba uNkulunkulu luletha ukuphenduka
okuholela ekusindisweni kungatshiyi nsolo,
kodwa usizi lwasemhlabeni luletha ukufa. 11
Khangelani ukuba usizi lokwesaba uNkulunkulu
lolu selufezeni kini: ukutshisekela okungaka,
lokufisa okungaka ukuba lizigeze, lentukuthelo
engaka, lokwethuka okungaka ekuboneni
ukulunga kusenziwa. Kukho konke libonakalise
ukuthi lina limsulwa kule indaba. 12
Ngakho lanxa ngalilobela, ngangingajonganga
owonayo loba lowo owonelwayo kodwa
ukuba phambi kukaNkulunkulu lizibonele
ngokwenu ukuthi lizimisele kangakanani
kithi. 13 Konke lokhu thina kuyasikhuthaza.
Phezu kokukhuthazwa kwethu, sijabuliswa
ikakhulu yikubona uThithu ethokoza ngoba
lonke lasiza ngokwenza ukuthi umoya wakhe
ube lokuthula. 14 Ngangizincomile kuye ngani
njalo kalingiyangisanga. Kodwa njengoba
konke esakutshoyo kini kwakuliqiniso, ngakho
ukuzincoma kwethu kuThithu ngani lakho
kubonakale kuliqiniso. 15 Njalo ukulithanda
kwakhe kukhulu kakhulu lapho ekhumbula
ukuthi lonke lalilalela, limamukela ngokwesaba
langokuthuthumela. 16 Ngiyathokoza ngoba
ngilethemba elipheleleyo ngani.

8 Bazalwane, sithanda ukuba lazi ngomusa
uNkulunkulu awunike amabandla
aseMasedoniya. 2 Ekulingweni kwawo okunzima
kakhulu lokuthokoza kwawo okukhulu kanye
lobuyanga bawo bokucina kugcwele ukuphana
okumangalisayo. 3 Ngoba ngiyafakaza ukuthi
anikela okunengi njengayengakwanelisa,
kanye lokudlula amandla awo. Bona
ngokwabo, 4 basincenga ngokuphangisa
ukuba babe lethuba lokuhlanganyela
kulokhukusebenzela abantu beNkosi. 5
Kabenzanga njengesasikulindele kodwa
bazinikela eNkosini kuqala, muva bazinikela
kithi kuvumelana lentando kaNkulunkulu.
6 Ngakho-ke, samncenga uThithu, njengoba
wayeseqalisile ngaphambilini, ukuba lawo
awuqede umsebenzi womusa lo kini. 7
Kodwa njengoba lisenza kuhle ezintweni
zonke, ekukholweni, ekukhulumeni, ekwazini,
ekuzimiseleni okupheleleyo kanye lakukho
ukusithanda kwenu, bonani ukuthi liyaqhubeka
futhi kulumusa wokuphana. 8 Angilibekeli
mlayo kodwa ngifuna ukuhlola ubuqotho
bothando lwenu ngokuluqathanisa lokuzimisela
kwabanye. 9 Ngoba liyawazi umusa weNkosi
yethu uJesu Khristu ukuthi lanxa wayenothile
kodwa waba ngumyanga ngenxa yenu, ukuze
kuthi ngobuyanga bakhe lina linothe. 10
Njalo nansi iseluleko sami mayelana lalokho
okuhle kakhulu kini kule indaba: Nyakenye
libe ngabokuqala kungayisikho ekupheni nje
kuphela kodwa lekubeni lesifiso sokwenza
njalo. 11 Khathesi-ke uqediseni umsebenzi
ukuze ukutshiseka kokufuna kwenu ukwenza
kungalingana lokuwuqeda kwenu, kusiya
ngalokho elilakho. 12 Ngoba nxa isifiso sikhona,
isipho siyamukeleka kusiya ngalokho umuntu
alakho hatshi ngalokho angelakho. 13 Isifiso
sethu akusikuthi abanye bakhululwe lina lilokhu
lincindezelekile kodwa ukuba kube lokulingana.
14 Ngenala yenu yalesisikhathi lizabanika
abakuswelayo, ukuze kuthi labo ngenala yabo
baliphe elikuswelayo. Lapho-ke kuzakuba
lokulingana, 15 njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
“Lowo owabutha okunengi kabanga lokunengi
kakhulu, lalowo owabutha okulutshwana
kabanga lokulutshwana kakhulu.” 16 Kabongwe
uNkulunkulu owabeka enhliziyweni kaThithu
ukukhathazeka kunye engilakho ngani. 17
Ngoba uThithu kamukelanga isicelo sethu
nje kuphela kodwa uyeza kini ngokutshiseka
okukhulu njalo ngokuzithuma kwakhe.
18 Njalo kanye laye sithuma umzalwane
obatshazwa ngamabandla wonke ngenxa
yomsebenzi wakhe wokutshumayela ivangeli.

19 Phezu kwalokho, wakhethwa ngamabandla
ukuba asiphelekezele sithwele umnikelo
esiwuphetheyo ukuze sidumise iNkosi uqobo
lokuba sibonakalise ukutshisekela kwethu
ukusiza. 20 Sifuna ukuxwaya insolo ngendlela
esiphatha ngayo lesisipho sokuphana. 21 Ngoba
siyalwisa kakhulu ukuba senze okulungileyo,
kungasikho emehlweni eNkosi kuphela, kodwa
lasemehlweni abantu. 22 Phezu kwalokho,
sithuma kanye labo umzalwane wethu ohlezi
ebonakalisa kithi ngezindlela ezinengi ukuthi
ukhuthele, ikakhulu khathesi ngenxa yethemba
lakhe elikhulu kini. 23 UThithu yena-ke
ungohlanganyela lami loyisisebenzi kanye
lami phakathi kwenu; abazalwane bethu
bona-ke bangabameli bamabandla lodumo
kuKhristu. 24 Ngakho-ke, tshengisani abantu
laba ubufakazi bothando lwenu kanye lesisusa
sokuzigqaja kwethu ngani, ukuze amabandla
wonke alubone.

9 Akudingeki ukuba ngililobele mayelana
lalokhukusebenzela abantu beNkosi. 2
Ngoba ngiyakwazi ukutshisekela kwenu
ukuba lisize njalo kade ngizincoma ngakho
kwabaseMasedoniya, ngibatshela ukuthi
kusukela nyakenye lina e-Akhayiya belizimisele
ukunikela; njalo ukutshiseka kwenu kukhuthaze
inengi labo ukuba baphathise. 3 Kodwa
ngithuma abazalwane ukuze ukuzincoma
kwethu ngani ngale indaba kungabi yize
kodwa ukuba libe ngabalungiseleleyo, njengoba
ngatsho ukuthi lizakuba lilungiselele. 4 Ngoba
nxa abanye baseMasedoniya besiza lami,
bengathola lingalungiselanga, singayangeka
ngokulethemba ebesilakho. 5 Ngakho
ngibone kufanele ukukhuthaza abazalwane
ukuba balethekelele mandulo baqedise
amalungiselelo esipho esihle elasithembisa
sona. Ngalesosikhathi sizakuba sesilungile
njengesipho esihle hatshi esinikelwe ngomona.
6 Khumbulani lokhu: Lowo ohlanyela okunengi
uvuna okunengi. 7 Umuntu ngamunye
kanike lokho amise ukukunikela enhliziyweni
yakhe, kungabi ngokudonda loba ukubanjwa
ngamandla ngoba uNkulunkulu uthanda
onikela ngokuthokoza. 8 Njalo uNkulunkulu
ulamandla okwenza umusa wande kini
ukuze kuthi ezintweni zonke ngezikhathi
zonke, lilakho konke elikuswelayo, lizakuba
lokunengi kuyo yonke imisebenzi emihle.
9 Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Uchithele
izipho zakhe kubayanga ezindaweni zonke;
ukulunga kwakhe kumi laphakade.” (aiōn
g165) 10 Lowo onika umhlanyeli inhlanyelo
lesinkwa sokudla uzanika njalo aqhelise
isiphala senu senhlanyelo, andise lesivuno
sokulunga kwenu. 11 Lizanothiswa ngezindlela
zonke ukuze liphane ngezikhathi zonke, kuthi
ngathi ukupha kwenu kulethe ukubongwa
kukaNkulunkulu. 12 Umsebenzi lo eliwenzayo
kawuqedi zinswelo zabantu bakaNkulunkulu
kuphela kodwa ugcwele amazwi amanengi
okubonga uNkulunkulu. 13 Ngenxa yomsebenzi
eselizibonakalise ngawo, abantu bazamdumisa
uNkulunkulu ngenxa yokulalela lokuvuma
kwenu ivangeli likaKhristu, kanye lomusa
wenu ekwabelananeni labo kanye labanye
futhi. 14 Ekulikhulekeleni kwabo, inhliziyo zabo
zizakuba kini ngenxa yomusa ongelamkhawulo
uNkulunkulu alinike wona. 15 Kabongwe
uNkulunkulu ngenxa yesipho esingeke
sichazwe.

10 Ngenxa yokuthobeka lobumnene
bukaKhristu ngiyalincenga, mina Phawuli
“owethukayo” nxa ngilani ubuso ngobuso
kodwa ngilesibindi nxa ngikude! 2 Ngiyalicela
ukuthi ekufikeni kwami kungaze kwadingeka
ukuba ngize ngibe lesibindi njengalokhu
engikhangelele ukuba laso mayelana
labanye abantu abacabanga ukuthi siphila
ngokwezilinganiso zomhlaba lo. 3 Ngoba lanxa
sihlala emhlabeni, kasilwi mpi njengokwenziwa
ngumhlaba. 4 Izikhali esilwa ngazo akusizo
zikhali zasemhlabeni. Kodwa zilamandla
kaNkulunkulu okudiliza izinqaba. 5 Sichitha
inkani lokuzazisa konke okuzibekayo kumelane
lokwazi uNkulunkulu njalo siyayithumba yonke
imicabango ukuba siyenze ibe ngemlalelayo
uKhristu. 6 Njalo sizakuba silungele ukujezisa
zonke izenzo zokungalaleli nxa ukulalela
kwenu kungaphelela. 7 Lina likhangela kuphela
lokho okubonakalayo. Nxa umuntu ekholwa

ukuthi ungokaKhristu, kakhumbule njalo
ukuthi lathi singabakaKhristu njengaye. 8
Ngoba lanxa ngizincoma kancane ngamandla
iNkosi eyasinika wona ukuba lakhiwe kulokuba
lichithwe, angiyikuyangeka ngakho. 9
Kangifuni ukuba kube sengathi ngiyalethusela
ngezincwadi zami. 10 Ngoba abanye bathi,
"Izincwadi zakhe zilesisindo lomfutho kodwa
yena uqobo uyeyiseka lakukhulumayo
kufana leze." 11 Abantu abanjalo kumele
bakwazi ukuthi lokho okukhanya siyikho
ezincwadini zethu nxa singekho, sizakuba
yikho kanye ngezenzo zethu nxa sesikhona. 12
Kasenelisi ukuzilinganisa loba ukuziqathanisa
labanye abazibabazayo. Nxa bezilinganisa
bona ngokwabo babuye baziqathanise bona
ngokwabo, kabahlakaniphanga. 13 Kodwa
thina kasizincomi kudlule imikhawulo
efaneleyo. Kodwa ukuzincoma kwethu
sikukhawulisa ebangeni uNkulunkulu asibekele
lona, ibanga elifikayo lakini. 14 Kasedlulisi
malawulo ekuzincomeni kwethu, njengokuba
kungenzakala lapho kungabe kasizanga kini,
ngoba safinyelela ukuzafika kini levangeli
likaKhristu. 15 Njalo kasedluli mikhawulo
yethu ngokuzincoma ngomsebenzi owenziwe
ngabanye. Ithemba lethu yikuthi lapho
ukukholwa kwenu kuqhubeka kukhula, indawo
yethu yokusebenza phakathi kwenu izaqhela
kakhulu, 16 sitshumayele ivangeli ezigabeni
ezingale kwenu. Ngoba kasifuni kuzincoma
ngomsebenzi ovele usuyenziwe endaweni
yomunye umuntu. 17 Kodwa, "Lowo ozincomayo
kazincome eNkosini." 18 Ngoba akusimuntu
ozibabazayo onguye ovunywayo, kodwa umuntu
onconywa yiNkosi.

11 Ngithemba lizabekezelela okuncane
kobuthutha bami; kodwa livele selikwenza
lokho. 2 Mina ngilobukhwele ngani
ngobukhwele bokukholwa. Ngathembisa
ukulendisela endodeni eyodwa, uKhristu,
ukuze ngilethule kuyo liyintombi egcweleyo.
3 Kodwa ngiyesaba ukuthi njengo-Eva
owakhohliswa yibuqili benyoka, ingqondo
zenu zingaphanjulwa kancane ekuzinikeleni
kwenu kuKhristu okuqotho lokungelasici. 4
Ngoba nxa umuntu angafika kini atshumayele
uJesu ongasuye esamtshumayelayo thina,
loba nxa lisamukela umoya ohlukene lalowo
elawamukelayo, loba ivangeli elehlukileyo
kulelo elalivumayo, likubekezelele lula kakhulu.
5 Kodwa kangicabangi ukuthi ngiyeyiseka
okokucina kulabo "bapostoli abaphezulu."
6 Ngingaba yisikhulumi esingafundiswanga
kodwa ulwazi ngilalo. Lokhu sesikwenze
kwacaca ngokupheleleyo kini ngezindlela zonke.
7 Kambe kwakuyisono yini ukuba ngizehlise
ukuze ngiliphakamise ngokutshumayela
ivangeli likaNkulunkulu kungekho mbadalo na?
8 Ngaphanga amanye amabandla ngokwamukela
usizo kuwo ukuze ngilisebenzele. 9 Njalo
lalapho ngikini kulolutho engangilufuna,
kangibanga ngumthwalo lakubani ngoba
abazalwane ababesuka eMasedoniya bangipha
engangikuswela. Ngizithibile ekubeni
ngumthwalo kini langayiphi indlela njalo
ngizaqhubeka ngisenza njalo. 10 Ngeqiniso
elinjengoba iqiniso likaKhristu likhona kimi,
akulamuntu ezigabeni zase-Akhayiya ozangalisa
ukuzincoma kwami lokhu. 11 Kungani
na? Ngoba angilithandi na? UNkulunkulu
uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyalithanda! 12 Njalo
ngizaqhubeka ngisenza lokhu engikwenzayo
ukuze amacebo alabo abafuna ithuba lokuba
bakhangelwe njengabalingana lathi ezintweni
abazincoma ngazo abe liphutha. 13 Ngoba
abantu abanjalo bangabapostoli bamanga,
izisebenzi ezikhohlisayo, ezizenza abapostoli
bakaKhristu. 14 Akumangalisi ngoba loSathane
uqobo uzenza ingilosi yokukhanya. 15 Ngakho
akumangalisi nxa izinceku zakhe zizenza
izinceku zokulunga. Isiphetho sazo sizakuba
ngokufanele izenzo zazo. 16 Ngiyaphinda ngithi:
Akungabi lamuntu ongithatha njengesithutha.
Kodwa nxa lisenza njalo, ngamukelani
ngendlela elingamukela ngayo isithutha
ukuze ngizincome kancane. 17 Ngalokhu
kuzincoma kwami ngesibindi, angikhulumi
njengeNkosi kodwa njengesithutha. 18
Njengoba abanengi bezincoma ngendlela
eyenziwa ngumhlaba, lami-ke ngizazincoma.
19 Labekezelela izithutha ngentokozo ngoba
lihlakaniphe kangaka! 20 Ngeqiniso, lina

libekezelela loba ngubani oligqilazayo
loba ethola inzuzo ngani loba ezisiza
ngani loba ezikhukhumeza loba elimakala
ngempama ebusweni. 21 Ngivuma ngilenhloni
ukuthi thina sasibuthakathaka kakhulu
kulokho! Lokho omunye umuntu angaba
lesibindi sokuzincoma ngakho, ngikhuluma
njengesithutha, lami ngilesibindi sokuzincoma
ngakho. 22 BangamaHebheru na? Lami
nginguye. Bangama-Israyeli na? Lami nginguye.
Bayinzalo ka-Abhrahama na? Lami ngiyiyo. 23
Bazinceku zikaKhristu na? (Sengiphambene
ingqondo ukuba ngikhulume kanje.) Mina
ngedlula lokho. Sengisebenze nzima, ngibe
sentolongweni kanengi, ngabhaxabulwa
kakhulukazi, ngabekwa engozini yokufa
njalonjalo. 24 Kahlanu ngatshaywa ngamaJuda
imvimvinya ezingamatshumi amathathu
lesificamunwemunye. 25 Kathathu ngatshaywa
ngemiqwayi, kanye ngatshaywa ngamatshe,
ngafelwa ngumkhumbi kathathu, ngachitha
ubusuku losuku ngindenda olwandle, 26
kade ngihlezi ngingohambayo njalonje.
Ngike ngaba sezingozini zemifula, ezingozini
zezigebenga, ezingozini zabantu bakithi,
ezingozini zabeZizweni, ezingozini edolobheni,
ezingozini emaphandleni, ezingozini elwandle;
lasezingozini zabazalwane bamanga. 27
Ngasebenza nzima, ngatshikatshika njalo
kanengi ngingalali; ngezwa indlala lokoma,
ngaswela lokudla kanengi; ngagodola njalo
ngahamba nqunu. 28 Langaphandle kwezinye
zonke izinto; ngibhekane lokuncindezelwa
yikukhathazeka kwami ngamabandla wonke. 29
Ngubani obuthakathaka, mina ngingabuzwa
lobo buthakathaka na? Ngubani oholelwa
esonweni, ngingatshi ngaphakathi kwami
na? 30 Nxa kumele ngizincome, ngizazincoma
ngezinto ezibonakalisa ubuthakathaka
bami. 31 UNkulunkulu uYise weNkosi uJesu,
ozadunyiswa okungulaphakade, uyakwazi
ukuthi kangiqambi manga. (aiōn g165) 32
EDamaseko umbusi ongaphansi kweNkosi u-
Aretha walaya ukuba idolobho laseDamaseko
lilindwe ukuze ngibotshwe. 33 Kodwa ngehliswa
ngesilulu ewindini elalisemdulini, ngaphunyuka
ezandleni zakhe.

12 Kumele ngiqhubeke ngizincoma.
Lanxa kungelalutho oluzuzwayo, mina
ngizaqhubeka ngemibono langezambulo
ezivela eNkosini. 2 Mina ngazi umuntu
okuKhristu okwathi ngeminyaka elitshumi
lane eyedlulayo wathathwa wasiwa ezulwini
lesithathu. Langabe kwakuphakathi komzimba
loba ngaphandle komzimba kangikwazi,
kwazi uNkulunkulu. 3 Mina ngazi ukuthi
umuntu lo loba phakathi komzimba kumbe
ngaphandle komzimba, kangikwazi, kodwa
uNkulunkulu uyazi, 4 wahlwithwa wasiwa
ePharadise. Wezwa izinto ezingakhulumekiyo,
izinto umuntu angavunyelwa ukuzitsho.
5 Ngazincoma ngomuntu onjalo, kodwa
mina angiyikuzincoma, ngaphandle
kwangobuthakathaka bami. 6 Lanxa
ngingakhetha ukuzincoma, ngiyabe
ngingesisithutha ngoba ngiyabe ngikhuluma
iqiniso. Kodwa ngiyazibamba ukuze
kungabikhona ozacabanga okunengi
ngami kulalokho okufanele engikwenzayo
loba engikutshoyo. 7 Ukuze ngenqabele
ukuzikhukhumeza ngenxa yalezizambulo
ezinkulu kakhulukazi, ngahlatshwa ngameva
emzimbeni wami, ayisithunywa sikaSathane,
ukuba angihluphe. 8 Ngalabhela eNkosini
kathathu ukuba iwasuse kimi. 9 Kodwa yathi
kimi, “Umusa wami ukwanele ngoba amandla
ami apheleliswa ebuthakathakeni.” Ngakho
ngizazincoma kakhulu-ke ngokuthokoza
ngobuthakathaka bami, ukuze amandla
kaKhristu ahlale phezu kwami. 10 Yikho-nje,
ngenxa kaKhristu, ngithokozela ubuthakathaka,
izithuko, inhlupho, ukuhlukuluzwa
lokukhathazeka. Ngoba nxa ngibuthakathaka,
kulapho-ke ngilamandla. 11 Sengenze
ubuthutha, kodwa yini elingingenise kubo. Kade
kufanele nginconywe yini ngoba kangiphansi
okokucina “kubapostoli abaphezulu,” lanxa
nje ngingasilutho. 12 Izinto eziphawula
umpostoli zigoqela izibonakaliso, izimanga
kanye lezimangaliso ezenziwa phakathi
kwenu ngokubekezela okukhulu. 13 Laliphansi
okunjani kulamanye amabandla, ngaphandle
kokuthi angizange ngibe ngumthwalo
kini. Ngithethelelani kulokhu! 14 Khathesi

sengilungele ukuba ngilethekelele okwesithathu
njalo angiyikuba ngumthwalo kini ngoba
engikufunayo akusimpahla yenu kodwa
lina. Ikanti belo abantwana akumelanga
banakekele abazali babo kodwa abazali
yibo okumele banakekele abantwababo. 15
Ngakho ngizathokozela kakhulu ukuchitha
konke engilakho ngenxa yenu lami futhi
ngizinikele. Ngingalithanda kakhulu, lina
lizangithanda kancane na? 16 Loba kunjalo,
mina angibanga ngumthwalo kini. Kodwa mina
njengomuntu ohlakaniphileyo, ngalibamba
ngobuqili! 17 Ngaliqilibezela yini ngomunye
wabantu engabathuma kini na? 18 Ngacela
uThithu ukuba eze kini njalo ngathuma
lomzalwane wethu kunye laye. UThithu kazange
aliqilibezele, waliqilibezela na? Kasisebenzanga
ngamoya munye salandela indlela yinye na?
19 Isikhathi sonke lesi kade licabanga ukuthi
besizivikela kini na? Kade sikhuluma phambi
kukaNkulunkulu njengabakuKhristu; njalo
konke esikwenzayo, bazalwane abathandekayo,
ngokokuliqinisa. 20 Ngoba ngiyesaba ukuthi
ekufikeni kwami angiyikulifica liyilokho
engifuna libe yikho, mhlawumbe lani
lingangifumani ngiyilokho elifuna ngibe
yikho. Ngiyesaba ukuthi kungaba khona
ukuxabana, umona, ukuthukuthela, imibango,
isinyeyo, ukuhleba, ukuzikhukhumeza kanye
lokuphithizela. 21 Ngiyesaba ukuthi ekufikeni
kwami futhi uNkulunkulu wami uzangithoba
phambi kwenu njalo ngizakuba lusizi
ngabanengi abenze izono ngaphambilini njalo
bengaphendukanga kulokho kungcola, isono
sokufeba kanye lamanyala abangena kuwo.

13 Ukuza kwami kini lokhu kuzakuba
ngokwesithathu. “Izindaba zonke
kumele ziqiniswe yibufakazi babantu ababili
loba abathathu.” 2 Ngavela ngalixwayisa
lapho ngilani okwesibili. Ngiyakuphinda
njalo ngingekho: Ekubuyeni kwami futhi
angiyikubayekela labo abenza izono
ngaphambilini loba nguphi wabanye, 3 njengoba
lifuna ubufakazi bokuthi uKhristu ukhuluma
ngami. Yena kabuthakathaka ekuliphatheni
kwakhe kodwa ulamandla phakathi kwenu. 4
Ngoba ngeqiniso, wabethelwa ebuthakathakeni,
ikanti uyaphila ngamandla kaNkulunkulu.
Ngokufanayo, sibuthakathaka kuye, ikanti
ngamandla kaNkulunkulu sizaphila laye ukuba
silisebenzele. 5 Zihloleni ukuba libone ingabe
lisekukholweni, zihloleni. Kaliboni yini ukuthi
uKhristu uJesu uphakathi kwenu, ngaphandle
nje kokuba lehluleke ekuhlolweni? 6 Ngithemba
ukuba lizafumana ukuthi thina kasisibo
abehlulekileyo ekuhlolweni. 7 Siyakhuleka
kuNkulunkulu ukuba lingenzi lutho olubi.
Kungayisikho ukuba abantu babone ukuthi
sifanele kodwa ukuba lina lenze okulungileyo
lanxa singakhanya singabehlulekileyo. 8 Ngoba
asingeke senze lutho oluphambene leqiniso
kodwa olweqiniso kuphela. 9 Siyathokoza
lapho singabe sibuthakathaka kodwa lina
liqinile njalo umkhuleko wethu ngowokuba
lipheleliswe. 10 Yikho-nje ngiloba izinto
lezi ngingekho ukuze kuthi ekufikeni kwami
ngingabi lukhuni ekusebenziseni kwami
amandla, amandla okulakha engiwaphiwe
yiNkosi hatshi ukulidiliza. 11 Okokucina,
bazalwane, salani kuhle. Funani ukuphelela,
lilalele isicelo sami, libe ngqondo yinye, lihlale
ngokuthula. UNkulunkulu wothando lokuthula
uzakuba lani. 12 Bingelelanani ngokwangana
okungcwele. 13 Abantu bakaNkulunkulu bonke
bayalibingelela. 14 Sengathi umusa weNkosi
uJesu Khristu, uthando lukaNkulunkulu
lokuhlanganyela kukaMoya oNgcwele kungaba
lani lonke.

KwabaseGalathiya

1 UPhawuli umpostoli ongathunywanga evela
ebantwini loba ngumuntu, kodwa nguJesu
Khristu loNkulunkulu uBaba, owamvusayo
kwabafileyo, 2 labo bonke abazalwane abalami.
Emabandleni aseGalathiya: 3 Umusa lokuthula
akube kini kuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu
leNkosini uJesu Khristu, 4 owazinikela ngenxa
yezono zethu ukuthi asihlenge kulesisikhathi
esibi, ngenxa yentando kaNkulunkulu uBaba
wethu, (aiōn g165) 5 udumo kalube kuye
kuze kube laphakade. Ameni. (aiōn g165) 6
Ngiyamangala ukuthi limdela masinya kangaka
lowo owalibiza ngomusa kaKhristu njalo
liphendukela evangelini elehlukileyo, 7
elingasivangeli langempela ngitsho. Kusobala
abanye abantu bayaliphambanisa njalo
bazama ukungcolisa ivangeli likaKhristu.
8 Kodwa lanxa thina loba ingilosi evela
ezulwini ingatshumayela elinye ivangeli
ngaphandle kwalelo esalitshumayela kini,
kasilahlwe kuze kube nini lanini! 9 Njengoba
sesivele sitshilo, lakhathesi ngiyatsho futhi
ngithi: Lanxa kungaba ngubani otshumayela
kini elinye ivangeli ngaphandle kwalelo
elalamukelayo, kaqalekiswe nguNkulunkulu!
10 Kambe sengizama ukuzuza ukwamukelwa
ngabantu loba nguNkulunkulu na? Kumbe njalo
ngizama ukuthokozisa abantu na? Aluba lokhe
ngizama ukuthokozisa abantu, bengingayikuba
yinceku kaKhristu. 11 Ngithanda ukuthi lazi
bazalwane, ukuthi ivangeli engalitshumayelayo
kaliveli ebantwini. 12 Kangilamukelanga
emuntwini njalo kangilifundiswanga; kodwa
ngalamukela ngokwambulelwa nguJesu Khristu.
13 Selizwile ngokuhamba kwami kwakuqala
enkolweni yesiJuda, ukuthi ngalihlukuluza
ngaliphatha ngochuku ibandla likaNkulunkulu
njalo ngazama lokulichitha. 14 Ngangisiya
phambili ngokholo lwesiJuda ukwedlula
amaJuda amanengi ayintanga yami njalo
ngangitshisekela imikhuba yabokhokho bami
kakhulu. 15 Kodwa kwathi uNkulunkulu
owangiphawula ngisesesiswini sikamama
engibiza ngomusa wakhe, wathokoza 16
ukuthi aveze iNdodana yakhe kimi, ukuze
ngitshumayele phakathi kwabeZizwe,
kangibuzanga muntu. 17 Angizange ngiye
eJerusalema ukuyabona labo ababengabapostoli
ngingakabi nguye, kodwa ngahle ngaya
e-Arabhiya. Emva kwalokho ngabuyela
eDamaseko. 18 Emva kweminyaka emithathu,
ngaya eJerusalema ukuze ngijayelane loKhefasi,
ngahlala laye insuku ezilitshumi lanhlanu. 19
Kangibonanga lamunye wabanye abapostoli
ngaphandle kukaJakhobe umfowabo weNkosi
kuphela. 20 Ngikugcizelela kini lokhu phambi
kukaNkulunkulu ukuthi lokhu engililobela
khona akusimanga. 21 Ngasengisuka ngaya e-
Asiriya kanye laseSilisiya. 22 Mina ngokwami
ngangingaziwa emabandleni aseJudiya
akuKhristu. 23 Ayesizwa umbiko nje kuphela
usithi: “Umuntu owayesihlukuluza kuqala
khathesi usetshumayela ukholo ake wazama
ukuluchitha.” 24 Amdumisa uNkulunkulu
ngenxa yami.

2 Emva kweminyaka elitshumi lane
ngaya eJerusalema futhi, ngalesisikhathi
ngangiloBhanabhasi. Ngathatha loThithu futhi.
2 Ngaya khona njengokwambulelwa ngethula
phambi kwabo ivangeli engilitshumayela
kwabeZizweni. Kodwa lokhu ngakwenza
ngasese kulabo ababekhanya bengabakhokheli.
Ngangifuna ukuba lesiqiniseko sokuthi
angigijimeli ize. 3 Ikanti loThithu owayelami
kazange abanjwe ngamandla ukuba asoke lanxa
wayengumGrikhi. 4 Indaba le yavela ngoba
abanye abazalwane bamanga basebengene
phakathi kwethu ukuba bahlole ukukhululeka
esilakho kuKhristu uJesu ukuze basenze
izigqili. 5 Kasibavumelanga lakancane ukuze
iqiniso levangeli lihlale likhona kini. 6 Labo
ababeqakathekiswa, loba beyilokho ababeyikho
khona akwenzi mahluko kimi; uNkulunkulu
kahluleli ngokubonakala ngaphandle,
labobantu kabengezanga lutho elizwini
lami. 7 Esikhundleni salokho babona ukuthi
ngangiphiwe umsebenzi wokutshumayela
ivangeli kwabeZizweni njengoPhethro
owaphiwa umsebenzi wokutshumayela ivangeli
kwabasokiweyo. 8 Ngoba uNkulunkulu,

owayesebenza kuPhethro njengompostoli
kwabasokiweyo, wayesebenza kimi futhi
ekutshumayeleni kwami njengompostoli
kwabeZizweni. 9 UJakhobe, loKhefasi kanye
loJohane, abadume njengensika, banika mina
loBhanabhasi ilungelo lokuhlanganyela labo
lapho sebebone umusa engawuphiwayo.
Bavuma ukuthi siye kwabeZizweni, bona
baye kwabasokiweyo. 10 Abakucelayo
kuphela nje yikuthi siqhubeke sikhumbula
abayanga, yona kanye into engangitshisekela
ukuyenza. 11 Ekufikeni kukaKhefasi e-
Antiyokhi ngamphikisa sikhangelene ngoba
wayesoleka. 12 Ngaphambilini kwafika abantu
abathile bevela kuJakhobe owayevame ukudla
labeZizweni. Kodwa sebefikile waqalisa
ukuhlehlela emuva, wazehlukanisa labeZizweni
ngoba wayesesaba ababengabeqembu lokusoka.
13 Amanye amaJuda lawo ahlanganyela laye
kulokhukuzenzisa kwakhe, kwaze kwathi
ngenxa yokuzenzisa kwawo uBhanabhasi
waholelwa ekulahlekeni. 14 Kwathi lapho
ngibona ukuba babengenzi okuhambelana
leqiniso levangeli, ngathi kuKhefasi phambi
kwabo bonke, “Wena ungumJuda kodwa uphila
njengoweZizweni hatshi njengomJuda. Pho
kwenzeka njani ukuba ubambe ngamandla
abeZizweni ukuba balandele imikhuba
yamaJuda na? 15 Thina esingamaJuda
ngokuzalwa hatshi ‘izoni zeZizweni’ 16
siyakwazi ukuthi umuntu kalungisiswa
yikugcina umthetho kodwa yikukholwa
kuJesu Khristu. Ngakho-ke, lathi futhi,
sibeke ukukholwa kwethu kuKhristu uJesu
ukuba silungiswe yikukholwa kuKhristu
hatshi ngokugcina umthetho ngoba kakho
ozalungisiswa ngokugcina umthetho. 17
Kodwa nxa sisafuna ukulungisiswa kuKhristu,
kube sokubonakala ukuthi thina ngokwethu
siyizoni, lokho kutsho ukuthi uKhristu
usekela isono na? Akunjalo lakancane! 18
Nxa ngikwakha kutsha lokho engakudilizayo,
ngibonakalisa ukuthi ngiyisaphulamthetho. 19
Ngoba ngomthetho ngafa emthethweni ukuze
ngiphilele uNkulunkulu. 20 Sengibethelwe
kanye loKhristu, akuseyimi engiphilayo,
kodwa uKhristu uphila phakathi kwami.
Ukuphila engikuphila emzimbeni, ngikuphila
ngokukholwa eNdodaneni kaNkulunkulu,
eyangithandayo njalo yazinikela ngenxa yami.
21 Kangiwudeli umusa kaNkulunkulu ngoba
nxa ukulunga kuzuzwa ngomthetho, uKhristu
wafela ize.”

3 Lina maGalathiya ayizithutha! Ngubani
oliloyileyo? Phambi kwamehlo enu uJesu
Khristu wabonakaliswa obala ebethelwe. 2
Mina ngifuna ukwazi into eyodwa nje kini:
UMoya lamamukela ngokugcina umthetho
loba ngokukholwa lokho elakuzwayo na? 3
Kanti liyizithutha kangaka? Emva kokuqalisa
ngoMoya, khathesi selizama ukuzuza
ukuphelela ngemizamo yabantu na? 4
Kanti lihlupheke kangaka lihluphekela ize
na, nxa impela kwakungokweze? 5 Kanti
uNkulunkulu ulinika uMoya wakhe abuye
enze izimangaliso phakathi kwenu ngoba
ligcina umthetho loba ngoba likholwa lokho
elakuzwayo na? 6 Khumbulani u-Abhrahama:
“Wamkholwa uNkulunkulu, kwabalelwa kuye
njengokulunga.” 7 Ngakho zwisisani ukuthi
labo abakholwayo bangabantwana baka-
Abhrahama. 8 Umbhalo wabona ngaphambili
ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayezalungisa abeZizweni
ngokukholwa, wahle wamemezela ivangeli
ngaphambili ku-Abhrahama esithi: “Zonke
izizwe zizabusiswa ngawe.” 9 Ngakho labo
abalokholo babusiswa kanye lo-Abhrahama,
umuntu wokholo. 10 Bonke abathembe
umthetho bangaphansi kwesiqalekiso ngoba
kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Uqalekisiwe umuntu
wonke ongaqhubeki esenza konke okulotshwe
eNcwadini yoMthetho.” 11 Kusobala ukuthi
akakho olungisiswa ngomthetho phambi
kukaNkulunkulu ngoba, “Abalungileyo
bazaphila ngokukholwa.” 12 Umthetho
kaweyamanga ekukholweni; kodwa, “Umuntu
owenza izinto lezi uzaphila ngazo.” 13
UKhristu wasihlenga esiqalekisweni somthetho
ngokuba yisiqalekiso ngenxa yethu, ngoba
kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Uqalekisiwe umuntu
wonke olengiswa esihlahleni.” 14 Wasihlenga
ukuze isibusiso esaphiwa u-Abhrahama
sifike kwabeZizweni ngoKhristu uJesu, ukuze

samukele isithembiso sikaMoya ngokukholwa.
15 Bazalwane, ake ngithathe isibonelo
sokuphila kwansukuzonke. Njengoba engekho
ongabeka eceleni loba engeze kusivumelwano
sabantu esenziwe ngemfanelo, kunjalo-ke
lakule indaba. 16 Izithembiso zatshiwo ku-
Abhrahama lakunzalo yakhe. Umbhalo kawuthi
"kwabenzalo," usitsho abantu abanengi, kodwa
uthi, "lakunzalo yakho," usitsho umuntu
oyedwa, lowo kunguKhristu. 17 Engikutshoyo
yilokhu: Umthetho owabekwa eminyakeni
engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu
muva, kawusibeki eceleni isivumelwano
esamiswa ngaphambili nguNkulunkulu
ngalokho wesule isithembiso. 18 Ngoba nxa ilifa
leyame emthethweni, ngalokho kaliseyamanga
esithembisweni; kodwa uNkulunkulu ngomusa
wakhe, walinika u-Abhrahama ngesithembiso.
19 Pho, yayiyini-ke injongo yomthetho?
Wengezelelwa ngenxa yeziphambeko kwaze
kwafika iNzalo eyayitshiwo yisithembiso.
Umthetho wenziwa wasebenza ngezingilosi
lomeli. 20 Kodwa umeli kameli icele elilodwa;
kodwa uNkulunkulu munye. 21 Kambe
ngalokho umthetho uphambene lezithembiso
zikaNkulunkulu na? Akunjalo lakancane! Ngoba
nxa kwakubekwe umthetho onika ukuphila,
ukulunga impela kwakuzavela ngomthetho.
22 Kodwa umbhalo uvalele konke ngaphansi
kwesono, ukwenzela ukuthi okwakuthenjisiwe,
kuphiwa ngokukholwa kuJesu Khristu,
sokungaphiwa labo abakholwayo. 23 Ukholo
lolu lungakabi khona sasiyizibotshwa
zomthetho, sivalelwe ukholo olwaluzakuza
luze lubonakaliswe. 24 Ngakho umthetho
waphiwa amandla okusiholela kuKhristu
ukuba silungisiswe ngokukholwa. 25
Khathesi-ke njengoba ukholo selukhona,
kasisekho ngaphansi kwamandla omthetho.
26 Lonke lingabantwana bakaNkulunkulu
ngokukholwa kuKhristu uJesu 27 ngoba
lonke lina elabhaphathizelwa kuKhristu
selizembathise ngoKhristu. 28 AkulamJuda
loba oweZizweni, isigqili loba okhululekileyo,
owesilisa loba owesifazane, ngoba lonke limunye
kuKhristu uJesu. 29 Nxa lingabakaKhristu,
ngalokho liyinzalo ka-Abhrahama, lezindlalifa
njengokutsho kwesithembiso.

4 Engikutshoyo yikuthi nxa indlalifa
isesengumntwana, kayehlukananga lesigqili
lanxa nje ingumnikazi welifa lonke. 2 Ingaphansi
kwabaphathi lababambeli kuze kufike isikhathi
esabekwa nguyise. 3 Ngokunjalo lathi
ngesikhathi sisesengabantwana sasiyizigqili
ngaphansi kwempi yemimoya yalumhlaba.
4 Kodwa kwathi lapho isikhathi sesifike
ngokupheleleyo, uNkulunkulu wathuma
iNdodana yakhe, yazalwa ngowesifazane,
izalwa ngaphansi komthetho, 5 ukuba
ihlenge abangaphansi komthetho, ukuze
sithole amalungelo apheleleyo amadodana
atholakeleyo. 6 Njengokuba lingamadodana,
uNkulunkulu wathumela uMoya weNdodana
yakhe enhliziyweni zenu, omemezayo usithi,
"Abha, Baba." 7 Ngakho kawuseyiso isigqili
kodwa indodana kaNkulunkulu; njalo njengoba
usuyindodana, uNkulunkulu usekwenze waba
yindlalifa futhi. 8 Ekuqaleni, lingakamazi
uNkulunkulu laliyizigqili zalabo abangayisibo
onkulunkulu ngemvelo. 9 Kodwa khathesi
uNkulunkulu selimazi, loba ngithi uNkulunkulu
uselazi, pho kungani libuyela emuva empini
yemimoya yalumhlaba ebuthakathaka leyize
na? Liyafisa ukuthi ligqilazwe yiyo njalo na? 10
Lina ligcina insuku ezithile lezinyanga, izikhathi
zomnyaka kanye leminyaka! 11 Ngiyalesabela,
ukuthi ngenye indlela sengichithe imizamo
yami kini. 12 Ngiyalincenga bazalwane,
wobani njengami, ngoba lami ngaba njengani.
Kalingenzelanga lutho olubi. 13 Njengoba lisazi,
ngatshumayela ivangeli kini kuqala ngenxa
yomkhuhlane. 14 Lanxa isimo somzimba
wami sasiyisilingo kini, kalizange lingeyise
kumbe lingihleke. Kodwa langamukela sengathi
ngangiyingilosi kaNkulunkulu, sengathi
nganginguKhristu uJesu yena ngokwakhe.
15 Intokozo yenu yonke isiyengaphi na?
Ngingafakaza ukuthi aluba lalingenzanjalo,
lalingakopola amehlo enu linginike wona. 16
Khathesi sengibe yisitha senu ngokulitshela
iqiniso na? 17 Labobantu batshisekela ukulenza
abazalwane babo, kodwa hatshi ngobuhle.

Abakufunayo yikulehlukanisa lathi ukuze
litshisekele bona. 18 Ukutshiseka kulungile nxa
injongo inhle, lokuba kube njalo kokuphela,
hatshi kuphela nxa ngilani. 19 Bantwabami
abathandekayo, lina engilomhelo ngani
futhi uKhristu aze abunjwe phakathi kwenu,
20 ngiyafisa kakhulu ukuba lani khathesi
ngiguqule isimo sami, ngoba ngikhathazekile
ngani! 21 Ngitshelani lina elifuna ukuba
ngaphansi komthetho, kalikwazi yini ukuthi
umthetho uthini? 22 Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi
u-Abhrahama wayelamadodana amabili, enye
ingeyesigqilikazi lenye ingeyowesifazane
okhululekileyo. 23 Indodana yakhe yesigqilikazi
yazalwa ngokwenyama; kodwa indodana yakhe
yowesifazane okhululekileyo yazalwa kulandela
isithembiso. 24 Izinto lezi zingathathwa
njengomzekeliso; ngoba abesifazane ababili
bamele izivumelwano ezimbili. Esinye
isivumelwano sivela eNtabeni yeSinayi e-
Arabhiya njalo sizala abantwana abazakuba
yizigqili: Lo nguHagari. 25 UHagari umele
iNtaba yeSinayi e-Arabhiya njalo uhambelana
ledolobho lakhathesi eleJerusalema, ngoba
lisebugqilini kanye labantwana balo. 26
Kodwa iJerusalema ephezulu ikhululekile,
njalo ingumama wethu. 27 Ngoba kulotshiwe
ukuthi: “Thokoza mfazi oyinyumba, wena
ongazange uzale umntwana; umemeze
ngenjabulo ukhale kakhulu, wena ongakaze
uhelelwe; ngoba abantwana bomfazi olahliweyo
banengi kulabalowo olendoda.” 28 Ngakho
lina bazalwane, njengo-Isaka, lingabantwana
besithembiso. 29 Ngalesosikhathi indodana
eyazalwa ngokwenyama yahlukuluza indodana
eyazalwa ngamandla kaMoya. Kunjalo
lakhathesi. 30 Kodwa umbhalo uthini na?
Uthi: “Susa isigqilikazi lendodana yaso, ngoba
indodana yesigqilikazi kayiyikwabelana ilifa
lendodana yowesifazane okhululekileyo.”
31 Ngakho, bazalwane, thina kasisibo
bantwana besigqilikazi, kodwa abowesifazane
okhululekileyo.

5 UKhristu wasikhululela ukuthi sibe
lenkululeko. Ngakho manini liqine,
lingavumeli ukuthi libotshelwe futhi ejogeni
lobugqili. 2 Qaphelani amazwi ami! Mina
Phawuli, ngiyalitshela ukuthi lingavuma
ukusoka, uKhristu kayikuba lusizo kini. 3
Njalo ngiyaqinisa ebantwini bonke abavumayo
ukusoka ukuthi balomlandu wokulalela
umthetho wonke. 4 Lina elizama ukulungisiswa
ngomthetho selehlukaniswe loKhristu;
selehlukane lomusa. 5 Kodwa ngokukholwa
siholwa nguMoya silindele ithemba lokulunga
ngokutshiseka. 6 Ngoba kuKhristu uJesu
ukusoka loba ukungasoki akulasizo. Into
kuphela eyiyo eqakathekileyo yikukholwa
okuzibonakalisa ngothando. 7 Kade lihamba
kuhle. Ngubani olikhuphe ekulandeleni iqiniso
na? 8 Ukuncenga okunjalo kakuveli kulowo
olibizayo. 9 “Imvubelo encinyazana ibilisa
inhlama yonke.” 10 Ngiyathemba eNkosini
ukuthi kaliyikwamukela omunye umnakano.
Lowo olibeka phakathi kwenyakanyaka
uzajeziswa, loba engubani. 11 Bazalwane, nxa
ngisatshumayela ngokusoka, pho kungani
ngilokhu ngihlukuluzwa? Nxa kunjalo
isikhubekiso sesiphambano sesisusiwe. 12 Labo
abahluphayo, ngifisa ukuthi ngabe bayaqhubeka
bazithene! 13 Lina bazalwane bami, labizelwa
ukuthi likhululeke. Kodwa lingasebenzisi
inkululeko yenu ukuthokozisa inyama; kodwa
sizanani omunye lomunye lizehlisa ngothando.
14 Umthetho wonke uhlanganiswa ngumlayo
owodwa othi: “Thanda umakhelwane wakho
njengoba uzithanda.” 15 Nxa liqhubeka
lilumana lokudlanana, qaphelani hlezi liqedane
du. 16 Ngakho ngithi philani ngoMoya,
kaliyikuthokozisa izinkanuko zenu zenyama. 17
Ngoba imvelo yesono ikhanuka okuphambene
loMoya, loMoya ufuna okuphambene lemvelo
yesono. Kuyaphikisana ukuze lingenzi
elikuthandayo. 18 Kodwa nxa likhokhelwa
nguMoya, kalikho ngaphansi komthetho.
19 Izenzo zenyama zisobala: ukuhlobonga,
lokungesabi ukujeziswa, lokuxhwala; 20
ukukhonza izithombe lobuthakathi; inzondo
lokuxabana, umona lentukuthelo, lobuhwaba,
ukungezwani lokungavumelani 21 lomhawu;
ukudakwa lokuzitika ngamanyala kanye
lokunye okunjalo. Ngiyalixwayisa, njengoba
lami ngaphila phakathi kwakho ukuthi

abaphila kanje kabayikulidla ilifa lombuso
kaNkulunkulu. 22 Kodwa izithelo zikaMoya
luthando, lokuthokoza, lokuthula, lokubekezela,
lomusa, lokulunga, lokuthembeka, 23
lobumnene kanye lokuzithiba. Ezintweni ezinje
akulamthetho. 24 Labo abangabakaKhristu
uJesu sebayibethela esiphambanweni imvelo
yabo yesono lokufutheka kwayo kanye
lezinkanuko. 25 Njengoba siphila ngoMoya,
kasenzeni okuhambelana loMoya. 26
Kasingazikhukhumezi, singaqalani kumbe
senzelane umona.

6 Bazalwane, nxa umuntu ethunjwe yisono
esithile lina eliphila ngokoMoya kumele
limbuyise kakuhle. Kodwa lizinanzelele ukuthi
lani futhi lingalingwa. 2 Thwalani imithwalo
yomunye lomunye, ngalokho lizagcwalisa
umthetho kaKhristu. 3 Nxa umuntu ezitshaya
ulutho yena engasilutho, uyazikhohlisa. 4
Umuntu munye ngamunye kahlole izenzo
zakhe. Ngalokho angaziqhenya, kungekho
ukuziqathanisa lomunye, 5 ngoba lowo
lalowo kumele athwale umthwalo wakhe. 6
Loba ngubani othola ukufundiswa ngelizwi
umele abelane zonke izinto ezinhle lalowo
omfundisayo. 7 Lingakhohliswa: UNkulunkulu
kahlekwa. Umuntu uvuna lokho akuhlanyelayo.
8 Lowo ohlanyela ukuthokozisa inyama yakhe,
kuleyonyama uzavuna ukuchitheka; lowo
ohlanyela ukuthokozisa uMoya, kuMoya
uzavuna ukuphila okulaphakade. (aiōnios g166)
9 Kasingadinwa yikwenza okuhle ngoba
ngesikhathi esifaneleyo sizavuna isivuno nxa
singadeli. 10 Ngakho-ke, njengokuba silethuba
kasenzeni okulungileyo ebantwini bonke
ikakhulu kulabo abangabemuli yabakholwayo.
11 Khangelani ukuthi makhulu kanganani
amabala engiwasebenzisayo lapho ngililobela
ngesami isandla! 12 Labo abafuna ukubukwa
enyameni bazama ukulincindezela ukuba
lisoke. Isizatho sokuba benze lokhu yikuba
babalekele ukuhlukuluzelwa isiphambano
sikaKhristu kuphela. 13 Lalabo abasokileyo
kabawulaleli umthetho kodwa bafuna ukuba
lisoke ukuze bazincome ngemizimba yenu.
14 Mina kangingazincomi lanini ngaphandle
kwangesiphambano seNkosi yethu uJesu
Khristu, umhlaba wonke owabethelwa ngaso
kimi, lami njalo emhlabeni. 15 Ukusoka loba
ukungasoki akutsho lutho; okuqakathekileyo
yikudalwa kutsha. 16 Ukuthula lesihawu
kubo bonke abalandela umthetho lo, kanye
laku-Israyeli kaNkulunkulu. 17 Okokucina,
akungabi lamuntu ongibangela uhlupho, ngoba
emzimbeni wami ngilempawu zikaJesu. 18
Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu kawube
lomoya wenu bazalwane. Ameni.

Kwabase-Efesu

1 UPhawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu
ngentando kaNkulunkulu, Lakwabangcwele
bakaNkulunkulu abase-Efesu, abathembekileyo
kuKhristu uJesu: **2** Umusa lokuthula
okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini
uJesu Khristu kakube kini. **3** Udumo kalube
kuNkulunkulu uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu
Khristu, osibusise ebukhosini basezulwini
ngezibusiso zonke zakomoya kuKhristu. **4**
Ngoba wasikhetha umhlaba ungakadalwa
ukuthi sibe ngcwele lokuthi singabi lasici
ebusweni bakhe. Ngothando **5** wasimisela
ukuba senziwe amadodana akhe ngoJesu
Khristu, ngokwentokozo yakhe kanye lentando
yakhe, **6** ukuze kudunyiswe umusa wakhe
omangalisayo asiphe wona ngesihle kuLowo
amthandayo. **7** Kuye silokuhlengwa ngegazi
lakhe lokuthethelelwa kwezono ngokwenotho
yomusa kaNkulunkulu **8** awuthululele phezu
kwethu ngenhlakanipho yonke langokuqedisisa.
9 Wasazisa imfihlakalo yentando yakhe
mayelana lentokozo yakhe elungileyo ayiceba
kuKhristu, **10** ukuba kuhlanganiswe ndawonye
zonke izinto ezisezulwini lasemhlabeni
ngaphansi kwenhloko yinye enguKhristu.
11 Sakhethwa kuye, simiselwe lokho
ngokwecebo lakhe yena osebenza izinto zonke
ngokuvumelana lenjongo yentando yakhe,
12 ukuze kuthi thina esaba ngabokuqala
ukubeka ithemba lethu kuKhristu sibe
ngabokubonga udumo lwakhe. **13** Lani labalwa
kanye loKhristu lapho selizwe ilizwi leqiniso,
levangeli lokusindiswa kwenu. Selikholwe
kuye, labekwa uphawu, uMoya oNgcwele
owathenjiswayo, **14** oyisibambiso esiyisiqiniselo
selifa lethu kuze kufike ukuhlengwa kwalabo
abangabakaNkulunkulu ukuba kudunyiswe
udumo lwakhe. **15** Ngenxa yalokhu, sekulokhu
ngezwa ngokukholwa kwenu eNkosini uJesu
kanye lothando lwenu kubo bonke abantu
bakaNkulunkulu abangcwele, **16** angikaze
ngiyekele ukulibongela lokulikhumbula
emikhulekweni yami. **17** Ngiyaqhubeka ngicela
ukuba uNkulunkulu weNkosi yethu uJesu
Khristu, uYise oyinkazimulo, alinike uMoya
wokuhlakanipha lokwambulelwa ukuze limazi
ngcono. **18** Ngikhulekela njalo lokuthi amehlo
ezinhliziyo zenu akhanyiselwe ukuze lilazi
ithemba alibizela kulo, inotho yelifa lakhe
elimangalisayo kwabangcwele, **19** lamandla
akhe amakhulu angelakulinganiswa kithi thina
esikholwayo. Amandla lawo afana lokusebenza
kwamandla akhe amakhulu **20** awasebenzisa
evusa uKhristu kwabafileyo, emhlalisa esandleni
sakhe sokunene ebukhosini basezulwini **21**
phezu kokubusa konke lobukhosi, amandla
kanye lombuso, lamabizo wonke angatshiwo,
kungayisikho kwalesisikhathi kuphela kodwa
lakuleso esizayo. (aiōn g165) **22** UNkulunkulu
wabeka izinto zonke ngaphansi kwezinyawo
zakhe wamkhetha ukuba abe yinhloko yezinto
zonke zebandla, **23** lona elingumzimba wakhe,
ukuphelela kwakhe yena ophelelisa izinto
zonke ngezindlela zonke.

2 Lina lalifile eziphambekweni lasezonweni
zenu, **2** elaliphila kuzo ngesikhathi lisalandela
izindlela zalo umhlaba lezombusi wombuso
wasemoyeni, umoya osebenzayo lakhathesi
kulabo abangalaleliyo. (aiōn g165) **3** Lathi
sonke sake saphila phakathi kwabo ekuqaleni,
sithokozisa izinkanuko zemvelo yethu yesono,
silandela lezifiso kanye lemicabango yazo.
Njengabanye, ngokwemvelo sasifanele ulaka. **4**
Kodwa ngenxa yothando lwakhe olukhulu kithi,
uNkulunkulu olesihawu esikhulu, **5** wasenza
saba ngabaphilayo loKhristu lanxa sasifile
eziphambekweni, ngomusa selisindisiwe. **6**
UNkulunkulu wasivusa ekufeni kanye loKhristu
wasihlalisa laye ebukhosini basezulwini
kuKhristu uJesu **7** ukuze kuthi ezikhathini
ezizayo atshengise inotho yomusa wakhe engeke
ilinganiswe, ebalulwe yibubele bakhe kithi
kuKhristu uJesu. (aiōn g165) **8** Ngoba ngomusa
lisindisiwe, kungokukholwa njalo lokhu akuveli
kini, kuyisipho sikaNkulunkulu, **9** hatshi
ngemisebenzi, ukuze kungabi lozazincoma. **10**
Ngoba siyibuciko bukaNkulunkulu, sidalelwe
kuKhristu uJesu ukuba senze imisebenzi emihle,
uNkulunkulu ayilungisa ngaphambili ukuba
siyenze. **11** Ngakho, khumbulani ukuthi kuqala

lina elingabeZizweni ngokuzalwa njalo elibizwa
ngokuthi “ngabangasokanga” yilabo abazibiza
ngokuthi “ngabokusoka” (lokho okwenziwa
emzimbeni ngezandla zabantu), 12 khumbulani
ukuthi ngalesosikhathi lalehlukene loKhristu,
lingabalelwa enzalweni yako-Israyeli njalo
lingabezizweni kusivumelwano sesithembiso,
lingelathemba njalo lingelaye uNkulunkulu
emhlabeni. 13 Kodwa khathesi kuKhristu uJesu
lina elake laba khatshana le selisondezwe
eduzane ngegazi likaKhristu. 14 Ngoba yena
uqobo uyikuthula kwethu, yena owenza ababili
baba munye, wadiliza uthango olungumduli
wobutha owehlukanisayo, 15 ngokuchitha
emzimbeni wakhe umthetho lemilayo yawo
kanye lezimiso. Injongo yakhe yayingeyokudala
phakathi kwakhe umuntu oyedwa njalo omutsha
ngabantu ababili, ngalokho enze ukuthula, 16
kuthi kulo umzimba munye kube lokubuyisana
kwayo yomibili kuNkulunkulu ngesiphambano,
achitha ngaso ubutha bayo. 17 Weza
wazatshumayela ukuthula kini elalikhatshana
lokuthula kulabo ababeseduzane. 18 Ngoba
ngaye sobabili siyafinyelela kuYise ngoMoya
munye. 19 Ngalokho-ke, kaliseyibo bezizweni
lezihambi, kodwa seliyinzalo yakithi labantu
bakaNkulunkulu, kanye lamalunga abendlu
kaNkulunkulu, 20 lakhelwe phezu kwesisekelo
sabapostoli labaphrofethi, uKhristu uJesu yena
uqobo eyilitshe elikhulu lekhoneni. 21 Indlu
yonke ihlanganiselwe kuye njalo ikhula ukuze
ibe lithempeli elingcwele eNkosini. 22 Lani futhi
lakhelwa ndawonye kuye ukuze libe yindawo
yokuhlala uNkulunkulu ahlala kuyo ngoMoya
wakhe.

3 Ngenxa yalesisizatho, mina Phawuli,
isibotshwa sikaKhristu uJesu ngenxa
yenu lina bantu beZizweni. 2 Ngeqiniso
selizwile ngokuphathwa komusa kaNkulunkulu
engawuphiwayo ngenxa yenu, 3 ukuthi
ngaziswa imfihlakalo ngokwambulelwa
njengoba sengabhala ngamafitshane. 4 Nxa
libala lokhu lizenelisa ukuzwisisa umbono
wami ngemfihlakalo kaKhristu, 5 engazange
yaziswe abantu kwezinye izizukulwane
njengoba khathesi isiveziwe nguMoya
kubapostoli abangcwele bakaNkulunkulu
lakubaphrofethi. 6 Imfihlakalo le iyikuthi
ngevangeli abeZizweni bazindlalifa bekanye
labako-Israyeli, amalunga omzimba munye
ndawonye, labahlanganyeli kuso isithembiso
kuKhristu uJesu. 7 Mina ngaba yinceku
yevangeli leli ngesipho somusa kaNkulunkulu
engasiphiwa ngokusebenza kwamandla akhe. 8
Lanxa ngimncane kulabancane bonke babantu
bakaNkulunkulu, umusa lo ngawunikwa: ukuba
ngitshumayele kwabeZizweni inotho kaKhristu
engacubungulekiyo, 9 njalo ngikubeke
obala ukuphatha kwami imfihlakalo le
eyayifihliwe okweminyaka eminengi eyedlulayo
kuNkulunkulu, owadala izinto zonke. (aiōn
g165) 10 Injongo yakhe yayiyikuthi ibandla
lazise ababusi leziphathamandla zemibuso
yasezulwini ngenhlakanipho emangalisayo
kaNkulunkulu, 11 ngokwenhloso yakhe
engulaphakade ayifeza kuKhristu uJesu iNkosi
yethu. (aiōn g165) 12 Kuye langokukholwa kuye
singasondela kuNkulunkulu ngokukhululeka
langesibindi. 13 Ngakho, ngiyalicela ukuba
lingalahli ithemba ngenxa yokulihluphekela
kwami, okuludumo kini. 14 Ngenxa yalokhu
ngiyaguqa phambi kukaBaba, 15 lapho yonke
imuli yamakholwa asezulwini lasemhlabeni
ethola khona ibizo layo. 16 Ngikhulekela
ukuthi ngenotho yobukhosi bakhe aliqinise
ngamandla ngoMoya wakhe ezinhliziyweni
zenu 17 ukuze uKhristu ahlale ezinhliziyweni
zenu ngokukholwa. Ngikhulekela ukuba
ligxile njalo liqine othandweni, 18 libe
lamandla kanye labangcwele beNkosi bonke
ukuba liqedisise ububanzi lobude lokujula
kanye lokuzika kothando lukaKhristu, 19
lokuba lilwazi uthando lolu oludlula ukwazi
ukuze ligcwaliswe ngesilinganiso sokugcwala
okupheleleyo kukaNkulunkulu. 20 Ngakho-
ke, kuye lowo oyenza okukhulu kakhulu
kulalokho esikucelayo kumbe esikucabangayo,
ngokwamandla akhe asebenza phakathi kwethu,
21 udumo kalube kuye ebandleni lakuKhristu
uJesu kuzizukulwane zonke kuze kube nini
lanini! Ameni. (aiōn g165)

4 Njengesibotshwa seNkosi, ngiyalincenga
ukuba liphile impilo efanele ubizo
elalwamukelayo. 2 Wobani ngabathobekileyo
labamnene ngokupheleleyo; bekezelani,
libekezelelane omunye komunye ethandweni.
3 Zamani ngamandla wonke ukugcina
ukumanyana kukaMoya ngesibopho sokuthula.
4 Kulomzimba munye loMoya munye;
njengalokhu labizelwa ethembeni linye
ekubizweni kwenu, 5 iNkosi yinye, lokholo
lunye, ubhaphathizo lunye; 6 uNkulunkulu
munye uYise wabo bonke, ophezu kwabo bonke
njalo okubo bonke. 7 Kodwa yilowo lalowo
wethu waphiwa umusa ngokwaba kukaKhristu.
8 Yikho-nje umbhalo usithi: "Ekwenyukeleni
kwakhe phezulu, wahola abathunjiweyo
abanengi njalo wanika izipho ebantwini bakhe."
9 (Ukuthi "wenyuka" kutshoni ngaphandle
kokuthi njalo wehlela lezigabeni zangaphansi
komhlaba na? 10 Yena lowo owehlela phansi
nguye kanye owenyukela phezulu kakhulu
kulamazulu wonke ukuze agcwale izindawo
zonke emhlabeni lasezulwini.) 11 UKhristu
nguye owanika abanye ukuba babe ngabapostoli,
abanye babe ngabaphrofethi, abanye babe
ngabavangeli, abanye babe ngabaphathi labanye
babe ngabafundisi, 12 ukuba balungisele
abantu bakaNkulunkulu imisebenzi yenkonzo,
ukuze umzimba kaKhristu wakhiwe 13 sonke
size sifinyelele ekumanyaneni, ekukholweni
lasekwazini iNdodana kaNkulunkulu
sikhule ngokupheleleyo, sithole isilinganiso
sokuphelela okufunyanwa kuKhristu. 14
Ngakho kasisayikuba zingane, siphoswa emuva
laphambili ngamagagasi, siphetshulwa lapha
lalaphaya yimimoya yonke yemfundiso kanye
lokuhlakanipha lobuqili babantu ngamazwi
abo enkohliso. 15 Kodwa-ke, sikhuluma
iqiniso ngothando, sizakhula ezintweni zonke
kuye yena oyiNhloko, yena enguKhristu. 16
Kusukela kuye umzimba wonke ohlanganiswe
wabanjaniswa yimisipha yonke ewusekelayo
uyakhula uzakhe ngothando, isitho sinye
ngasinye sisenza umsebenzi waso. 17 Ngakho-
ke, ngilitshela lokhu, ngikugcizelela eNkosini,
ukuba akumelanga liphile njengabeZizweni
emicabangweni yabo eyize. 18 Kubamnyama
ekuqedisiseni kwabo njalo behlukene lokuphila
kukaNkulunkulu ngenxa yokungazi kwabo
okungenxa yobulukhuni bezinhliziyo zabo.
19 Sebelahlekelwe ngunembeza wonke,
sebezinikele ekuthokoziseni inyama ukuze
benze inhlobo zonke zokuxhwala, inkanuko
iqhubeka ifuna okunengi. 20 Kodwa lina
uKhristu kalimazanga ngaleyondlela. 21 Impela
lezwa njalo lafundiswa ngaye ngokweqiniso
elikuJesu. 22 Lafundiswa mayelana lendlela
yenu yakuqala yokuphila ukuba lilahle uqobo
lwenu oludala, olonakaliswa yizinkanuko zalo
zenkohliso; 23 ukuba lenziwe libe batsha esimeni
sengqondo zenu; 24 lifake uqobo lomzimba
olutsha, oludalelwe ukuba njengoNkulunkulu
ekulungeni okuqotho lobungcwele. 25 Ngakho-
ke, yilowo lalowo wenu kumele alahle amanga
akhulume iqiniso kumakhelwane wakhe
ngoba sonke siyizitho zomzimba munye. 26
"Ekuthukutheleni kwenu lingoni": Ilanga
kalingatshoni lilokhu lithukuthele 27 njalo
lingamniki indawo yokugxila uSathane. 28 Lowo
obekade entshontsha kangantshontshi futhi
kodwa kumele asebenze, enze ulutho oluhle
ngezandla zakhe ukuze abe langakwabela
abaswelayo. 29 Akungabi lenkulumo embi
ephuma emilonyeni yenu kodwa okusizayo
ekwakheni abanye ngokwezinswelo zabo, ukuba
kusize labo abalalelayo. 30 Njalo lingamdabukisi
uMoya oNgcwele kaNkulunkulu elabekwa ngaye
uphawu lwelanga lokuhlengwa. 31 Susani yonke
inzondo, ulaka lokuthukuthela, ingxabano
lesinyeyo, kanye lobubi bonke. 32 Wobani
lomusa kanye lozwelo komunye lomunye wenu
njalo lithethelelane njengalokhu uNkulunkulu
walithethelela ngoKhristu.

5 Ngakho-ke, wobani ngabalingiseli
bakaNkulunkulu njengabantwana
abathandwa kakhulu 2 liphile impilo yothando,
njengalokhu uKhristu wasithanda wazinikela
ngenxa yethu njengomnikelo olephunga
elimnandi lomhlatshelo kaNkulunkulu. 3
Kodwa phakathi kwenu Akungabikhona
umthonselanyana wokuhlobonga loba uhlobo
luphi lokungcola kumbe ubuhwaba ngoba
lezizinto kazifanelanga ebantwini abangcwele

bakaNkulunkulu. 4 Njalo akumelanga kube
lenhlamba lenkulumo zobuthutha loba
ubuphoxo khona okuyizinto ezingafanelanga
kodwa kakube lokubonga. 5 Ngoba kuliqiniso
ukuthi: Akulamuntu oyisixhwali, ongcolileyo
loba oyisihwaba, umuntu onjalo ukhonza
izithombe, olelifa embusweni kaKhristu
lokaNkulunkulu. 6 Lingavumi ukukhohliswa
ngumuntu ngamazwi ayize ngoba ngenxa
yezinto ezinje ulaka lukaNkulunkulu lwehlela
phezu kwalabo abangalaleliyo. 7 Ngakho
lingahlanganyeli labo. 8 Ngoba lake laba
yibumnyama kodwa khathesi seliyikukhanya
eNkosini. Philani njengabantwana bokukhanya
9 (ngoba izithelo zokukhanya zikhona kubo
bonke ubuhle lokulunga kanye leqiniso) 10
lidinge okuthokozisa iNkosi. 11 Lingahlanganyeli
ezenzweni zobumnyama ezingelazithelo
kodwa zichayeni sobala. 12 Ngoba kulihlazo
lokukutsho nje okwenziwa yizigangi ensitha.
13 Kodwa konke okuvezwe obala yikukhanya
kuyabonakala, 14 ngoba yikukhanya okwenza
izinto zonke zibonakale. Yikho-nje kuthiwa:
“Phaphama, wena oleleyo, vuka kwabafileyo,
uKhristu uzakhanya kuwe.” 15 Ngakho-ke,
qaphelani kakhulu ukuba liphila njani, kungabi
njengezithutha kodwa njengabahlakaniphileyo,
16 liwasebenzise ngokupheleleyo amathuba
wonke ngoba insuku zimbi. 17 Ngakho-ke,
lingabi yiziwula kodwa qedisisani ukuthi
intando kaThixo iyini. 18 Lingadakwa
liwayini okuthungamela ekoneni. Kodwa
gcwaliswani ngoMoya, 19 likhulumisana
omunye komunye ngamahubo, amaculo kanye
lezingoma zakoMoya. Hlabelani lenzele iNkosi
imiculo ezinhliziyweni zenu 20 limbonge
kokuphela uNkulunkulu uBaba kukho konke,
ngebizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. 21
Zehliseni omunye komunye lihlonipha
uKhristu. 22 Bafazi, zehliseni kubomkenu
njengaseNkosini. 23 Ngoba indoda yinhloko
yomfazi njengoKhristu eyinhloko yebandla
elingumzimba wakhe, yena onguMsindisi walo.
24 Ngakho njengebandla lizehlisa kuKhristu
ngokunjalo abesifazane kumele bazehlise
kubomkabo ezintweni zonke. 25 Madoda
thandani omkenu njengoKhristu owathanda
ibandla wazinikela ngenxa yalo 26 ukuba
alenze libengcwele, elihlambulula ngokuligezisa
ngamanzi esebenzisa ilizwi, 27 kanye lokulethula
kuye njengebandla elilenkazimulo, elingelasici
loba ukuba mxhilibane kumbe esinye nje
isici kodwa lingcwele njalo lingelacala. 28
Ngokunjalo, amadoda kumele athande omkawo
njengemizimba yawo. Lowo othanda umkakhe
uyazithanda yena ngokwakhe. 29 Belo, kakho
owake wazonda umzimba wakhe kodwa
uwunika ukudla awulondoloze njengokwenziwa
nguKhristu ebandleni, 30 ngoba thina siyizitho
zomzimba wakhe. 31 “Ngenxa yalokhu indoda
izatshiya uyise lonina ihlanganiswe lomkayo
njalo ababili laba bazakuba nyamanye.” 32 Le
yimfihlakalo enkulu kodwa mina ngikhuluma
ngoKhristu lebandla. 33 Kodwa omunye
lomunye wenu laye kathande umkakhe
njengoba ezithanda, lomfazi kumele ahloniphe
indoda yakhe.

6 Bantwana lalelani abazali benu eNkosini
ngoba lokhu kulungile. 2 “Hlonipha
uyihlo lonyoko,” okungumlayo wakuqala
olesithembiso, 3 “ukuze kukulungele
lokuba ube lempilo ende emhlabeni.” 4
Bobaba, lingabathukuthelisi abantwana benu
kodwa bondleni ngokufundisa langokulaya
kweNkosi. 5 Zisebenzi, lalelani amakhosi enu
asemhlabeni ngenhlonipho langokwesaba,
langobuqotho benhliziyo, ngendlela elingalalela
ngayo uKhristu. 6 Lingawalaleli ukuba
liwathokozise nje kuphela nxa elikhangele
kodwa njengezisebenzi zikaKhristu, lisenza
intando kaNkulunkulu kuvela ezinhliziyweni
zenu. 7 Sebenzani ngenhliziyo yonke kube
sengathi lisebenzela iNkosi hatshi abantu 8
ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi iNkosi izakupha umuntu
wonke umvuzo ngenxa yokuhle akwenzayo
loba eyisigqili kumbe ekhululekile. 9 Lani
makhosi phathani izigqili zenu ngendlela
efanayo. Lingazisongeli njengoba likwazi ukuthi
lowo oyiNkosi yazo leyenu usezulwini njalo
akukho ubandlululo kuye. 10 Ekucineni, qinani
eNkosini lasemandleni ayo amakhulu. 11 Fakani
isihlangu esipheleleyo sikaNkulunkulu ukuze
lenelise ukumelana lamacebo kaSathane. 12

Ngoba kasilwi lenyama legazi kodwa silwa
lababusi, lemibuso kanye lamandla omhlaba lo
ogcwele ubumnyama, silwe njalo lamabutho
emimoya emibi emibusweni yasemazulwini.
(aiōn g165) 13 Ngakho-ke, fakani isihlangu
esipheleleyo sikaNkulunkulu ukuze kuthi lapho
usuku lobubi lufika libe lamandla okuma
kuthi lalapho selenze konke, lime. 14 Manini
liqine, ibhanti leqiniso libotshelwe ngensimbi
ezinkalweni zenu, lesihlangu sasesifubeni
sokulunga sisendaweni yaso, 15 lezinyawo
zenu zigqokiswe zalungiselelwa ngokuvela
evangelini lokuthula. 16 Phezu kwakho konke
lokhu, thathani ihawu lokukholwa elizacitsha
ngalo yonke imitshoko yomubi evuthayo. 17
Thathani ingowane yokusindiswa lenkemba
kaMoya eyilizwi likaNkulunkulu. 18 Khulekani
ngoMoya ezikhathini zonke ngezinhlobo zonke
zemikhuleko lezicelo. Lilalokhu emicabangweni,
qaphelani liqhubeke kokuphela libakhulekela
bonke abantu beNkosi abangcwele. 19
Lami lingikhulekele ukuba kokuphela lapho
ngivula umlomo wami, ngiphiwe amazwi
ukuze ngitshumayele ngesibindi imfihlakalo
yevangeli, 20 engingumeli walo ngibotshwe
ngamaketane. Khulekani ukuba ngilitshumayele
ngesibindi njengokumele ngikwenze. 21
UThikhikhasi umzalwane othandekayo
loyinceku ethembekileyo eNkosini uzalitshela
konke ukuze lani lazi ukuba nginjani kanye
lengikwenzayo. 22 Ngimthuma kini ngenjongo
yokuthi likwazi ukuthi sinjani lokuthi
alikhuthaze. 23 Ukuthula kakube kubazalwane,
lothando lokukholwa okuvela kuNkulunkulu
uYise laseNkosini uJesu Khristu. 24 Umusa
kawube kubo bonke abayithandayo iNkosi
yethu uJesu Khristu ngothando olungapheliyo.

KwabaseFiliphi

1 UPhawuli loThimothi, inceku zikaKhristu
uJesu, Lakubo bonke abangcwele kuKhristu
uJesu eFiliphi kanye lababonisi labadikoni:
2 Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu
uBaba leNkosini uJesu Khristu kakube
kini. 3 Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami
izikhathi zonke lapho ngilikhumbula. 4
Emikhulekweni yami yonke ngilikhulekela
lonke, ngihlezi ngikhuleka ngokuthokoza 5
ngenxa yokuhlanganyela kwenu evangelini
kusukela ngosuku lwakuqala kuze kube
khathesi, 6 ngilethemba lokuthi lowo owaqalisa
umsebenzi omuhle kini uzawuqhubekisela
phambili kuze kube lusuku lukaKhristu
uJesu. 7 Kuqondile ukuthi ngicabange
ngokunjalo ngenxa yenu lonke, njengoba
ngilani enhliziyweni yami njalo lanxa
ngibotshiwe kumbe ngivikela ivangeli
loba ngiliqinisa, lonke lihlanganyela lami
emuseni kaNkulunkulu. 8 UNkulunkulu
angafakaza ukuthi lonke ngilifiselani ngothando
lukaKhristu uJesu. 9 Umkhuleko wami
ngowokuthi uthando lwenu lwande kokuphela
ekwazini lasekuzikeni kokuqedisisa 10 ukuze
lenelise ukubona okuhle njalo lihlambuluke
lingabi lasici kuze kube lusuku lukaKhristu, 11
ligcwele izithelo zokulunga ezibuya ngoJesu
Khristu ekudunyisweni lasekubongweni
kukaNkulunkulu. 12 Bazalwane, ngifuna
ukuba lazi ukuthi okwenzakale kimi kusizile
impela ekuqhubekeliseni ivangeli phambili.
13 Ngalokho, sekube sobala kubo bonke
abalindi besigodlo lakwabanye bonke
ukuthi ngibotshelwe uKhristu. 14 Ngenxa
yokubotshwa kwami, abazalwane abanengi
sebelethemba eNkosini njalo sebelesibindi
esikhulu sokutshumayela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu
bengelakwesaba. 15 Kuliqiniso ukuthi abanye
batshumayela uKhristu ngenxa yomona
lombango kodwa abanye ngenxa yesifiso
esihle. 16 Laba benza lokhu ngothando
bekwazi ukuthi ngifakwe lapha ukuba
ngivikele ivangeli. 17 Abakuqala batshumayela
ngoKhristu ngokuzikhukhumeza, bengeqotho,
becabanga ukuthi bangangidalela uhlupho
ngisekubotshweni. 18 Kodwa-ke, kusizani
pho? Into eqakathekileyo yikuthi ngezindlela
zonke, ingabe kuyinjongo engalunganga
loba eyeqiniso, uKhristu uyatshunyayelwa.
Njalo ngenxa yalokhu mina ngiyathokoza.
Yebo, ngizaqhubeka ngithokoza, 19 ngoba
ngiyazi ukuthi ngemikhuleko yenu langosizo
lukaMoya kaJesu Khristu, okwenzakale
kimi kuzaletha ukukhululwa kwami. 20
Ngokutshiseka ngilindele njalo ngithemba
ukuthi angiyikuyangeka langayiphi indlela,
kodwa ngizakuba lesibindi esaneleyo ukuze
kuthi khathesi njengenjwayelo uKhristu
uzakudunyiswa emzimbeni wami, loba
ngokuphila kumbe ngokufa. 21 Ngoba kimi,
ukuphila kunguKhristu lokufa kuyinzuzo.
22 Nxa ngingaqhubeka ngiphila emzimbeni,
lokhu kuzakutsho umsebenzi olezithelo
kimi. Kodwa-ke, kuyini engizakukhetha?
Angazi! 23 Ngiphakathi kwakho kokubili:
Ngifisa ukusuka ngibe loKhristu, okungcono
kakhulu; 24 Kodwa kuyasweleka kakhulu kini
ukuba ngibe ngilokhu ngiphila kulumzimba.
25 Sengikholwe lokhu, ngiyakwazi ukuthi
ngizakuba khona, njalo ngizaqhubeka ngilani
lonke ngenxa yokuthuthuka kwenu lokuthokoza
ekukholweni, 26 ukuze kuthi ngokuba lani
kwami futhi, ukuthokoza kwenu kuKhristu
uJesu kuzakwanda ngenxa yami. 27 Loba
kusenzakalani, lina ziphatheni ngendlela
efanele ivangeli likaKhristu. Ngakho, langabe
ngiyeza ukuzalibona loba ngizwe nje kuphela
ngani ngingekho, ngizakwazi ukuba liqinile
ngaMoya munye, lilwela ukholo lwevangeli
njengomuntu munye, 28 kungekho kwethuswa
langayiphi indlela yilabo abaliphikisayo. Lokhu
kuyisibonakaliso kubo ukuthi bazachithwa,
kodwa lina lizasindiswa nguNkulunkulu. 29
Ngoba kunikelwe kini ngenxa kaKhristu
kungasikukholwa kuye kuphela, kodwa
lokumhluphekela, 30 njengoba lilwisa hlupho
lunye elabona ngilalo, lakhathesi liyezwa ukuba
ngilokhu ngilalo.

2 Nxa kukhona okukhuthazayo ngokuhlangana
loKhristu, nxa kulenduduzo evela

ethandweni lwakhe, nxa kulobudlelwano
loMoya, nxa kulozwelo lesihawu, 2 phelelisani
intokozo yami ngokuba ngqondo nye, lilothando
lunye, limunye emoyeni njalo linjongo yinye.
3 Lingenzi lutho ngokuzikhukhumeza loba
ukuziphakamisa okuyize. Kodwa ngokuthobeka
khangelani abanye njengabangcono kulani
4 lingazikhathaleli izifiso zenu lodwa kodwa
likhathalele lezifiso zabanye. 5 Ekuphilisaneni
kwenu, isimo sengqondo yenu kumele sifanane
lesikaKhristu uJesu, 6 Yena okwathi ngemvelo
enguNkulunkulu, kacabanganga ukulingana
loNkulunkulu kuyilutho olungafinyelelwa, 7
kodwa wazithoba, wathatha isimo senceku, yena
elesimo somuntu. 8 Wathi ebunjwe wabonakala
njengomuntu, wazehlisa walalela kwaze kwaba
sekufeni, ukufa kwasesiphambanweni! 9
Ngakho-ke, uNkulunkulu wamphakamisela
endaweni ephezulu kakhulu, wamnika ibizo
elingaphezu kwamabizo wonke, 10 ukuba
amadolo wonke aguqe ebizweni likaJesu,
ezulwini lasemhlabeni kanye langaphansi
komhlaba, 11 lezindimi zonke zivume
ukuthi uJesu Khristu uyiNkosi, kube ludumo
lukaNkulunkulu uYise. 12 Ngakho-ke, bangane
bami abathandekayo, njengoba lihlezi lilalela
kungayisikho ukuthi ngikhona kuphela
kodwa ikakhulu nxa ngingekho, qhubekani
lisebenzela ukusindiswa kwenu ngokwesaba
langokuthuthumela 13 ngoba nguNkulunkulu
osebenzayo phakathi kwenu ukuba lifune njalo
lenze okumthokozisayo. 14 Yenzani konke
kungela kusola kumbe ukuphikisana 15 ukuze
libe ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu abangelasici
labahlambulukileyo, abamsulwa phakathi
kwesizukulwane esonakeleyo lesixhwalileyo,
lina elicwebezela phakathi kwaso liletha
ukukhanya emhlabeni 16 ligagadlela
ilizwi lokuphila. Ngalokho ngizazincoma
ngosuku lukaKhristu ukuthi kangigijimelanga
kumbe ngasebenzela ize. 17 Kodwa lanxa
ngithululwa njengomnikelo wokunathwa phezu
komhlatshelo lenkonzo evela ekukholweni
kwenu, ngiyathaba ngithokoza lani lonke. 18
Ngakho-ke, lani njalo thabani lithokoze lami. 19
Ngiyethemba eNkosini uJesu ukuba ngizathuma
uThimothi kini masinyane ukuba lami
ngithokoze lapho ngisamukela izindaba ngani.
20 Kangilaye omunye onjengaye, othakazelela
inhlalakahle yenu ngobuqotho. 21 Ngoba abantu
bonke bazifunela okwabo, hatshi okukaJesu
Khristu. 22 Kodwa lina liyakwazi ukuthi
uThimothi usezifakazele ngoba njengendodana
eloyise usesebenze lami emsebenzini wevangeli.
23 Ngakho-ke, ngithemba ngizamthuma
masinyane lapho sengibonile ukuba izinto
zingihambela njani. 24 Njalo ngiyathemba
eNkosini ukuthi lami uqobo ngizakuza
masinyane. 25 Kodwa ngibona kufanele
ukuthi ngimthume kini futhi u-Ephafrodithusi,
umzalwane wami, obambisane lami umsebenzi
lolibutho kanye lami, oyisithunywa senu futhi,
elamthumayo ukuthi angisize ngendingeko
zami. 26 Ngoba uyalilangatha lonke njalo
ukhathazekile njengoba lezwa ukuthi wayegula.
27 Ngempela wayegula njalo waphose wafa.
Kodwa uNkulunkulu waba lesihawu kuye,
kungayisikho kuye kuphela kodwa lakimi
ukuba angiphephise osizini phezu kosizi. 28
Ngakho-ke, ngitshisekela kakhulu ukumthuma
ukuze kuthi lapho limbona futhi lithokoze lami
ngikhathazeke okunganeno. 29 Mamukeleni
eNkosini ngokuthokoza okukhulu njalo
libahloniphe abantu abanjengaye 30 ngoba
waphosa wafela umsebenzi kaKhristu, wafaka
impilo yakhe engozini ukuze angiphe usizo
elingangiphanga lona.

3 Okokucina, bazalwane, thokozani eNkosini!
Akusihlupho kimi ukulilobela ngezinto
ezifanayo futhi ngoba lokho kuyisivikelo kini. 2
Qaphelani izinja lezo, abantu labo abenza okubi
lalabo abalimaza umzimba. 3 Ngoba thina yithi
abokusokwa, thina esikhonza uNkulunkulu
ngoMoya wakhe, esiziqhenya ngoKhristu
uJesu njalo esingabeki ithemba kokwenyama
4 lanxa nje mina ngokwami ngilezizatho
zethemba elinjalo. Nxa kulomuntu ocabanga
ukuthi ulezizatho zokuthemba okwenyama,
mina ngilezinengi: 5 ngasokwa ngosuku
lwesificaminwembili, ngingowako-Israyeli,
owesizwana sakoBhenjamini, umHebheru
wamaHebheru; ngokomthetho, ngingumFarisi;
6 ngokutshiseka, ngahlukuluza ibandla;

ngokulunga okugxile emthethweni, angilacala.
7 Kodwa loba kuyini okwakuyinzuzo kimi
khathesi ngikubala njengokulahlekelwa
ngenxa kaKhristu. 8 Phezu kwalokho,
konke ngikubona kuyize lapho kulinganiswa
lobukhulu obumangalisayo bokwazi uKhristu
Jesu iNkosi yami esengilahlekelwe yizinto
zonke ngenxa yakhe. Ngikubona kuyimfucuza
ukuze ngizuze uKhristu 9 njalo ngitholakale
kuye, ngingelakulunga okungokwami okuvelela
emthethweni, kodwa lokho kungenxa
yokukholwa kuKhristu, ukulunga okuvela
kuNkulunkulu njalo okungokukholwa. 10
Ngifuna ukumazi uKhristu lamandla okuvuka
kwakhe ekufeni lobudlelwano bokuhlanganyela
ekuhluphekeni kwakhe, ngibe njengaye ekufeni,
11 ukuze ngenye indlela, ngithole ukuvuka
kwabafileyo. 12 Akusikuthi sengikuzuzile konke
lokhu loba ukuthi sengiphelelisiwe kodwa
ngilwisa ukuba ngibambe lokho uKhristu Jesu
angibambela khona. 13 Bazalwane, angikazibali
njengosekubambile lokho. Kodwa yinye into
engiyenzayo, ngiyakukhohlwa okusemuva
ngizama ngamandla ukufinyelela kokuphambili,
14 ngilwisa ukuthi ngiyefinyelela ekucineni
ukuba ngithole umvuzo uNkulunkulu angibizela
wona ezulwini ngoKhristu uJesu. 15 Sonke
thina esesiphelele kumele sikhangele izinto
ngengqondo enjalo. Nxa kokunye licabanga
ngokwehlukileyo, lalokho uNkulunkulu
uzakwenza kucace kini. 16 Kuphela nje
kasiqhubekeni ngalokho esesikuzuzile. 17
Bazalwane, hlanganyelani labanye ekulandeleni
isibonelo sami, libananzelele labo abaphila
ngokwesibonelo esalitshengisa sona. 18 Ngoba,
njengoba ngangihlala ngilitshela kuqala
lakhathesi ngiyatsho futhi langezinyembezi
ukuthi abanengi baphila njengezitha
zesiphambano sikaKhristu. 19 Isiphetho sabo
yikubhubha, unkulunkulu wabo yisisu sabo,
lodumo lwabo lusehlazweni labo. Ingqondo
yabo isezintweni zasemhlabeni. 20 Kodwa
elethu ikhaya lisezulwini. Njalo simlindele
ngokutshiseka uMsindisi evela khonale, iNkosi
uJesu Khristu, 21 yena okuzakuthi ngamandla
amenza abeke izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe,
uzaguqula imizimba yethu elesimo esiphansi
ibe njengomzimba wakhe olenkazimulo.

4 Ngakho-ke bazalwane bami, lina
engilithandayo lengilikhumbulayo,
liyintokozo yami lomqhele wami, kumele liqine
kanjalo eNkosini bangane abathandekayo!
2 Ngiyamncenga uYuwodiya loSintikhe
ukuba bavumelane eNkosini. 3 Ngiyakucela
mhlobo wami oqotho, siza abesifazane labo
abasebenza lami kanzima ngenxa yevangeli,
kanye loKlementi labanye engisebenza labo,
abalamabizo abo asencwadini yokuphila. 4
Thokozani eNkosini kokuphela. Ngiyatsho
futhi ngithi: Thokozani! 5 Ukuthobeka
kwenu kakubonakale kubo bonke. INkosi
isiseduze. 6 Lingakhathazeki kodwa ngazo zonke
izikhathi bikani izicelo zenu kuNkulunkulu
ngokukhuleka, ngokuncenga langokubonga.
7 Ukuthula kukaNkulunkulu okudlula
ukuqedisisa konke kuzabusa inhliziyo zenu
lezingqondo zenu kuKhristu uJesu. 8 Okokucina
bazalwane, konke okuliqiniso, lokulesithunzi,
lokulungileyo, lokuhlambulukileyo, lokuhle,
lokubukekayo, nxa ulutho luluhle kakhulu
loba lubongeka, cabangani ngezinto
ezinje. 9 Loba kuyini elikufundileyo loba
elikwamukeleyo loba elikuzwileyo kuvela
kimi, loba elikubonileyo kimi, kwenzeni.
UNkulunkulu wokuthula uzakuba lani. 10
Ngiyathokoza kakhulu eNkosini ngokuthi
khathesi selize lavuselela ukungikhathalela
kwenu. Impela kade likhathazeka kodwa
lingelalo ithuba lokukubonakalisa. 11 Kangitsho
lokhu ngenxa yokuthi ngiyaswela ngoba
sengafunda ukwaneliseka kuyo yonke imimo.
12 Ngiyakwazi ukuba ukuswela kuyini njalo
ngiyakwazi ukuba kuyini ukuba lokunengi.
Sengafunda imfihlo yokwaneliseka kuzozonke
izimo, langabe ngiyasutha loba ngilambile, loba
ngilokunengi kumbe ngiswela. 13 Ngingazenza
zonke izinto ngaye onginika amandla. 14
Kodwa kwakukuhle ukuthi lihlanganyele
lami ekuhluphekeni kwami. 15 Phezu
kwalokho, lina bantu baseFiliphi liyakwazi
ukuthi ensukwini elaqala ngazo ukwazi
ivangeli ngesikhathi ngisuka eMasedoniya,

akukho lalinye ibandla elahlanganyela lami
endabeni yokupha lokwamukela ngaphandle
kwenu kuphela; 16 ngoba langesikhathi
ngiseThesalonika langithumela usizo kanengi
lapho ngidinga uncedo. 17 Akusikuthi ngifuna
isipho kodwa ngifuna okuzakuba yinzuzo
kini. 18 Sengamukele umvuzo ogcweleyo
lodlulisileyo; ngiphiwe okwaneleyo njengoba
khathesi sengamukele ku-Ephafrodithusi izipho
elazithumelayo. Zingumnikelo wephunga
elimnandi, umhlatshelo owamukelekayo
lothokozisa uNkulunkulu. 19 UNkulunkulu
wami uzakugcwalisa konke ukuswela kwenu
ngenkazimulo yenotho yakhe kuKhristu uJesu.
20 Udumo kalube kuNkulunkulu uBaba kuze
kube nini lanini. Ameni. (aiōn g165) 21 Bingelelani
bonke abangcwele abakuKhristu. Abazalwane
abalami bayalibingelela. 22 Abangcwele bonke
bayalibingelela, ikakhulu labo abangabendlu
kaKhesari. 23 Umusa weNkosi uJesu Khristu
kawube lomoya wenu.

KwabaseKholose

1 UPhawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu
ngentando kaNkulunkulu, loThimothi
umzalwane wethu, 2 Lakubazalwane abangcwele
labathembekileyo kuKhristu abaseKholose:
Umusa lokuthula kakube kini kuvela
kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu. 3 Sihlezi simbonga
kokuphela uNkulunkulu, uBaba weNkosi yethu
uJesu Khristu, nxa silikhulekela, 4 ngoba
sizwile ngokukholwa kwenu kuKhristu uJesu
langothando elithanda ngalo abangcwele bonke.
5 Ukukholwa lothando okuvela ethembeni
eligcinelwe lina ezulwini, eselezwa ngalo
elizwini leqiniso, elilivangeli 6 eselifikile
kini. Emhlabeni wonke ivangeli leli lithela
izithelo njalo liyakhula njengebelikwenza
phakathi kwenu kusukela ngelanga elalizwa
ngalo lawuqedisisa umusa kaNkulunkulu ngawo
wonke amaqiniso alo. 7 Lalifundiswa ngu-
Ephafrasi oyinceku ethandekayo, ongumfundisi
othembekileyo kaKhristu emele thina, 8
owasitshela ngothando lwenu kuMoya. 9 Ngenxa
yalokhu, kusukela mhla sisizwa ngani kasizange
siyekele ukulikhulekela sicela uNkulunkulu
ukuthi aligcwalise ngokwazi intando yakhe
ngakho konke ukuhlakanipha koMoya kanye
lokuqedisisa. 10 Sikhulekela ukuba liphile
impilo efanele iNkosi lokuba liyithokozise
ngezindlela zonke, lithele izithelo kuyo yonke
imisebenzi emihle, ukwazi kwenu uNkulunkulu
kukhule, 11 liqiniswa ngamandla wonke
mayelana lamandla akhe amangalisayo ukuze
libe lokubekezela kanye lesineke esikhulu, kuthi
njalo ngokuthokoza 12 limbonge ngentokozo
uYise owalenza lafanela ukuhlanganyela elifeni
labangcwele bakhe embusweni wokukhanya. 13
Ngoba wasihlenga embusweni wobumnyama
wasiletha embusweni weNdodana yakhe
ayithandayo, 14 okukuyo ukuhlengwa kwethu
lokuthethelelwa kwezono. 15 Indodana
ingumfanekiso kaNkulunkulu ongabonakaliyo,
izibulo kukho konke okwadalwayo. 16
Ngoba izinto zonke zadalwa ngayo: izinto
ezisezulwini lezisemhlabeni, ezibonakalayo
lezingabonakaliyo loba kuyizihlalo zobukhosi
kumbe amandla loba ababusi kumbe abaphathi;
izinto zonke zadalwa ngayo zidalelwa yona.
17 Yona iphambi kwezinto zonke njalo
kuyo izinto zonke zibambene. 18 Iyinhloko
yomzimba okulibandla; iyikuqala lezibulo
elivela kwabafileyo ukuze yona ibe ngeyokuqala
ezintweni zonke. 19 Ngoba uNkulunkulu
wathokoza ukuba ukuphelela kwakhe kube
kuyo 20 lokuthi ngayo abuyisane lezinto zonke,
loba kuyizinto ezisemhlabeni kumbe izinto
ezisezulwini ngokwenza ukuthula ngegazi
layo elachithwa esiphambanweni. 21 Lina lake
laba ngabehlukane loNkulunkulu, liyizitha
ezingqondweni zenu ngenxa yokuziphatha
kwenu okubi. 22 Kodwa khathesi uselibuyisile
ngomzimba kaKhristu uqobo lwawo ngokufa
ukuze alethule lingcwele ebusweni bakhe,
lingelasici njalo limsulwa. 23 Nxa liqhubeka
ngokukholwa kwenu ligxile njalo liqinile,
lingasuki ethembeni eliliphiwa ngevangeli.
Leli yilo ivangeli elalizwayo eselitshunyayelwe
kuzozonke izidalwa ngaphansi kwezulu, mina
Phawuli esengibe yinceku yalo. 24 Khathesi
ngiyathokoza ngokulihluphekela kwami njalo
ngiyagcwalisa emzimbeni okulokhu kusasilela
mayelana lezinhlupheko zikaKhristu ngenxa
yomzimba wakhe olibandla. 25 Sengaba
yinceku yalo ngomsebenzi uNkulunkulu
anginika wona ukuba ngililethele ilizwi
likaNkulunkulu liphelele, 26 ebeliyimfihlakalo
ebifihlakele okweminyakanyaka kanye
lezizukulwane ezedluleyo kodwa khathesi
isibekwe obala kwabangcwele beNkosi. (aiōn
g165) 27 UNkulunkulu wathanda ukubazisa
phakathi kwabeZizweni inotho emangalisayo
yemfihlakalo le, enguKhristu phakathi kwenu,
ithemba lenkazimulo. 28 Sitshumayela
yena, seluleke njalo sifundise abantu bonke
ngenhlakanipho yonke ukuze bonke sibalethe
kuKhristu bephelele. 29 Ngisebenza nzima
ukuba lokhu kufezeke, ngilwisa ngawo wonke
amandla uKhristu asebenza ngawo phakathi
kwami.

2 Ngifuna ukuba lazi ukuthi ngilizamela
kakhulu okunganani lina labaseLodikheya,
kanye labo bonke abangakangiboni mathupha.

2 Injongo yami yikuthi bakhuthazeke
ezinhliziyweni njalo bamanyane ethandweni
ukuze babe lenotho egcweleyo yokuqedisisa
okupheleleyo, ukuze bayazi imfihlakalo
kaNkulunkulu kubalisa uKhristu, 3 okufihlwe
kuye yonke ingcebo yokuhlakanipha lokwazi.
4 Ngilitshela lokhu ukuze kungabikhona
olikhohlisayo ngamazwi amnandi. 5 Ngoba
lanxa ngingekho kini ngomzimba ngilani
ngomoya njalo ngithokozela ukubona
ubuntu benu lokuqina kokholo lwenu
kuKhristu. 6 Ngakho-ke, njengoba uKhristu
Jesu lamamukela njengeNkosi, qhubekani
liphila kuye, 7 ligxile njalo lakhelwe kuye,
liqine ekukholweni njengokufundiswa kwenu,
liphuphuma ngokubonga. 8 Qaphelani
kungabikhona olithumbayo ngenhlakanipho
eyize lekhohlisayo, eyeyame emdabukweni
wabantu lakuzimiso zemvelo yakulo umhlaba
kungesikho kuKhristu. 9 Ngoba bonke
ubuNkulunkulu buhlezi kuKhristu ngesimo
somzimba 10 njalo lina lilakho lokhu
kuphelela kuKhristu oyinhloko yamandla
wonke kanye lokubusa konke. 11 Lasokelwa
kuye ngokususwa kwemvelo yenu yesono,
kungayisikho ngokusoka okwenziwa ngezandla
zabantu kodwa ngokulahla umzimba wenyama,
lokhu kuyikusoka okwenziwa nguKhristu
12 ngokungcwatshwa laye ngobhaphathizo
labuye lavuswa kanye laye ngokukholwa
kwenu emandleni kaNkulunkulu owamvusa
kwabafileyo. 13 Ngesikhathi lifile ezonweni
zenu lokungasoki kwemvelo yenu yesono,
uNkulunkulu walenza laba ngabaphilayo kanye
loKhristu. Wasithethelela zonke izono zethu
14 ngokwesula yonke imithetho elotshiweyo
lezimiso zayo eyayimelane lathi njalo isivimbela.
Wayisusa, wayibethela esiphambanweni. 15
Kwathi eselahlise imibuso lababusi izikhali,
wenza umbukiso oyinhlekisa ngabo, wabanqoba
ngesiphambano. 16 Ngakho-ke, lingavumeli
umuntu elahlulela ngalokho elikudlayo loba
elikunathayo loba ngokuphathelane lomkhosi
wokholo, ukuthokozela ukuthwasa kwenyanga
loba usuku lweSabatha. 17 Lezizinto ziyisithunzi
nje sezinto ezazizakuza kodwa ubuqotho
butholakala kuKhristu. 18 Lingavumeli
umuntu othokoziswa yikuzithoba kwamanga
lokukhonza izingilosi eliphuthisa umvuzo wenu.
Umuntu onjalo ubalisa ngokupheleleyo konke
akubonileyo, kuthi ingqondo yakhe engayisiyo
yomoya imkhukhumeze ngemicabango
eyize. 19 Usehlukane lenhloko yomzimba
wonke wona ohlanganiswa ndawonye
yimisipha lemithambo, okhula ngokuthanda
kukaNkulunkulu. 20 Njengoba lafa loKhristu
ezimisweni zalo umhlaba, kungani liphila
sengathi lilokhu lingabawo, lizibeka ngaphansi
kwemithetho yawo yokuthi, 21 “Ungabambi!
Unganambithi! Ungathinti!”? 22 Konke
lokhu kumiselwe ukuqedwa yikusetshenziswa
ngoba kweyame phezu kwemilayo yabantu
lemfundiso yabo. 23 Impela izimiso ezinje
zibonakala njengenhlakanipho, ngenkonzo yazo
yokuzenzela, ukuzithoba kwamanga lokuphatha
umzimba kabuhlungu kodwa kazilalo usizo
lokuzithiba ezinkanukweni zomzimba.

3 Ngakho-ke njengoba livuswe kanye
loKhristu, bekani inhliziyo zenu ezintweni
eziphezulu lapho uKhristu ahlezi khona
esandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu. 2 Bekani
ingqondo zenu ezintweni eziphezulu hatshi
ezintweni zasemhlabeni. 3 Ngoba lafa,
ukuphila kwenu khathesi kufihlwe loKhristu
kuNkulunkulu. 4 Lapho uKhristu oyikuphila
kwenu, ebonakala, lani futhi lizabonakala
laye enkazimulweni. 5 Ngakho-ke, kubulaleni
konke okungokwemvelo yenu yasemhlabeni:
okubalisa ukuhlobonga, ukungcola, inkanuko,
izifiso ezimbi, ubuhwaba lokukhonza izithombe.
6 Ngenxa yalezizinto, ulaka lukaNkulunkulu
luyeza. 7 Lalijayele ukuhamba kulezizindlela
empilweni elake layiphila. 8 Kodwa khathesi
zilahleni zonke izinto ezinjengalezi: ulaka,
ukuthukuthela, inzondo, ukunyeya lenkulumo
ebolileyo. 9 Lingaqambelani amanga njengoba
selihlubule uqobo lwenu oludala lezenzo
zalo 10 lembatha uqobo lwenu olutsha
olwenziwa lube lutsha ekwazini ngomfanekiso
kaMdali walo. 11 Lapha akula oweZizwe loba
umJuda, osokileyo loba ongasokanga, iqaba,
umSikhethiya, isigqili loba okhululekileyo
kodwa uKhristu uyikho konke njalo ukubo

bonke. 12 Ngakho, njengabantu bakaNkulunkulu
abakhethiweyo, abangcwele labathandwa
kakhulu, zembeseni ngesihawu, umusa,
ukuzithoba, ubumnene kanye lokubekezela. 13
Bekezelelanani, lithethelelane loba kuyinsolo
bani omunye angaba layo ngomunye.
Thethelelani njengoba iNkosi yalithethelela.
14 Phezu kwakho konke lokhu yembathani
uthando olukubophela ndawonye konke lokhu,
kube yikumanyana okupheleleyo. 15 Ukuthula
kukaKhristu kakubuse ezinhliziyweni zenu
ngoba njengezitho zomzimba munye labizelwa
ukuthula. Njalo bongani. 16 Ilizwi likaKhristu
kalihlale phakathi kwenu ngokupheleleyo lapho
lifundisana njalo liselulekana ngenhlakanipho
yonke, ngamahubo, amaculo kanye lezingoma
zakoMoya, lihlabelele lilokubonga uNkulunkulu
ezinhliziyweni zenu. 17 Njalo kukho konke
elikwenzayo, ngelizwi loba ngesenzo,
konke kwenzeni ngebizo leNkosi uJesu,
libonge uNkulunkulu uYise ngaye. 18
Bafazi, zehliseni kubomkenu njengokufanele
eNkosini. 19 Madoda, thandani omkenu
njalo lingabi lesihluku kubo. 20 Bantwana,
lalelani abazali benu ezintweni zonke ngoba
lokhu kuyayithokozisa iNkosi. 21 Bazali,
lingabathukuthelisi abantwana benu hlezi
badumazeke. 22 Zigqili, lalelani amakhosi enu
omhlaba ezintweni zonke; likwenze hatshi
ngoba elikhangele loba ukuthi alithande kodwa
ngobuqotho bezinhliziyo langokuhlonipha
iNkosi. 23 Konke elikwenzayo kusebenzeni
ngenhliziyo yenu yonke njengokusebenzela
iNkosi hatshi abantu, 24 njengoba lisazi ukuthi
lizathola ilifa eNkosini njengomvuzo. YiNkosi
uKhristu elimkhonzayo. 25 Loba ngubani
oyenza okubi uzaphindiselwa ngobubi bakhe
njalo akula kubandlulula.

4 Makhosi, nikani izigqili zenu okulungileyo
lokufaneleyo ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi lani
lileNkosi ezulwini. 2 Zinikeleni ekukhulekeni
ngokuqaphela langokubonga. 3 Lisikhulekele
lathi futhi ukuba uNkulunkulu avulele
ilizwi lethu umnyango ukuze sitshumayele
imfihlakalo kaKhristu engayibotshelwayo. 4
Khulekelani ukuba ngiyitshumayele ngokucaca
okufanele ngikwenze. 5 Hlakaniphani
kulokho elikwenzayo kwabangaphandle
lisebenzisa amathuba wonke ngokugcweleyo.
6 Ingxoxo yenu kayihlale igcwele umusa,
ifakwe itswayi ukuze likwazi ukuphendula
umuntu wonke. 7 UThikhikhasi uzalitshela
izindaba zonke ngami. Ungumzalwane
othandekayo, umfundisi othembekileyo
loyinceku eNkosini. 8 Ngimthuma kini
ngenjongo enxwanele ukuthi lazi ngomumo
wethu lokuthi akhuthaze inhliziyo zenu.
9 Ubuya lo-Onesimasi, umzalwane wethu
othembekileyo lothandekayo njalo ongomunye
wenu. Bazalitshela konke okwenzakala lapha.
10 U-Aristakhasi engibotshwe laye loMakho
umzawakhe kaBhanabhasi bayalibingelela.
(Selamukela iziqondiso ngaye; angabuya kini
limamukele.) 11 UJesu othiwa nguJustusi
laye uyalibingelela. Laba yibo kuphela
abangamaJuda kulabo engisebenzela umbuso
kaNkulunkulu labo njalo sebebonakalise ukuthi
bayinduduzo kimi. 12 U-Ephafrasi ongomunye
wenu lenceku kaKhristu uJesu uyalibingelela.
Uhlezi elikhulekela kakhulu ukuba liqine
kuyo yonke intando kaNkulunkulu liphelele
njalo lithembile. 13 Ngiyamfakazela ukuthi
uyalisebenzela kakhulu lina kanye lalabo
abaseLodikheya leHiyerapholisi. 14 Umngane
wethu othandekayo uLukha ongudokotela,
loDemasi bayalibingelela. 15 Ngibingelelelani
abazalwane abaseLodikheya loNimfa kanye
lebandla endlini yakhe. 16 Emva kokuba incwadi
le seliyifundelwe, bonani ukuthi iyafundwa
lasebandleni laseLodikheya lokuthi lani libale
incwadi evela eLodikheya. 17 Tshelani u-
Akhiphasi lithi: “Bona ukuba uyawuqeda
umsebenzi owamukele eNkosini.” 18 Mina
Phawuli, ngiloba ukuvalelisa lokhu ngesami
isandla. Khumbulani ukubotshwa kwami.
Umusa kawube lani.

1 KwabaseThesalonika

1 UPhawuli, uSayilasi kanye loThimothi,
Lebandleni labaseThesalonika
abakuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu
Khristu: Umusa lokuthula kakube kini. **2** Sihlala
silibongela lonke kuNkulunkulu njalo silibeka
emikhulekweni yethu. **3** Siyawukhumbula
kokuphela phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu
uBaba umsebenzi wenu ongenxa yokukholwa
lokusebenza kwenu okufuqwa luthando
kanye lokubekezela kwenu okuqiniswa
yikwethemba eNkosini uJesu Khristu. **4**
Bazalwane abathandwa nguNkulunkulu,
siyakwazi ukuthi ulikhethile **5** ngoba ivangeli
lethu lafika kini hatshi ngamazwi nje kuphela
kodwa langamandla loMoya oNgcwele kanye
lokukholwa okujulileyo. Liyakwazi ukuba
sahlala njani phakathi kwenu ngenxa yenu.
6 Lina laba ngabasilingisayo thina kanye
leNkosi ngoba lalamukela ilizwi esikhathini
esinzima ngokuthokoza okuvela kuMoya
oNgcwele. **7** Ngakho-ke, laba yisibonelo kuwo
wonke amakholwa eMasedoniya kanye le-
Akhayiya. **8** Ilizwi leNkosi lezwakala livela kini
hatshi eMasedoniya lase-Akhayiya kuphela
kodwa ukukholwa kwenu kuNkulunkulu
sekusaziwa ezindaweni zonke. Ngakho-ke,
akudingeki ukuba sikhulume ngakho **9** ngoba
bona ngokwabo bayabika ukuthi lasamukela
njani. Bayatsho ngokuphendukela kwenu
kuNkulunkulu lidela ukukhonza izithombe
ukuba likhonze uNkulunkulu ophilayo loqotho
10 lilindele leNdodana yakhe evela ezulwini,
ayivusayo kwabafileyo, uJesu osihlenga elakeni
oluzayo.

2 Liyakwazi bazalwane ukuthi ukuza kwethu
kini akubanga liphutha. **2** Sike sahlupheka
ngaphambili njalo sathukwa eFiliphi njengoba
lisazi kodwa ngosizo lukaNkulunkulu wethu
saba lesibindi sokulitshela ivangeli lakhe
lanxa nje kwakulobunzima obukhulu. **3**
Ngoba isicelo esisenzayo kasiveli ekuphosiseni
loba enjongweni engcolileyo njalo kasizami
kulikhohlisa. **4** Kodwa sikhuluma njengabantu
abavunywe nguNkulunkulu ukuba siphathiswe
ivangeli. Kasizami kuthokozisa abantu kodwa
uNkulunkulu, yena ohlola inhliziyo zethu.
5 Liyakwazi ukuthi kasizange sisebenzise
inkohliso loba isisitho ukuba sifihle ubuhwaba
njalo uNkulunkulu ungufakazi wethu. **6** Kasifuni
dumo oluvela ebantwini loba kini kumbe
omunye laye. Njengabapostoli bakaKhristu
sasingaba ngumthwalo kini **7** kodwa saba mnene
kini njengomama esondla abantwana bakhe
abancinyane. **8** Salithanda kakhulu, sathokoza
ukuhlanganyela lani kungayisikho evangelini
likaNkulunkulu kuphela kodwa lasekuphileni
kwethu ngoba lina laselithandeka kakhulu
kithi. **9** Impela liyakhumbula bazalwane,
ukusebenza nzima lokuhlupheka kwethu;
sasebenza ebusuku lemini ukuze singabi
ngumthwalo lakubani lapho sitshumayela
ivangeli likaNkulunkulu kini. **10** Lingofakazi
kanye loNkulunkulu bokuthi sasingcwele,
silungile njalo singasoleki phakathi kwenu
lina elalikholwa. **11** Ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi
ngamunye wenu saliphatha njengobaba ephatha
abantwana bakhe, **12** siliqinisa, silidudza
kanye lokulikhuthaza ukuthi liphile impilo
efanele uNkulunkulu yena olibizela embusweni
wakhe lasenkazimulweni. **13** Njalo uNkulunkulu
siyambonga kokuphela ngoba ekwamukeleni
kwenu ilizwi likaNkulunkulu elalizwa ngathi,
lalamukela hatshi njengelizwi labantu kodwa
njengoba linjalo impela, ilizwi likaNkulunkulu,
elisebenzayo kini lina abakholwayo. **14** Ngoba
lina bazalwane laba ngabalingisi bamabandla
kaNkulunkulu eJudiya akuKhristu uJesu; abantu
belizwe lakini balihluphela izinto ezifana lalezo
amabandla lawo azihlutshelwa ngamaJuda,
15 abulala iNkosi uJesu labaphrofethi, thina
asixotsha. Ayamdabukisa uNkulunkulu njalo
ayizitha zabantu bonke **16** ekuzameni kwawo
ukusinqabela ukukhuluma labeZizweni ukuba
basindiswe. Ngalokho-ke, bandisa izono zabo
kakhulu. Ulaka lukaNkulunkulu seluze lwehlela
phezu kwabo. **17** Kodwa-ke, bazalwane,
ekuhlukanisweni kwethu kini okwesikhatshana
(uqobo lwethu, hatshi umcabango), kwathi
ngokulangazelela okukhulu senza imizamo

yonke ukuba silibone. 18 Ngoba sasifuna ukuza
kini, impela mina Phawuli ngazama kanengi
kodwa uSathane wasivimbela. 19 Ngoba liyini
ithemba lethu, intokozo yethu loba umqhele
esizazincoma ngawo phambi kweNkosi yethu
uJesu Khristu ekufikeni kwakhe na? Akusini na?
20 Ngempela lina liludumo lwethu lentokozo
yethu.

3 Ngakho-ke, kwathi singasenelisi ukukumela
sabona kungcono ukuba sisale sodwa e-
Athene. 2 Sathuma uThimothi ongumzalwane
wethu lesisebenzi kanye lathi kuNkulunkulu
ekutshumayeleni ivangeli likaKhristu,
ukuliqinisa lokulikhuthaza ekukholweni
kwenu 3 ukuze angabikhona ongayikuhlaliseka
ngenxa yalezizilingo. Liyakwazi kakuhle ukuthi
samiselwa zona. 4 Ngeqiniso, siseselani sasihlala
silitshela ukuthi sizahlukuluzwa. Kwabanjalo
njengoba lisazi kakuhle. 5 Ngenxa yalokhu,
kwathi ngingasanelisi ukukumela ngathumela
ukuba ngazi ngokholo lwenu. Ngangisesaba
ukuthi engxenye umlingi uselilingile lemizamo
yethu kayisizanga. 6 Kodwa uThimothi usanda
kufika kithi khathesi evela kini njalo ulethe
izindaba ezinhle ngokholo lwenu kanye
lothando lwenu. Usitshele ukuthi lihlala
lilemikhumbulo emihle ngathi kanye lokuthi
lifisa ukusibona njengoba lathi sifisa ukulibona.
7 Ngakho bazalwane, kulolonke usizi lwethu
kanye lokuhlukuluzwa kwethu, sakhuthazeka
ngani ngenxa yokukholwa kwenu. 8 Ngoba
khathesi sesiphila ngempela, njengoba liqinile
eNkosini. 9 Singalibongela njani ngokwaneleyo
kuNkulunkulu sibuyisela yonke intokozo
esilayo phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu ngenxa
yenu na? 10 Ebusuku lemini siyakhuleka
ngokuzimisela ukuba silibone futhi silinike
okusilelayo ekukholweni kwenu. 11 Sengathi
uNkulunkulu wethu loBaba uqobo kanye
leNkosi yethu uJesu angasivulela indlela
yokuza kini. 12 Sengathi iNkosi ingandisa
uthando lwenu kuthi olomunye lomunye
luphumelele komunye kanye lasemuntwini
wonke njengokwenziwa ngolwethu kini. 13
Kaziqinise inhliziyo zenu ukuze lingasoleki
njalo libengcwele phambi kukaNkulunkulu
wethu loBaba ekufikeni kweNkosi yethu uJesu
labangcwele bayo bonke.

4 Okokucina bazalwane, salifundisa ukuba
liphile njani ukuze limthokozise uNkulunkulu
njengoba impela liphila. Siyalicela njalo
silincenga ngeNkosi uJesu ukuba lokhu likwenze
kokuphela. 2 Liyayazi imilayo esalinika yona
ngokulaya kweNkosi uJesu. 3 Kuyintando
kaNkulunkulu ukuba libengcwele: ukuba
lixwaye ukuhlobonga; 4 ukuba omunye
lomunye wenu afunde ukuthiba umzimba
wakhe ngendlela engcwele lehloniphekayo 5
hatshi ngomfutho wenkanuko njengabezizweni
abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu. 6 Njalo
kulokhu akukho okumele onele umzalwane
wakhe kumbe amzuzele khonapho ekuthini
ngumzalwane. INkosi izabajezisa bonke abenza
izono ezinje njengoba sesavela salitshela njalo
salixwayisa ngazo. 7 Ngoba uNkulunkulu
kasibizelanga ukuba sibe ngabangcolileyo
kodwa ukuba siphile impilo engcwele. 8
Ngakho-ke, lowo owalayo umlayo lo kalimuntu
kodwa uNkulunkulu, yena olinika uMoya wakhe
oNgcwele. 9 Mayelana lothando lobuzalwane,
akudingeki ukuba sililobele ngoba lina uqobo
lafundiswa nguNkulunkulu ukuba lithandane.
10 Njalo ngempela, liyabathanda abazalwane
bonke kulolonke elaseMasedoniya. Kodwa
siyalincenga bazalwane ukuthi lenzenjalo
kokuphela. 11 Akube yisifiso senu ukuphila
impilo yokuthula lokukhathalela umsebenzi
wenu kanye lokusebenza ngezandla zenu
njengoba salitshela 12 ukuze ukuphila kwenu
kwansukuzonke kubukwe ngabangaphandle
njalo lingathembeli komunye umuntu. 13
Bazalwane, kasifuni ukuba libe ngabangaziyo
ngalabo abalalayo loba lidabuke njengabanye
abantu abangelalo ithemba. 14 Siyakholwa
ukuthi uJesu wafa wabuya wavuka njalo
ngalokho siyakholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu
uzabavusa kanye loJesu labo asebelele
kuye. 15 Ngelizwi leNkosi siyalitshela ukuthi
thina esisaphila, esasalayo iNkosi ize ifike,
kasiyikubaqalela impela labo asebelele. 16
Ngoba iNkosi uqobo izakwehla ivela ezulwini
ngelizwi elikhulu, ngelizwi lengilosi enkulu

langokumemeza kwecilongo likaNkulunkulu,
kuthi abafileyo kuKhristu bavuke kuqala. 17
Emva kwalokho, thina esisaphila njalo sisele
sizahlwithwa kanye labo emayezini ukuba
sihlangabeze iNkosi emoyeni. Ngakho sizahlala
leNkosi kuze kube nininini. 18 Ngakho-ke,
khuthazanani ngala amazwi.

5 Bazalwane, mayelana lezikhathi lezinsuku
akudingeki ukuba sililobele 2 ngoba likwazi
kahle ukuthi usuku lweNkosi luzafika njengesela
ebusuku. 3 Abantu besathi, "Ukuthula
lokuvikeleka," incithakalo izakwehlela phezu
kwabo ngokujuma njengomhelo kowesifazane
ozithweleyo njalo kabayikuphunyuka. 4
Kodwa lina bazalwane, kalikho emnyameni
ukuba lolusuku lulijume njengesela. 5 Lonke
lingamadodana okukhanya lamadodana emini.
Kasisibo bobusuku loba abobumnyama. 6
Ngakho-ke, kasingafani labanye abaleleyo
kodwa kasiphaphameni njalo sizithibe. 7
Ngoba labo abalalayo balala ebusuku, lalabo
abadakwayo badakwa ebusuku. 8 Kodwa
njengoba singabemini, kasizithibeni, sembathe
ukukholwa lothando njengesihlangu sesifuba,
lethemba lokusindiswa njengengowane. 9
Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasimiselanga ulaka
kodwa ukuba sithole ukusindiswa ngeNkosi
yethu uJesu Khristu. 10 Wasifela ukuze
loba sikhangele kumbe silele, siphile laye.
11 Ngakho-ke, qinisanani njalo lakhane
njengoba likwenza. 12 Siyalicela bazalwane,
ukuba libahloniphe labo abasebenza nzima
phakathi kwenu, abalikhathalelayo eNkosini
njalo beliqondisa futhi. 13 Bahlonipheni
kakhulu ngothando ngenxa yomsebenzi
wabo. Hlalisanani ngokuthula. 14 Njalo
siyalincenga bazalwane, baxwayiseni labo
abangamavila, likhuthaze abadele inhliziyo,
lisize ababuthakathaka njalo libekezelele
umuntu wonke. 15 Qaphelani kungabikhona
ophindisela okubi ngokubi kodwa lihlale
lizama ukwenzelana okuhle kanye lakwabanye
abantu. 16 Thokozani kokuphela, 17 likhuleke
kokuphela 18 njalo libonge konke okulehlelayo
ngoba lokhu kuyintando kaNkulunkulu ngani
kuKhristu uJesu. 19 Lingawucitshi umlilo
kaMoya; 20 lingazeyisi iziphrofethi 21 kodwa
zihloleni zonke; libambelele kokulungileyo, 22
lixwaye konke okubi. 23 Sengathi uNkulunkulu
uqobo, uNkulunkulu wokuthula angalenza
libengcwele ngokupheleleyo. Sengathi umoya
wenu wonke lomphefumulo kanye lomzimba
kungalondolozwa kungelasici ekufikeni
kweNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. 24 Lowo
olibizayo uthembekile njalo uzakukwenza
lokho. 25 Lisikhulekele bazalwane. 26 Bingelelani
abazalwane bonke ngokwangana okungcwele.
27 Ngiyalilaya phambi kweNkosi ukuba incwadi
le ibalelwe abazalwane bonke. 28 Umusa
weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu kawube lani.

2 KwabaseThesalonika

1 UPhawuli, loSayilasi kanye loThimothi,
Lebandleni leThesalonika kuNkulunkulu
uBaba laseNkosini uJesu Khristu: **2** Umusa
lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba
leNkosini uJesu Khristu kakube kini. **3** Kumele
sibonge uNkulunkulu kokuphela ngenxa yenu
bazalwane njengoba kufanele ngoba ukholo
lwenu lukhula kokuphela lothando elilalo
komunye lomunye wenu luyanda. **4** Ngakho-ke,
phakathi kwamabandla kaNkulunkulu thina
siyazincoma ngokuqinisela kwenu lokukholwa
phakathi kwakho konke lokhu ukuhlukuluzwa
kanye lokuhlupheka elikubekezelelayo. **5**
Konke lokhu kuyibufakazi bokuthi ukwahlulela
kukaNkulunkulu kulungile njalo lizabalwa
njengabafanele umbuso kaNkulunkulu
eliwuhluphekelayo. **6** UNkulunkulu ulungile:
Uzaphindisela inhlupho kulabo abalihluphayo,
7 alinike kanye lathi ukuhlaliseka lina
elihlutshwayo. Lokhu kuzakwenzakala lapho
iNkosi uJesu isibonakaliswa ezulwini phakathi
komlilo ovuthayo ilezingilosi zayo ezilamandla.
8 Izabajezisa labo abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu
labangalilaleliyo ivangeli leNkosi yethu uJesu.
9 Bazajeziswa ngokubhujiswa okulaphakade,
bavalelwe ngaphandle kobukhona beNkosi
lasenkazimulweni yamandla ayo **(aiōnios g166)**
10 ngosuku ezafika ngalo ukuba idunyiswe
ngabantu bayo abangcwele lokuba ibatshazwe
phakathi kwabo bonke abakholwayo. Lokhu
kugoqela lani ngoba labukholwa ubufakazi
bethu kini. **11** Nxa sikhumbula lokhu, sihlala
silikhulekela kokuphela ukuthi uNkulunkulu
wethu alibale njengabafanele ukubizwa nguye
njalo kuthi ngamandla akhe afeze injongo
yenu elungileyo lakho konke ukwenza kwenu
okuthunganyelwa yikukholwa kwenu. **12**
Sikhulekela lokhu ukuze ibizo leNkosi yethu
uJesu lidunyiswe kini, lani kuyo, ngokomusa
kaNkulunkulu wethu loweNkosi uJesu Khristu.

2 Mayelana lokuza kweNkosi yethu uJesu
Khristu lokubuthana kwethu kuyo, siyalicela
bazalwane **2** ukuthi lingaphangi likhathazeke
kumbe lethuswe ngeyinye imfundiso loba
isiphrofethi kumbe ilizwi eliphuma emlonyeni
loba incwadi okungathiwa ivela kithi kuthiwa
usuku lweNkosi selufikile. **3** Lingavumeli muntu
elikhohlisa langayiphi indlela ngoba lolosuku
kaluyikufika umvukela uze wenzakale, lomuntu
ongelamthetho abonakaliswe yena omiselwe
ukubhujiswa. **4** Uzaphikisa, azikhukhumeze
ezintweni zonke ezibiza uNkulunkulu loba
ezikhonzwayo, aze azihlalise ethempelini
likaNkulunkulu, amemezele ukuthi yena
unguNkulunkulu. **5** Kalisakhumbuli yini ukuthi
ngisesekini ngangijayele ukulitshela izinto lezi?
6 Khathesi selikwazi okumvimbelayo ukuze
abonakaliswe ngesikhathi esifaneleyo. **7** Ngoba
amandla afihlakeleyo okungabi lamthetho
asesebenza kodwa lowo owavimbelayo khathesi
uzaqhubeka esenza njalo aze asuswe endleleni. **8**
Lapho-ke, lowo ongelamthetho uzabonakaliswa,
lowo iNkosi uJesu ezamchitha ngomoya
womlomo wayo, imqede ngenkazimulo yokufika
kwayo. **9** Ukufika kwalowo ongelamthetho
kuzakuya ngendlela yemisebenzi kaSathane.
Uzasebenzisa inhlobo zonke zokubonakalisa
amandla ngezibonakaliso lezimanga zamanga
10 kanye lezinhlobo zonke zobubi obukhohlisa
ababhubhayo. Babhubha ngoba bala ukuthanda
iqiniso ukuba basindiswe. **11** Ngenxa yalokhu,
uNkulunkulu ubehlisela inkohliso elamandla
ukuba bakholwe amanga **12** ukuze balahlwe
bonke abangalikholwanga iqiniso kodwa
bathokoziswa yibubi. **13** Kodwa kufanele
sibonge uNkulunkulu kokuphela ngenxa
yenu, bazalwane abathandwa yiNkosi, ngoba
uNkulunkulu walikhetha kusukela ekuqaleni
ukuba lisindiswe ngomsebenzi ongcwele
kaMoya langokukholwa eqinisweni. **14**
Walibizela kulokhu ngevangeli lethu ukuze
lihlanganyele enkazimulweni yeNkosi yethu
uJesu Khristu. **15** Ngakho-ke bazalwane,
qinani libambelele ezifundweni esalinika zona,
kungaba ngelizwi lomlomo loba ngencwadi.
16 Sengathi iNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu uqobo
kanye loNkulunkulu uBaba owasithandayo
kwathi ngomusa wakhe wasinika induduzo
engapheliyo lethemba elihle **(aiōnios g166)** **17**

angakhuthaza inhliziyo zenu njalo aliqinise kuzozonke izenzo ezinhle lasemazwini amahle.

weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu kawube lani lonke.

3 Okokucina bazalwane, sikhulekeleni ukuba ilizwi leNkosi liqhubeke ngokuphangisa njalo lihlonitshwe njengalokhu okwenzeka kini. **2** Khulekani njalo ukuba sikhululwe ebantwini abaxhwalileyo lababi ngoba akusimuntu wonke okholwayo. **3** Kodwa iNkosi ithembekile, izaliqinisa ilivikele komubi. **4** Silethemba eNkosini ukuba lenza izinto esalilaya zona njalo lizaqhubeka lizenza. **5** Sengathi iNkosi ingaqondisa inhliziyo zenu ethandweni lukaNkulunkulu lasekubekezeleni kukaKhristu. **6** Ebizweni leNkosi uJesu Khristu, siyalilaya bazalwane ukuba libaxwaye bonke abazalwane abangamavila, abangaphili ngokwemfundiso elayamukela kithi. **7** Ngoba lina ngokwenu liyakwazi ukuba kufanele lisilandele njani isibonelo sethu. Sasingavilaphi lapho siseselani **8** njalo kasidlanga kudla komuntu singakuhlawulelanga. Kodwa sasebenza ebusuku lemini, sisebenza nzima njalo sitshikatshika ukuze singabi ngumthwalo lakubani phakathi kwenu. **9** Lokhu sakwenza kungayisikho ukuthi kasilalungelo losizo olunjalo kodwa ukuba sizenze sibe yisibonelo kini ukuba lisilandele. **10** Ngoba langesikhathi silani salinika umlayo othi: “Nxa umuntu engafuni ukusebenza, kangadli.” **11** Sizwa kuthiwa abanye phakathi kwenu bayavilapha. Kabenzi lutho, bangenela izindaba zabanye. **12** Ebizweni leNkosi uJesu Khristu, siyabalaya njalo sibakhuthaza abantu abanjalo ukuba bazimisele, basebenzele ukudla abakudlayo. **13** Lina bazalwane, lingadinwa yikwenza okuhle. **14** Qaphelani iloba ngubani ongalaleli imilayo yethu ekule incwadi. Lingadlelani laye ukuze ayangeke. **15** Lingamthathi njengesitha kodwa mxwayiseni njengomzalwane. **16** Sengathi iNkosi yokuthula uqobo ingalinika ukuthula ngezikhathi zonke njalo ngezindlela zonke. INkosi kayibe lani lonke. **17** Mina Phawuli ngiloba ukuvalelisa lokhu ngesami isandla, okuyilo uphawu oluphawulayo kuzozonke izincwadi zami. Ngiloba kanje. **18** Umusa

1 KuThimothi

1 Mina Phawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu
ngokulaya kukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu
lokukaKhristu uJesu ithemba lethu, **2**
KuThimothi indodana yami eqotho ekukholweni
ngithi: Umusa lesihawu kanye lokuthula
okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba lakuKhristu
uJesu iNkosi yethu kakube kuwe. **3** Njengoba
ngakukhuthaza ekuyeni kwami eMasedoniya,
hlala khonapho e-Efesu ukuze ulaye abantu
abathile ukuba bangafundisi imfundiso
yamanga futhi **4** loba ukuchitha isikhathi
ngezinganekwane langezimbali zensendo
ezingapheliyo. Lokhu kubanga ukuphikisana
hatshi umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu wokukholwa.
5 Inhloso yalo umlayo luthando oluvela
enhliziyweni emhlophe, lesazela esihle lokholo
oluqotho. **6** Abanye sebedukile kulokhu
baphendukela ekukhulumeni okuyize. **7**
Bafuna ukuba ngabafundisi bomthetho
kodwa kabakwazi abakhuluma ngakho loba
lokhu abakuqinisa kangaka ngesibindi. **8**
Siyakwazi ukuthi umthetho ulungile nxa
umuntu ewusebenzisa kuhle. **9** Siyakwazi
lokuthi umthetho kawenzelwanga abantu
abalungileyo kodwa wenzelwa abeqa imithetho
labahlamuki, abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu
labayizoni, abangalunganga labangakholwayo;
wenzelwa ababulala oyise labonina, lababulali,
10 lezifebe, izitabane, abathengisa izigqili
labaqamba amanga kanye labafakazela amanga
kanye lokunye okuphambene lemfundiso
eqotho **11** evumelana levangeli elilenkazimulo
kaNkulunkulu obusisekileyo, enginika lona.
12 Ngiyambonga uKhristu uJesu iNkosi yethu
onginike amandla, wangibona ngithembekile
njalo wangibeka emsebenzini wakhe. **13** Lanxa
ngake ngaba ngumhlambazi, lomhlukuluzi,
lesidlwangudlwangu, ngenzelwa isihawu ngoba
ngakwenza ngokungazi langokungakholwa. **14**
Umusa weNkosi wathululelwa phezu kwami
ngokwanda okukhulu, ndawonye lokukholwa
kanye lothando olukuKhristu uJesu. **15**
Nansi isitsho esiqotho esifanele ukwamukelwa
esithi: UKhristu uJesu weza emhlabeni ukuba
asindise izoni, mina ngingesibi kakhulu kulazo.
16 Kodwa ngenxa yalesosizatho ngenzelwa
isihawu ukuze kuthi ngami isoni esibi
kakhulu uJesu Khristu abonakalise ukubekezela
kwakhe okungelamkhawulo njengesibonelo
kulabo abakholwa kuye bamukele lokuphila
okungapheliyo. **(aiōnios g166)** **17** Manje kuyo
iNkosi yaphakade engafiyo, engabonakaliyo,
uNkulunkulu yedwa, udumo lenkazimulo akube
kuye kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. **(aiōn g165)**
18 Thimothi ndodana yami, ngikunika umlayo
lo ekulondolozeni iziphrofethi ezake zenziwa
ngawe ukuze uthi ngokuzikhumbula ulwe
ukulwa okuhle, **19** ubambelele ekukholweni
lesazeleni esihle. Abanye bakwalile lokhu,
ngakho-ke, babhidliza ukukholwa kwabo. **20**
Phakathi kwabo kuloHimeniyasi lo-Alekizanda
esengibanikele kuSathane ukuba bafundiswe
ukungahlambazi uNkulunkulu.

2 Ngakho-ke, phezu kwakho konke
ngiyakhuthaza ukuba izicelo, lemikhuleko,
lokukhulekela abanye kanye lokubonga
kwenzelwe abantu bonke, **2** amakhosi labo
bonke abaphethe amandla ukuze sihlale
ngokuthula empilweni enhle kukho konke
ukumesaba uNkulunkulu lobungcwele. **3** Lokhu
kuhle njalo kuyamthokozisa uNkulunkulu
uMsindisi wethu **4** ofuna ukuba abantu bonke
basindiswe njalo balazi iqiniso. **5** Ngoba
uNkulunkulu munye njalo lomeli munye
phakathi kukaNkulunkulu labantu, umuntu
uKhristu Jesu, **6** owazinikela njengenhlawulo
yabantu bonke, ubufakazi obanikwa ngesikhathi
sabo esifaneleyo. **7** Ngenxa yalokhu mina
ngakhethelwa ukuba ngumanduleli lompostoli
njalo ngikhuluma iqiniso kangiqambi
manga kanye lomfundisi wokholo oluqotho
kwabeZizweni. **8** Ngakho ngifuna amadoda
ezindaweni zonke aphakamise izandla zawo
ezingcwele ekhuleka kungela kuthukuthela
kumbe ukuphikisana. **9** Ngifuna ukuba
abesifazane bagqoke ngokuzothileyo, okuhle
lokufaneleyo, kungabi ngenwele ezelukiweyo
loba igolide loba amangqongqo loba izigqoko
ezidulayo **10** kodwa ngezenzo ezinhle
ezifanele abesifazane abathi bayamkhonza

uNkulunkulu. 11 Owesifazane kumele afunde
ethule langokuzithoba okupheleleyo. 12
Kangivumeli ukuba owesifazane afundise
loba ukuba lamandla phezu kowesilisa;
kumele athule. 13 Ngoba u-Adamu wabunjwa
kuqala; kwalandela u-Eva. 14 Njalo u-Adamu
kasuye owakhohliswayo; ngowesifazane
owakhohliswayo wasesiba yisoni. 15 Kodwa
abesifazane bazasindiswa ngokuzala abantwana
nxa beqhubeka ngokukholwa, ngothando kanye
lobungcwele ngokufaneleyo.

3 Nansi isitsho esiqotho esithi: Lowo
ofuna ukuba ngumthungameli ufisa
umsebenzi olesithunzi. 2 Umthungameli
akumelanga abengosolekayo njalo kumele
abeyindoda elomfazi oyedwa, ezithibayo,
elamandla okuzibamba, ehloniphekayo,
ephatha kuhle izihambi, eyenelisa ukufundisa,
3 engayisiso sidakwa, engeladlakela kodwa
emnene, engathandi ingxabano, engathandi
imali. 4 Kayibe ngephatha kuhle umuzi
wayo njalo ibone ukuba abantwana bayo
bayayilalela ngenhlonipho efaneleyo. 5 (Nxa
umuntu engakwazi ukuphatha umuzi wakhe
angaliphatha njani ibandla likaNkulunkulu na?)
6 Akumelanga kube ngosanda kuphenduka hlezi
azikhukhumeze abe ngaphansi kokwahlulelwa
kunye loSathane. 7 Njalo kumele abe
ngodume ngokuhle kwabangaphandle ukuze
angaweli ehlazweni lasemjibileni kaSathane.
8 Ngokunjalo, amadikoni lawo kumele
kube ngabantu abahloniphekayo, abaqotho,
abanganathi iwayini elinengi, abangadingi
inzuzo ngobuqili. 9 Kumele babambelele
eqinisweni elizikileyo kanye lasekukholweni
ngesazela esihlanzekileyo. 10 Kumele baqale
bahlolwe; nxa kungekho lutho olubi ngabo,
kabasebenze njengamadikoni. 11 Ngokunjalo,
labomkabo kumele babe ngabesifazane
abahloniphekayo, abangahlebiyo kodwa
abazithibayo labathembekileyo ezintweni
zonke. 12 Umdikoni kabe lomfazi oyedwa
kuphela njalo ophatha kuhle abantwana
bakhe kanye labendlu yakhe. 13 Labo
abasebenze kuhle bazuza isithunzi lesithembiso
esikhulu ekukholweni kwabo kuKhristu
uJesu. 14 Lanxa ngikhangelele ukuza kuwe
masinyane, ngikulobela iziqondiso lezi ukuze
kuthi 15 nxa ngibambeka, ukwazi ukuthi
abantu kumele baziphathe njani endlini
kaNkulunkulu elibandla likaNkulunkulu
ophilayo, insika lesisekelo seqiniso. 16
Kungekho kuthandabuza imfihlakalo
yokwesaba uNkulunkulu inkulu: Wabonakaliswa
emzimbeni, wafakazelwa nguMoya, wabonwa
yizingilosi, watshunyayelwa phakathi kwezizwe,
umhlaba wakholwa kuye, wenyukiselwa
phezulu ngenkazimulo.

4 Umoya utsho ngokucacileyo ukuthi
ngezikhathi zokucina abanye bazalahla
ukukholwa balandele imimoya ekhohlisayo
lezinto ezifundiswa ngamadimoni. 2
Ukufundisa okunjalo kuza labaqambi bamanga
abangabazenzisi abalezazela ezingathi
zahaqazwa ngensimbi etshisayo. 3 Balela
abantu ukuba bathathane njalo babalaye
ukuba bazile ukudla okuthize, uNkulunkulu
akudalela ukuthi kwamukelwe ngokubonga
yilabo abakholwayo labalaziyo iqiniso. 4 Ngoba
konke uNkulunkulu akudalayo kulungile njalo
akulalutho okumele lulahlwe nxa lusamukelwa
ngokubonga 5 ngoba kungcweliswe yilizwi
likaNkulunkulu lomkhuleko. 6 Nxa lezizinto
uziphawula kubazalwane, uzakuba ngumfundisi
omuhle kaKhristu uJesu, owondliwe phakathi
kwamaqiniso okukholwa lemfundiso enhle
oyilandelayo. 7 Ungazinaki izinganekwane
ezikhohlakeleyo kanye lezindaba eziyize kodwa
wena zifundise ukumesaba uNkulunkulu.
8 Ngoba imisebenzi yokuqinisa umzimba
ilosizo oluthile kodwa ukwesaba uNkulunkulu
kulosizo ezintweni zonke, kulesithembiso
ekuphileni kwakhathesi lasekuphileni
okuzayo. 9 Lesi yisitsho esiqotho okumele
samukelwe ngokupheleleyo 10 njalo lokhu
siyakusebenzela sikutshikatshikele ngoba
ithemba lethu silibeke kuNkulunkulu ophilayo,
onguMsindisi wabantu bonke, ikakhulu
owalabo abakholwayo. 11 Laya njalo ufundise
ngalezizinto. 12 Ungavumeli muntu ukuba
akweyise ngenxa yokuthi usasemutsha
kodwa woba yisibonelo kwabakholwayo

ngokukhuluma, ngokuphila, ngothando,
ngokukholwa kanye langokuhlambuluka.
13 Zinikele ekufundeleni uzulu imibhalo,
ekutshumayeleni kanye lasekufundiseni ngize
ngifike. 14 Ungasideli isipho sakho owasiphiwa
ngelizwi lesiphrofethi ngesikhathi ibandla
labadala libeka izandla zalo phezu kwakho. 15
Khuthalela izinto lezi; zinikele ngokupheleleyo
kuzo ukuze umuntu wonke abone ukuqhubeka
kwakho. 16 Qaphela kakhulu ukuphila kwakho
kanye lemfundiso. Bambelela kuzo ngoba nxa
usenza njalo uzazisindisa wena ngokwakho
kanye labakuzwayo.

5 Ungamkhuzi ngolaka umuntu omdala
kodwa mncenge ngokungathi nguyihlo.
Amajaha aphathe njengabafowenu, 2
abesifazane abadala njengonyoko, abesifazane
abatsha njengodadewenu ngokuhlambuluka
okupheleleyo. 3 Woba lonanzelelo olufaneleyo
kubafelokazi abaswelayo kakhulu. 4 Kodwa nxa
umfelokazi elabantwana kumbe abazukulu,
kumele bafunde kuqala kulakho konke
ukusebenzisa ukholo lwabo ngokukhathalela
abendlu yakwabo langokusiza abazali
babo labazali babazali babo ngoba lokhu
kuyamthokozisa uNkulunkulu. 5 Umfelokazi
oswelayo kakhulu njalo esele eyedwa
ubeka ithemba lakhe kuNkulunkulu njalo
uqhubeka ebusuku lemini ekhuleka ecela
usizo kuNkulunkulu. 6 Kodwa umfelokazi
ophilela intokozo ufile lanxa esaphila. 7
Banike labo abantu izeluleko lezi ukuze
angabikhona ongasoleka. 8 Nxa umuntu
enganakekeli izihlobo zakhe ikakhulu abendlu
yakwabo, uselulahlile ukholo lwakhe njalo mubi
kakhulu kulongakholwayo. 9 Akulamfelokazi
ozabekwa eluhlwini lwabafelokazi ngaphandle
kokuba eseleminyaka edlula engamatshumi
ayisithupha, obengokade ethembekile
kumkakhe 10 njalo edumile ngezenzo
zakhe ezinhle, ezinjengokondla abantwana,
lokuphatha kuhle izihambi, lokugezisa inyawo
zabangcwele, lokusiza abahluphekayo kanye
lokuzinikela kuzozonke izenzo ezinhle.
11 Abafelokazi abasesebatsha ungababeki
eluhlwini olunjalo. Ngoba lapho izinkanuko
zabo zomzimba sezikhulela ukuzinikela kwabo
kuKhristu bafuna ukwenda. 12 Ngalokho-
ke, bazilethela ukwahlulelwa phezu kwabo
ngoba bephule isithembiso sabo sokuqala.
13 Langaphandle kwalokho, basuka babe
lomkhuba wokuvilapha batshone benquma
ngemizi. Njalo kababi ngamavila nje kuphela
kodwa bangabanyeyayo labathandi bezindaba
zabanye besitsho izinto okungafanelanga
bazitsho. 14 Ngakho, abafelokazi abasesebatsha
ngibacebisa ukuba bende, babelabantwana,
baphathe izindlu zabo njalo banganiki isitha
ithuba lokuba kube lokuhleba. 15 Abanye bavele
sebedukile balandela uSathane. 16 Nxa umuntu
okholwayo elabafelokazi emzini wakhe, kumele
abasize hatshi ukuyekela besinda ibandla ukuze
ibandla lisize abafelokazi abaswela kakhulu. 17
Abadala abaqhuba kuhle imisebenzi yebandla
bafanele ukuhlonitshwa okuphindiweyo
ikakhulu labo abasebenza ukutshumayela
lokufundisa. 18 Ngoba umbhalo uthi: “Inkabi
ungayifaki isayeke nxa ibhula amabele,” njalo
uthi, “Isisebenzi sifanele umholo waso.” 19
Ungalamukeli icala eletheswa umuntu omdala
ngaphandle kokuba limangalwa ngabafakazi
ababili loba abathathu. 20 Abenza izono
kumele bakhuzwe phambi kwabantu ukuze
labanye baxwayiseke. 21 Ngiyakulaya phambi
kukaNkulunkulu loKhristu uJesu lezingilosi
ezikhethiweyo ukuba ugcine iziqondiso lezi
kungekho bandlululo njalo ungenzi lutho
ngokukhetha. 22 Ungaphangisi ukubeka izandla
emuntwini njalo ungahlanganyeli ezonweni
zabanye. Zigcine uhlambulukile. 23 Yekela
ukunatha amanzi kuphela kodwa sebenzisa
lewayini elincinyane ngenxa yesisu sakho
lokuhlala kwakho ugula. 24 Izono zabanye
abantu zisobala, zifika endaweni yokwahlulela
kuqala kulabo; kodwa abanye ezabo izono
zilandela ngemva kwabo. 25 Ngokufanayo,
izenzo ezinhle zisobala njalo lalezo ezingenjalo
azingeke zihlale zifihliwe.

6 Bonke abangaphansi kwejogwe lobugqili
kumele bakhangele amakhosi abo
ngokuthi afanele ukuhlonitshwa ukuze
ibizo likaNkulunkulu kanye lokufundisa

kwethu kungadunyazwa. 2 Labo abalamakhosi
akholwayo kabangawadeleli ngoba
angabazalwane. Kodwa kabawasebenzele
ngcono kakhulu ngoba labo abasizakala
ngokubasebenzela kwabo ngabakholwayo
labathandekayo kubo. Lezi yizinto okumele
uzifundise njalo uzigcizelele. 3 Nxa
umuntu efundisa imfundiso yamanga njalo
engawuvumi umlayo oqotho weNkosi
yethu uJesu Khristu lemfundiso yokwesaba
uNkulunkulu, 4 uyazikhukhumeza njalo
akulalutho aluzwisisayo. Ulezifiso ezimbi
enkanini lasekuphikisaneni ngamazwi
okudala umona, lombango, lezinkulumo
ezilimazayo, ukucabangelana okubi 5 kanye
lokuxabana kokuphela kwabantu abalengqondo
ezixhwalileyo, asebalahlekelwa liqiniso
labacabanga ukuthi ukulalela uNkulunkulu
kuyindlela yokuzuza imali. 6 Kodwa-ke,
ukulalela uNkulunkulu ngokusuthiseka
kuyinzuzo enkulu. 7 Ngoba akulalutho
esalulethayo emhlabeni njalo akulalutho
esingasuka lalo kuwo. 8 Kodwa nxa silokudla
lezigqoko kumele sisuthiseke ngalokho. 9
Abantu abafuna ukunotha bawela ezilingweni
lasemijibileni lasezinkanukweni ezinengi
zobuthutha ezilimazayo leziwisela abantu
ekufeni lasekubhujisweni. 10 Ngoba ukuthanda
imali kuyimpande yezinhlobo zonke zobubi.
Abanye abantu ngokutshisekela imali
baphambuka ekukholweni bazibangele insizi
ezinengi. 11 Kodwa wena muntu kaNkulunkulu,
kubalekele konke lokhu ufune ukulunga
lokulalela uNkulunkulu, lokukholwa, lothando,
lokubekezela kanye lobumnene. 12 Ilwa
ukulwa okuhle kokukholwa. Bambelela
ekuphileni okulaphakade owabizelwa kukho
ekuvumeni kwakho okuhle owakwenza
kulabafakazi abanengi. (aiōnios g166) 13 Phambi
kukaNkulunkulu onika izinto zonke ukuphila
laphambi kukaKhristu uJesu owathi efakaza
phambi kukaPhontiyasi Philathu wenza
ukuvuma okuhle, ngiyakulaya 14 ukuba ugcine
umlayo lo kungelasici loba ukusoleka kuze
kube sekubonakaleni kweNkosi yethu uJesu
Khristu, 15 okuzalethwa nguNkulunkulu
ngesikhathi sakhe, uNkulunkulu obusisekileyo
njalo onguye uMbusi kuphela, iNkosi yamakhosi
loMbusi wababusi, 16 onguye kuphela ongafiyo
lohlala ekukhanyeni okungafinyelelekiyo,
okungekho owake wambona loba ongambona.
Udumo lamandla akube kuye kuze kube
laphakade. Ameni. (aiōnios g166) 17 Balaye labo
abanothileyo kulo umhlaba wakhathesi ukuba
bangazikhukhumezi loba babeke ithemba
labo enothweni engathembekanga kodwa
ukuba babeke ithemba labo kuNkulunkulu
osinika kakhulu konke okwentokozo yethu.
(aiōn g165) 18 Balaye ukuba benze okuhle, bande
ngezenzo ezinhle, baphane njalo bathande
ukwaba okungokwabo. 19 Ngalokhu-ke,
bazazibekela inotho njengesisekelo esiqinileyo
sesizukulwane esizayo ukuze babambe ukuphila
okuyikuphila okuqotho. 20 Thimothi, londoloza
lokho okuphathisiweyo. Xwaya inkulumo
zokweyisa uNkulunkulu, lemibono ephikisana
leqiniso ebizwa ngokuthi lulwazi, 21 njalo
abanye sebekuvumile, bathi ngokwenza njalo
baphambuka ekukholweni. Umusa kawube
kuwe.

2 KuThimothi

1 Mina Phawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu
ngentando kaNkulunkulu, mayelana
lesithembiso sokuphila okukuKhristu uJesu,
2 KuThimothi, indodana yami ethandekayo
ngithi: Umusa lesihawu kanye lokuthula
okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba lakuKhristu
uJesu iNkosi yethu. **3** Ngiyambonga
uNkulunkulu engimkhonzayo njengokwenziwa
ngokhokho bami ngesazela esimsulwa lapho
ngikukhumbula kokuphela emikhulekweni
yami ebusuku lemini. **4** Lapho ngikhumbula
inyembezi zakho, ngifisa ukukubona
ukuze ngibe lokuthokoza okukhulu. **5**
Ngikhunjuzwe ngokukholwa kwakho okuqotho
okwaqala kugogo wakho uLoyisi lakunyoko
uYunisi njalo ngiyathemba ukuba khathesi
kukhona lakuwe futhi. **6** Ngenxa yalokhu
ngiyakukhumbuza ukuba sihlale sivutha isipho
sikaNkulunkulu owasamukela ngokubekwa
kwezandla zami phezu kwakho. **7** Ngoba
uNkulunkulu kasiphanga umoya wobugwala
kodwa umoya wamandla, lowothando kanye
lowokuzithiba. **8** Ngakho-ke, ungabi lenhloni
ukufakaza ngeNkosi yethu loba ube lenhloni
ngami isibotshwa sayo. Kodwa hlanganyela
lami ekuhluphekeleni ivangeli ngamandla
kaNkulunkulu **9** owasisindisayo, wasibizela
ekuphileni okungcwele kungayisikho kuthi
kukhona esakwenzayo kodwa ngenxa yenjongo
yakhe langomusa wakhe. Umusa lo sawunikwa
ngoKhristu uJesu ngaphambi kokuqala
kwesikhathi (aiōnios g166) **10** kodwa khathesi
usubonakaliswe ngokubonakala koMsindisi
wethu uKhristu Jesu, osechithe ukufa waletha
ekukhanyeni ukuphila lokungafi ngevangeli.
11 Njalo ivangeli leli mina ngabekwa ukuba
yisithunywa lompostoli kanye lomfundisi
walo. **12** Yikho-nje ngihlupheka njengoba
nginje. Kodwa kangilanhloni ngoba ngiyamazi
engikholwa kuye njalo ngiyakholwa ukuthi
ulamandla okulondoloza lokho engikubeke
kuye ngalolosuku. **13** Lokho owakuzwa ngami
kugcine njengesibonelo semfundiso epheleleyo,
ngokukholwa langothando kuKhristu uJesu.
14 Londoloza isibambiso osiphathisiweyo
usilondoloze ngosizo lukaMoya oNgcwele ohlala
phakathi kwethu. **15** Uyakwazi ukuthi abantu
bonke esabelweni sase-Ezhiya sebangidela,
kubalwa loFigelusi kanye loHemogenesi. **16**
Sengathi iNkosi ingaba lomusa kwabendlu ka-
Onesiforosi ngoba wayehlala engivuselela njalo
wayengelanhloni ngezibopho zami. **17** Kodwa
kwathi eseRoma wangidinga kakhulu waze
wangithola. **18** Sengathi iNkosi ingenza ukuba
athole umusa eNkosini ngalolosuku! Uyakwazi
kakuhle ukuba wangisiza ngezindlela ezinengi
kangakanani e-Efesu.

2 Ngakho-ke, wena ndodana yami, qina
emuseni okuKhristu uJesu. **2** Izinto
owangizwa ngizitsho phambi kwabafakazi
abanengi ziphathise abantu abathembekileyo
abazafanela ukuba labo bafundise abanye. **3**
Hlanganyelana lathi ebunzimeni njengebutho
likaKhristu uJesu elifaneleyo. **4** Kakho
osebenza njengebutho ongenela ezindabeni
zabangasibo bebutho kodwa ufuna ukuthokozisa
umlawuli wakhe. **5** Ngokufanayo, nxa
umuntu encintisa njengomdlali kawutholi
umqhele wokunqoba ngaphandle kokuba
encintisa ngokusemthethweni. **6** Umlimi
osebenza kakhulu kumele kube nguye oqala
ukuthola isabelo sezilimo. **7** Nakana ngalokho
engikutshoyo ngoba iNkosi izakupha umbono
kukho konke lokhu. **8** Khumbula uJesu Khristu
owavuka kwabafileyo, wadabuka kuDavida.
Leli yilo ivangeli lami **9** engilihluphekelayo
ngize ngibotshwe ngamaketane njengesigangi.
Kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kalibotshwanga.
10 Ngakho-ke, ngibekezelela konke ngenxa
yabakhethiweyo ukuze labo bazuze ukusindiswa
okukuKhristu uJesu lenkazimulo engapheliyo.
(aiōnios g166) **11** Nansi isitsho esiqotho: Nxa safa
laye sizaphila laye futhi; **12** nxa sibekezela
sizabusa laye futhi. Nxa simphika, laye futhi
uzasiphika; **13** nxa singelalo ithemba yena
uzaqhubeka ethembekile, ngoba angeke
azidele. **14** Qhubeka ubakhumbuza abantu
bakaNkulunkulu ngalezizinto. Baxwayise
phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngokuxabana
ngamazwi; akulasizo, kuchitha labo abalaleleyo.

15 Yenza ubungcono bakho ukuba uzethule
kuNkulunkulu njengohloliweyo, isisebenzi
esingadingi ukuba sibe lenhloni njalo
esiliphatha kuhle ilizwi leqiniso. 16 Xwaya
inkulumo zokweyisa uNkulunkulu ngoba
abazikholisayo baqhubeka kokuphela besiba
ngabangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu. 17 Imfundiso
yabo izaqhela njengesilonda esibhibhidlayo.
Phakathi kwabo kuloHimeniyasi loFilethosi,
18 abaphambukayo eqinisweni. Bathi ukuvuka
kwabafileyo sekwenzakala njalo bachitha
ukukholwa kwabanye. 19 Noma kunjalo isisekelo
sikaNkulunkulu esiqinileyo sigxilile, sibekwe
uphawu lombhalo othi: "UThixo uyabazi labo
abangabakhe," lokuthi, "Bonke abalivumayo
ibizo likaThixo kumele badele ububi." 20 Endlini
enkulukazi akulazitsha zegolide lezesiliva nje
kuphela kodwa lezezigodo kanye lezebumba;
ezinye ngezemisebenzi encomekayo njalo
ezinye ngezokusebenzisa nje. 21 Nxa umuntu
ezihlambulula kokulihlazo, uzasetshenziswa
emisebenzini encomekayo, angcweliswe, abe
luncedo eNkosini yakhe njalo elungele ukwenza
loba yiwuphi umsebenzi omuhle. 22 Xwaya
izinkanuko ezimbi zobutsha ufune ukulunga,
lokukholwa, lothando kanye lokuthula, ukanye
lalabo abakhuleka eNkosini ngezinhliziyo
ezimhlophe. 23 Xwaya ukuphikisana kobuthutha
lobuwula ngoba uyakwazi ukuthi kudala
ingxabano. 24 Inceku yeNkosi kumele ixwaye
ingxabano; kodwa kumele ibe lomusa ebantwini
bonke, yenelise ukufundisa, ingabi lenzondo.
25 Abaphikisayo kumele belulekwe kuhle,
ngethemba lokuthi uNkulunkulu uzabaguqula
inhliziyo baholelwe ekwazini iqiniso 26 lokuthi
baphaphame, baphunyuke emjibileni kaSathane
obathumbele ukuba benze intando yakhe.

3 Kodwa nanzelela lokhu: Ensukwini
zokucina kuzakuba lezikhathi ezinzima.
2 Abantu bazakuba ngabazithandayo,
labathanda imali, labazikhukhumezayo,
labazigqajayo, labathukayo, labangalaleli
abazali babo, labangabongiyo, labangcolileyo,
3 labangelathando, labangathetheleliyo,
labahlebayo, labangazikhuziyo, labalesihluku,
labangakuthandiyo okuhle, 4 labalamacebo
amabi, labacaphuka ngeze, labaziphakamisayo,
labathanda injabulo kulokuthanda
uNkulunkulu, 5 belesimo sokukholwa
kuNkulunkulu kodwa belandula amandla
okukholwa. Ungahlanganyeli labo. 6 Yibo
laba abanyenyela emakhaya bazuze amandla
phezu kwabesifazane ababuthakathaka,
abasindwa yizono njalo bebuswa zinhlobo zonke
zezinkanuko ezimbi, 7 behlezi befunda kodwa
besehluleka ukufinyelela elwazini lweqiniso.
8 NjengoJanesi loJambiresi abaphikisa uMosi,
ngokunjalo abantu laba baphikisa iqiniso.
Abantu bengqondo ezonakeleyo, abalahliweyo
ngokokholo. 9 Kodwa kabayikufika ndawo
ngoba njengokwalawo madoda, ubuthutha babo
buzakuba sobala ebantwini bonke. 10 Kodwa
wena wazi konke ngemfundiso yami, lempilo
yami, lenjongo yami, lokukholwa, lokubekezela,
lothando, lokuqinisela, 11 lokuhlukuluzwa,
inhlupheko zonke engahlangana lazo e-
Antiyokhi, lase-Ikhoniyamu, laseListra kanye
lokuhlukuluzeka engangena phakathi kwakho.
Kodwa iNkosi yangihlenga kukho konke
lokhu. 12 Ngempela umuntu wonke othanda
ukuphila impilo yokulalela uNkulunkulu
kuKhristu uJesu uzahlukuluzwa, 13 kukanti
abantu ababi labakhohlisi bazakonakala
ngokudlulisayo, bekhohlisa labo bekhohliswa.
14 Kodwa wena qhubeka ngalokho okufundileyo
njalo wakukholwa ngoba uyabazi labo
okufunde kubo, 15 lokuthi kusukela
ebuntwaneni wayazi njani imibhalo eNgcwele
engakwenza uhlakaniphele ukusindiswa
ngokukholwa kuKhristu uJesu. 16 IMibhalo
yonke yaphefumulelwa nguNkulunkulu njalo
ilosizo ekufundiseni, lokukhuza, lokuqondisa,
lokufundisa ngokulunga, 17 ukuze umuntu
kaNkulunkulu ayilungisele ngokupheleleyo
yonke imisebenzi emihle.

4 Phambi kukaNkulunkulu loKhristu uJesu
ozathonisisa abaphilayo labafileyo njalo
mayelana lokubonakala kwakhe kanye lombuso
wakhe ngikunika lumlayo: 2 Tshumayela
iLizwi; lungiselela isikhathi esifaneleyo
lesikhathi esingafanelanga; lungisa, ukhuze
njalo ukhuthaze ngokubekezelela okukhulu

langokulaya ngokunanzelela. 3 Ngoba isikhathi
sizafika lapho abantu abangayikuyivuma
khona imfundiso eqotho. Kodwa ukuze
basuthise izinkanuko zabo, bazaziqoqela
abafundisi abanengi ukuba batsho lokho
indlebe zabo ezilumela ukukuzwa. 4 Indlebe
zabo bazazisusa eqinisweni baphambukele
ezinganekwaneni. 5 Kodwa wena lulamisa
ikhanda kuzozonke izehlakalo, ubekezele
ebunzimeni, wenze umsebenzi womvangeli,
uyifeze yonke imisebenzi yenkonzo yakho.
6 Ngoba mina sengilungele ukuthululwa
njengomnikelo onathwayo njalo lesikhathi
sokusuka kwami sesifikile. 7 Ngilwile
ukulwa okuhle, sengiliqedile ibanga lami
lokukholwa ngikulondolozile. 8 Khathesi
ngigcinelwe umqhele wokulunga iNkosi
uMahluleli olungileyo ezanginika wona
ngalelolanga njalo kungayisimi kuphela kodwa
kubo bonke abatshisekela ukubonakala kwayo.
9 Zama ngamandla akho wonke ukuba uze
kimi ngokuphangisa 10 ngoba uDemasi
ngenxa yokuthi ubethanda umhlaba lo,
usengibalekele waya eThesalonika. UKhrisensi
useye eGalathiya, uThithu waya eDalmathiya.
(aiōn g165) 11 ULukha nguye kuphela olami. Thatha
uMakho ubuye laye ngoba ulusizo kakhulu
enkonzweni yami. 12 UThikhikhasi ngamthuma
e-Efesu. 13 Lapho usubuya ubuye lejazi
engalitshiya kuKhaphusi eTrowasi lengwalo
zami ikakhulu leziyana ezemibhalo elotshwe
ezikhumbeni. 14 U-Alekizanda umkhandi
wensimbi wenza okubi kakhulu kimi. INkosi
izaphindisela kuye lokhu akwenzileyo. 15
Lawe futhi kumele umqaphele ngoba ilizwi
lethu waliphikisa kakhulu. 16 Ekuzivikeleni
kwami kwakuqala kakho owangisekelayo kodwa
abantu bonke bangihlamukela. Kabangabi
lamlandu ngalokho. 17 Kodwa iNkosi yema
phansi kwami yangipha amandla ukuze kuthi
ngami ilizwi litshunyayelwe ngokupheleleyo
njalo labeZizweni bonke balizwe. Ngempela
ngasindiswa emlonyeni wesilwane. 18 INkosi
izangihlenga kukho konke ukuhlaselwa okubi
ingilethe kungekho bubi embusweni wayo
wasezulwini. Udumo kalube kuyo kuze kube nini
lanini. Ameni. (aiōn g165) 19 Bingelela uPhrisila
lo-Akhwila kanye labendlu ka-Onesiforosi. 20 U-
Erastusi wasala eKhorinte, kwathi uThrofimasi
ngamtshiya egula eMilethusi. 21 Zama
ngamandla akho wonke ukuba ufike lapha
ubusika bungakafiki. UYubhulasi, loPhudeni,
loLino, loKlawudiya kanye labazalwane bonke
bayakubingelela. 22 INkosi kayibe lomoya
wakho. Umusa kawube lawe.

KuThithusi

1 Mina Phawuli inceku kaNkulunkulu
lompostoli kaJesu Khristu wokukholwa
kwabakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu lokwazi
iqiniso eliholela ekwesabeni uNkulunkulu,
2 ukukholwa lokwazi okweyame ethembeni
lokuphila okulaphakade okwathenjiswa
ekudatshulweni komhlaba nguNkulunkulu
(aiōnios g166) **3** njalo ngesikhathi sakhe
esimisiweyo wabonakalisa ilizwi lakhe
ngentshumayelo engayiphathiswa ngomlayo
kaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu, **4** KuThithu
indodana yami ngokukholwa kwethu sonke
ngithi: Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu
uBaba lakuKhristu uJesu uMsindisi wethu.
5 Engakutshiyela khona eKhrethe yikuthi
uqondise lokho okwasala kungaphelanga
njalo ubeke abadala bebandla emizini yonke
njengokukulaya kwami. **6** Umdala webandla
kumele abe ngongasolekiyo, indoda elomfazi
oyedwa, indoda elabantwana abakholwayo
njalo abangelacala lobudlwangudlwangu
loba ukwedelela. **7** Njengoba umthungameli
ephathiswe umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu, kumele
angabi lasici, angazikhukhumezi, ongazondi
masinyane, ongasisosidakwa, ongathandi
ukulwa, ongadingi inzuzo ngobuqili. **8** Kodwa
kumele abe ngophatha kuhle izihambi, othanda
okuhle, ozikhuzayo, oqondileyo, ongcwele
lozithibayo. **9** Kumele abambelele elizwini
eliqotho njengokufundiswa kwalo ukuze
akhuthaze abanye ngemfundiso eqotho njalo
amelane lalabo abayiphikisayo. **10** Ngoba
banengi abantu abahlamukayo, abakhulumayo
nje kanye labakhohlisi ikakhulu abeqembu
lokusoka. **11** Kumele bathuliswe ngoba
bachitha imizi epheleleyo ngokufundisa
izinto okungamelanga bazifundise besenzela
ukuthola inzuzo ngobuqili lenkohliso.
12 Omunye wabaphrofethi babo wathi,
"AbaseKhrethe ngabantu bamanga, izilo ezimbi,
izihwaba ezingamavila." **13** Ubufakazi lobu
buliqiniso. Ngakho-ke, bakhuze ngamandla
ukuze baqine ekukholweni **14** bangalaleli
izinganekwane zamaJuda loba imilayo yalabo
abadela iqiniso. **15** Kwabahlambulukileyo
izinto zonke zihlambulukile kodwa kulabo
abaxhwalileyo njalo bengakholwa akulalutho
oluhlambulukileyo. Ngempela, ingqondo
lezazela zabo konke kuxhwalile. **16** Bathi
uNkulunkulu bayamazi kodwa ngezenzo zabo
bayamphika. Bayenyanyeka, bayadelela njalo
kabafanelanga ukwenza loba kuyini okuhle.

2 Kumele ufundise okuvumelana lemfundiso
eqotho. **2** Fundisa amadoda amadala
ukuzithiba, afanele ukuhlonitshwa, azikhuze,
njalo aqine ekukholweni, ethandweni
kanye lasekubekezeleni. **3** Ngokunjalo,
fundisa abesifazane abadala ukuba babe
ngabahloniphayo ekuphileni kwabo, bangabi
ngabahlebayo kumbe ababuswa liwayini
kodwa ukuba bafundise okulungileyo. **4**
Ngakho-ke, bangafundisa abesifazane abatsha
ukuba bathande omkabo labantwana babo **5**
ukuba bazikhuze njalo bahlambuluke, lokuba
bakhuthale emakhaya, lokuba lomusa, lokuba
bazehlise ngaphansi kwabomkabo ukuze
kungabikhona ogcona ilizwi likaNkulunkulu.
6 Ngokunjalo, khuthaza abesilisa abatsha
ukuba bazikhuze. **7** Kukho konke babekele
isibonelo ngokwenza okuhle. Ekufundiseni
kwakho tshengisa ubuqotho lokuzimisela **8**
kanye lokukhuluma okulengqondo okungeke
kusolwe ukuze kuthi labo abakuphikisayo
bayangeke ngoba bengelalutho olubi
abangalutsho ngathi. **9** Fundisa izisebenzi
ukuba zizehlisele ngaphansi kwamakhosi azo
ezintweni zonke, zizame ukuwathokozisa,
zingawaphenduli, **10** zingawantshontsheli,
kodwa zibonakalise ukuthi zingathembeka
okupheleleyo ukuze kuthi ngakho konke
zenze imfundiso ngoNkulunkulu uMsindisi
wethu ibe ngebukekayo. **11** Ngoba umusa
kaNkulunkulu oletha insindiso usubonakele
ebantwini bonke. **12** Uyasifundisa ukuthi "Hayi"
ekweyiseni uNkulunkulu lasezinkanukweni
zasemhlabeni njalo siphile ngokuzikhuza,
ngokuqonda empilweni yokulalela uNkulunkulu
ngesikhathi samanje, **(aiōn g165)** **13** lapho
sisalindele ithemba elibusisiweyo lokubonakala
ngenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu wethu omkhulu

longuMsindisi uJesu Khristu 14 owazinikela
ngenxa yethu ukuba asihlenge ebubini
bonke kanye lokuthi azihlambululele abantu
abangabakhe, abatshisekela ukwenza okuhle.
15 Ngakho lezi yizinto okumele uzifundise.
Khuthaza njalo ukhuze ngamandla wonke.
Ungavumeli muntu ukuthi akweyise.

3 Khumbuza abantu ukuba bazehlisele
ngaphansi kwababusi, labaphathi, lokuba
balalele, lokuba balungele ukwenza loba
kuyini okuhle, 2 lokunganyeyi muntu, lokuba
lokuthula kanye lozwelo, kanye lokubonakalisa
ukuzithoba okuqotho ebantwini bonke. 3
Ngesinye isikhathi lathi sake saba yiziwula,
singalaleli, sikhohliswa njalo sithunjwe zinhlobo
zonke zenkanuko kanye lenjabulo. Saphila
phakathi kwenzondo lomhawu, sizondwa njalo
sizondana. 4 Kodwa kwathi umusa lothando
lukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu sekubonakele,
5 wasisindisa, hatshi ngenxa yezinto ezilungileyo
esasizenzile kodwa ngenxa yesihawu sakhe.
Wasisindisa ngokugeziswa kokuzalwa kutsha
kanye lokuvuselelwa nguMoya oNgcwele 6
amthela kakhulu phezu kwethu ngoJesu
Khristu uMsindisi wethu 7 ukuze kuthi
sesilungiswe ngumusa wakhe, sibe zindlalifa
silethemba lokuphila okulaphakade. (aiōnios
g166) 8 Leli yilizwi eliqotho. Njalo ngithanda
ukuba izinto lezi uzigcizelele ukuze kuthi
labo abathembele kuNkulunkulu bananzelele
ukuzinikela ekwenzeni okuhle. Izinto lezi zinhle
kakhulu njalo zilosizo ebantwini bonke. 9
Kodwa xwaya impikiswano yobuwula lezindaba
zosendo kanye lemibango lengxabano mayelana
lomthetho ngoba lokhu akulasizo njalo kuyize.
10 Umuntu oxabanisayo mlaye kanye, uphinde
umlaye okwesibili. Emva kwalokho mxwaye.
11 Ungaba leqiniso ukuthi umuntu onjalo
uxhwalile njalo uyisoni; nguye ozilahlayo
yena ngokwakhe. 12 Ngingaze ngithumele u-
Athemasi kumbe uThikhikhasi kuwe, kumele
uzame ngamandla akho wonke ukuza kimi
eNikhopholisi ngoba sengizimisele ukuhlala
khona ebusika. 13 Yenza konke ongakwenza
ukuba usize uZenasi igqwetha kanye lo-Apholo
ohanjweni lwabo ubone ukuba balakho konke
abakuswelayo. 14 Abantu bakithi kumele
bafunde ukuzinikela ekwenzeni okuhle ukuze
bagcwalise izinswelo zansuku zonke njalo
bangaphili impilo eyize. 15 Bonke abalami
bayakubingelela. Bingelela labo abasithandayo
ekukholweni. Umusa kawube lani lonke.

UFilimoni

1 Mina Phawuli, isibotshwa sikaKhristu uJesu,
loThimothi umzalwane wethu, KuFilimoni
umngane wethu othandekayo loyisisebenzi
kanye lathi, 2 ku-Afiya udadewethu, ku-
Akhiphasi olibutho kanye lathi, lasebandleni
elihlanganela ekhaya lakho ngithi: 3 Umusa
kawube kuwe kanye lokuthula okuvela
kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu Khristu. 4
Ngihlezi ngimbonga kokuphela uNkulunkulu
wami lapho ngikukhumbula emikhulekweni
yami 5 ngoba ngiyezwa ngothando lwakho
lokukholwa eNkosini uJesu kanye lothando
lwakho kubo bonke abangcwele. 6 Ngikhulekela
ukuba ukuhlanganyela kwakho kanye lathi
ekukholweni kube lomfutho ngokujula
ekuqedisiseni kwakho konke ukulunga
esikwabelana ngenxa kaKhristu. 7 Uthando
lwakho lungiphe ukuthokoza okukhulu
lokududuzeka ngoba wena, mzalwane, uvuselele
inhliziyo zabangcwele. 8 Ngakho-ke, lanxa
kuKhristu ngingaba lesibindi ngikulaye
ukuba wenze lokho okumele ukwenze 9
kodwa ngiyakuncenga ngenxa yothando.
Ngakho-ke, mina Phawuli, umuntu omdala
khathesi oyisibotshwa sikaKhristu uJesu
futhi, 10 ngiyakuncenga ngenxa yendodana
yami u-Onesimasi owaba yindodana yami
ngibotshiwe. 11 Kuqala wayengelasizo
kuwe kodwa khathesi uselusizo kuwe
lakimi. 12 Ngimthuma kuwe yena othandwe
yinhliziyo yami. 13 Kade ngingathanda
ukuhlala laye ukuze athathe indawo yakho
yokungisiza ngisabotshelwe ivangeli. 14 Kodwa
angithandanga ukwenza lutho kungelamvumo
yakho ukuze kuthi loba ngumusa owenzayo
ube ngowokuzithandela hatshi ukubanjwa
ngamandla. 15 Mhlawumbe isizatho
sokwehlukaniswa lawe okwesikhatshana
sasiyikuthi ube laye futhi kokuphela (aiōnios
g166) 16 engaseyiso sigqili kodwa esengcono
kulesigqili njengomzalwane othandekayo.
Uyathandeka kimi kodwa uthandeka kakhulu
kuwe njengomunye wakho lanjengomzalwane
eNkosini. 17 Ngakho-ke, nxa ungithatha
njengohlanganyela lawe, mamukele ngendlela
obuzangamukela ngayo. 18 Nxa kulokubi
akwenze kuwe kumbe elesikwelede kuwe,
kubalele kimi. 19 Mina Phawuli, ngiloba lokhu
ngesandla sami. Ngizahlawula ngingabali
ukuthi lawe ulomlandu kimi wena ngokwakho.
20 Ngiyafisa, mzalwane, ukuba ngithole
usizo oluthile kuwe eNkosini; uvuselele
inhliziyo yami kuKhristu. 21 Ngileqiniso
ngokulalela kwakho, ngikulobela ngisazi ukuthi
uzakwenza okudlula engikucelayo. 22 Okunye
njalo yilokhu: Ngilungisela indlu yezihambi
ngoba ngithemba ukuba ngizabuyiselwa
kuwe ngenxa yemikhuleko yakho. 23 U-
Ephafrasi oyisibotshwa kanye lami ngenxa
kaKhristu uJesu, uyakubingelela. 24 UMakho,
lo-Aristakhasi, loDemasi kanye loLukha
abayizisebenzi kanye lami bayakubingelela. 25
Umusa weNkosi uJesu Khristu kawube lomoya
wakho.

KumaHebheru

1 Kudala uNkulunkulu wakhuluma
kubokhokho kanenginengi ngabaphrofethi
langezindlela ezehlukeneyo **2** kodwa
ngalezizinsuku zokucina ukhulume kithi
ngeNdodana yakhe, ayibeka ukuba yindlalifa
yezinto zonke, yona adala ngayo izulu
lomhlaba. (aiōn g165) **3** INdodana iyikubenyezela
kwenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu kanye
lomfanekiso wokuba nguye kwakhe uqobo,
iqinisa izinto zonke ngelizwi layo elilamandla.
Emva kokuba isikufezile ukuhlanjululwa
kwezono, yahlala phansi esandleni sokunene
sobukhosi ezulwini. **4** Ngakho yaba ngaphezu
kwezingilosi ngoba ibizo eyalithola njengelifa
lilikhulu kulelazo. **5** Ngoba kukuyiphi
ingilosi uNkulunkulu ake wathi kuyo: "Wena
uyiNdodana yami; lamhla sengibe nguYihlo"?
Kumbe njalo wathi, "Ngizakuba nguYise, yona
izakuba yiNdodana yami"? **6** Njalo, lapho
uNkulunkulu eletha izibulo lakhe emhlabeni,
uthi: "Zonke izingilosi zikaNkulunkulu
kazimkhonze." **7** Lapho ekhuluma ngezingilosi
uthi, "Wenza izingilosi zakhe zibe yimimoya,
izinceku zakhe zibe ngamalangabi omlilo."
8 Kodwa ngeNdodana uthi, "Isihlalo sakho
sobukhosi, Oh Nkulunkulu, sizakuma nini
lanini, intonga yokwahlulela okulungileyo
izakuba yintonga yombuso wakho. (aiōn g165)
9 Ukuthandile ukulunga wazonda ububi;
ngakho uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wakho
usekubeke ngaphezu kwabakhula bakho
ngokukugcoba ngamafutha entokozo." **10**
Njalo uthi, "Ekuqaleni, Oh Nkosi, wabeka
izisekelo zomhlaba, lamazulu angumsebenzi
wezandla zakho. **11** Kuzabhubha kodwa wena
uzasala; konke kuzaguga njengesigqoko. **12**
Uzakugoqa njengesembatho; kuzantshintshwa
njengesigqoko. Kodwa wena uhlala unjalo,
leminyaka yakho kayiyikuphela." **13** Kukuyiphi
ingilosi uNkulunkulu ake wathi kuyo: "Hlala
ngakwesokunene sami; ngize ngenze izitha
zakho zibe yisinyathelo senyawo zakho"?
14 Izingilosi kazisimimoya esebenzayo yini,
ethunywe ukukhonza labo abazakudla ilifa
lokusindiswa na?

2 Ngakho kufanele siqaphelelisise lokho
esikuzwileyo ukuze singaduki. **2** Ngoba nxa
ilizwi elakhulunywa yizingilosi liqinisa njalo
konke ukona lokungalaleli kuthole isijeziso
sakho esifaneleyo, **3** pho thina sizaphepha
njani nxa singanaki insindiso enkulu kangaka
na? Lokhu kusindiswa okwabikwa kuqala
yiNkosi, kwafakazwa kithi yilabo abayizwayo.
4 LoNkulunkulu wakufakaza ngezibonakaliso
langezimangaliso ezithile, langezipho zikaMoya
oNgcwele ezabiwa ngokwentando yakhe. **5**
Akusikho ezingilosini abeka khona ngaphansi
kwazo ilizwe elizayo esikhuluma ngalo. **6**
Kodwa ikhona indawo lapho omunye ofakaza
khona esithi: "Uyini umuntu osungaze
uzihluphe ngaye na, loba indodana yomuntu
ukuba uyinanze na? **7** Wamenza waba
mncinyazana kulezingilosi; wamethesa umqhele
wodumo lobukhosi, **8** wabeka lezinto zonke
ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe." Ekubekeni
izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe uNkulunkulu
katshiyanga lutho olungekho ngaphansi
kwakhe. Kodwa khathesi kasiboni zinto zonke
zingaphansi kwakhe. **9** Kodwa sibona yena,
owenziwa waba ngaphansanyana kwezingilosi
okwesikhatshana, uJesu, ebekwa umqhele
wobukhosi lodumo ngoba wavuma ukufa
ukuze kuthi ngomusa kaNkulunkulu ezwe
ukufa ngenxa yabantu bonke. **10** Ekuletheni
amadodana amanengi enkazimulweni,
kwakufanele ukuba uNkulunkulu, yena owenza
zonke izinto njalo zabakhona ngenxa yakhe,
enze umsunguli wokusindiswa kwabo aphelele
ngokuhlupheka kwakhe. **11** Ngoba lowo owenza
abantu babengcwele kanye lalabo abenziwe
baba ngcwele ngabendlunye. Ngakho uJesu
kakumyangisi ukuba athi bangabafowabo. **12**
Uthi, "Ngizamemezela ibizo lakho kubafowethu;
ngizahlabelela udumo lwakho phambi
kwebandla." **13** Njalo uthi, "Ngizabeka ithemba
lami kuye." Uphinda athi, "Mina ngilapha,
kanye labantwana uNkulunkulu angiphe bona."
14 Njengoba abantwana belomzimba legazi,
laye wahlanganyela ebuntwini babo ukuze

kuthi ngokufa kwakhe amchithe lowo ophethe
amandla okufa okutsho uSathane, 15 abakhulule
ababesebugqilini impilo yabo yonke ngenxa
yokwesaba kwabo ukufa. 16 Ngoba impela
akusizo ingilosi azisizayo kodwa inzalo ka-
Abhrahama. 17 Ngenxa yalokhu kwakumele
enziwe afane labafowabo kukho konke
ukuze abe ngumphristi omkhulu olesihawu
lothembekileyo enkonzweni kaNkulunkulu,
lokuba abeyinhlawulo yezono zabantu. 18
Njengoba laye wahlupheka lapho elingwa,
uyenelisa ukubasiza abalingwayo.

3 Ngakho-ke, bafowethu abangcwele,
abahlanganyela ekubizweni ezulwini, bekani
imicabango yenu kuJesu, umpostoli lomphristi
omkhulu esimvumayo. 2 Wathembeka kulowo
owambekayo, njengoMosi owayethembekile
kuyo yonke indlu kaNkulunkulu. 3 UJesu
ufunyenwe efanele udumo olukhulu kuloMosi
njengomakhi wendlu elodumo olukhulu
kulendlu yona ngokwayo. 4 Ngoba yileyo
laleyondlu yakhiwa ngumuntu othize kodwa
uNkulunkulu ungumakhi wezinto zonke. 5
"UMosi wayethembekile njengenceku kuyo
yonke indlu kaNkulunkulu," efakaza lokho
okwakuzatshiwo ensukwini ezizayo. 6 Kodwa
uKhristu uthembekile njengendodana endlini
kaNkulunkulu. Njalo thina siyindlu yakhe nxa
sibambelela ngesibindi langethemba lethu
esizincoma ngakho. 7 Ngakho, njengoba uMoya
oNgcwele esithi: "Lamuhla nxa lisizwa ilizwi
lakhe, 8 lingazenzi zibe lukhuni inhliziyo zenu,
njengelakwenza ekuhlamukeni, ngesikhathi
sokulingwa enkangala, 9 lapho okhokho
benu abangihlola khona bangilinga, babona
engakwenzayo okweminyaka engamatshumi
amane. 10 Yikho-nje ngasithukuthelela
isizukulwane leso, njalo ngathi, 'Inhliziyo
zabo zihlezi ziduka, njalo kabazazanga
izindlela zami.' 11 Ngakho ngamemezela
ngesifungo ekuthukutheleni kwami ngathi,
'Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami.'" 12
Bonani bazalwane ukuthi kakho omunye
wenu olenhliziyo yokona lokungakholwa,
ephambukayo kuNkulunkulu ophilayo. 13
Kodwa khuthazanani insuku zonke kusabizwa
ngokuthi lamuhla, ukuze angabikhona owenu
oba lukhuni ngenxa yokukhohliswa yisono. 14
Ngoba sesingabahlanganyelayo kuKhristu nxa
sibambelele ngokuqina kuze kuphele ithemba
esasilalo kuqala. 15 Njengoba kutshiwo ukuthi:
"Lamuhla nxa lisizwa ilizwi lakhe, lingazenzi
zibe lukhuni inhliziyo zenu njengelakwenzayo
ekuhlamukeni." 16 Babengobani labo abezwayo
basebehlamuka na? Akusibo yini bonke labo
uMosi abakhupha eGibhithe na? 17 Njalo
ngobani ayebathukuthelele okweminyaka
engamatshumi amane na? Akusibo yini labo
abonayo, abazidumbu zabo zawela enkangala
na? 18 Ngobani uNkulunkulu abafungela ukuthi
kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwakhe nxa
kungayisibo labo abangalalelanga na? 19
Ngakho siyabona ukuthi babengeke bangene
ngenxa yokungakholwa kwabo.

4 Ngakho-ke, njengoba isithembiso sokungena
ekuphumuleni kwakhe silokhu sikhona,
kasiqapheleni ukuba kakho phakathi kwenu
otholakala engafinyeleli kuso. 2 Ngoba
ivangeli latshunyayelwa kithi njengakubo;
kodwa ilizwi abalizwayo lalingelasizo kubo
ngoba labo abalizwayo kabalihlanganisanga
lokholo. 3 Thina esakholwayo siyangena
kulokho kuphumula njengoba uNkulunkulu
etshilo ukuthi: "Ngakho ngamemezela
ngesifungo ekuthukutheleni kwami ngathi,
'Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami.'"
Kodwa umsebenzi wakhe wapheleliswa
ekudalweni komhlaba. 4 Ngoba kwenye
indawo ukhulume ngosuku lwesikhombisa
ngala amazwi athi: "Ngakho ngosuku
lwesikhombisa uNkulunkulu waphumula
kuwo wonke umsebenzi wakhe." 5 Njalo
endimeni engaphezulu uthi, "Kabayikungena
ekuphumuleni kwami." 6 Kulokhu kunjalo
ukuthi abanye bazangena kulokho kuphumula,
lalabo ivangeli elatshunyayelwa kubo kuqala
kabangenanga ngenxa yokungalaleli kwabo. 7
Ngakho uNkulunkulu wabuya wamisa olunye
usuku, elubiza ngokuthi Lamuhla, lapho
kwathi emva kwesikhathi eside wakhuluma
ngoDavida, njengokwakutshiwo mandulo
ukuthi: "Lamuhla nxa lisizwa ilizwi lakhe,

lingazenzi zibe lukhuni inhliziyo zenu.” 8 Ngoba
aluba uJoshuwa wayebanikile ukuphumula,
ngabe uNkulunkulu kakhulumanga muva
ngolunye usuku. 9 Ngakho kulokhu
kukhona ukuphumula kweSabatha kwabantu
bakaNkulunkulu; 10 ngoba loba ngubani ongena
ekuphumuleni kukaNkulunkulu uyaphumula
lakowakhe umsebenzi njengokwenziwa
nguNkulunkulu kowakhe. 11 Ngakho-ke,
kasenzeni imizamo yonke ukuba singene
kulokho ukuphumula, ukuze angabikhona
ozawiswa yikulandela isibonelo sakhe
sokungalaleli. 12 Ilizwi likaNkulunkulu liyaphila
njalo liyasebenza. Libukhali kulenkemba
esika inxa zombili, ingena ize yehlukanise
umphefumulo lomoya, amalunga lomnkantsho;
lahlulela imicabango lomumo wenhliziyo.
13 Kukho konke okudaliweyo akulalutho
olufihlakeleyo emehlweni kaNkulunkulu.
Konke kwambuliwe kwabekwa obala phambi
kwamehlo akhe yena okumele sizibike
kuye. 14 Ngakho-ke, njengoba silomphristi
omkhulu kakhulu osengene emazulwini, uJesu
iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, kasibambeleleni
kakhulu okholweni esiluvumayo. 15
Ngoba kasilamphristi omkhulu onganelisiyo
ukusizwela ebuthakathakeni bethu kodwa
silaye oseke walingwa ngezindlela zonke
njengathi kodwa akazange one. 16 Kasisondeleni
esihlalweni sobukhosi somusa ngesibindi
ukuze samukele isihawu njalo sithole umusa
wokusisiza ezikhathini zokuswela kwethu.

5 Wonke umphristi omkhulu ukhethwa
ebantwini abekwe ukuba abamele ezindabeni
ezimayelana loNkulunkulu, ukunikela izipho
lemihlatshelo yezono. 2 Ulakho ukubaphatha
ngesineke labo abangaziyo abadukayo, njengoba
laye uqobo ephethwe yikuba buthakathaka.
3 Yikho-nje kumele anikele imihlatshelo
yezono zakhe kanye leyezono zabantu. 4
Kakho ozethesa udumo lolu phezu kwakhe;
kumele abizwe nguNkulunkulu njengo-
Aroni. 5 Ngakho loKhristu kazethesanga
udumo lokuba ngumphristi omkhulu. Kodwa
uNkulunkulu wathi kuye, “Wena uyiNdodana
yami; lamuhla sengibe nguYihlo.” 6 Njalo
kwenye indawo uthi, “Wena ungumphristi
kuze kube nini lanini, emkhondweni
kaMelikhizedekhi.” (aiōn g165) 7 Ngensuku
zokuphila kukaJesu emhlabeni, wakhuleka
wacela ngokukhala kakhulu langezinyembezi
kuye lowo owayengamphephisa ekufeni
njalo wezwakala ngenxa yokuzehlisa kwakhe
okuhloniphekayo. 8 Lanxa wayeyindodana
wafunda ukulalela kulokhu ahlupheka
ngakho, 9 kwathi lapho esephelelisiwe, waba
ngumthombo wokusindiswa okulaphakade
wabo bonke abamlalelayo (aiōnios g166)
10 wasekhethwa nguNkulunkulu ukuba
abe ngumphristi omkhulu, emkhondweni
kaMelikhizedekhi. 11 Kunengi esingakutsho
ngalokho kodwa kunzima ukuchaza ngoba
liyaphuza ukufunda. 12 Ngeqiniso, lanxa
ngalesisikhathi lifanele ukuba ngabafundisayo,
liswela omunye ukuba alifundise amaqiniso
okuqala elizwi likaNkulunkulu. Lifuna uchago,
hatshi ukudla okuqinileyo! 13 Lowo ophila
ngochago, ulokhu elusane, kayazi imfundiso
emayelana lokulunga. 14 Kodwa ukudla
okuqinileyo ngokwabakhulileyo asebazifundisa
ukwehlukanisa okuhle kokubi.

6 Ngakho kasiyekeleni imfundiso elula
ngoKhristu siqhubeke siye ekukhuleni.
Kasingasibeki futhi isisekelo sokuphenduka
ezenzweni eziholela ekufeni, lezokukholwa
kuNkulunkulu, 2 lemfundiso ngemibhaphathizo,
lokubekwa kwezandla, lokuvuka kwabafileyo
kanye lokwahlulelwa okulaphakade. (aiōnios
g166) 3 Njalo nxa uNkulunkulu evuma
sizakwenza njalo. 4 Akwenzakali kulabo
asebake bakhanyiselwa, asebenambithe
isipho sasezulwini, asebehlanganyele kuMoya
oNgcwele, 5 asebenambithe ubumnandi belizwi
likaNkulunkulu kanye lamandla esikhathi
esizayo, (aiōn g165) 6 njalo nxa behlamuka
ukuba babuyiselwe ekuphendukeni ngoba
ekulahlekelweni kwabo bayayibethela futhi
esiphambanweni iNdodana kaNkulunkulu
beyethesa ihlazo phambi kwabantu bonke.
7 Umhlabathi onatha izulu elihlezi lisina
phezu kwawo loveza isilimo esilusizo kulabo
abawulimayo uthola isibusiso sikaNkulunkulu.

8 Kodwa umhlabathi oveza ameva lokhula
kawulasizo njalo usengozini yokuqalekiswa.
Ekucineni uzatshiswa. 9 Kodwa lanxa
sikhuluma kanje bazalwane abathandekayo,
silethemba lezinto ezingcono ngani, izinto
ezilokwenza lokusindiswa. 10 UNkulunkulu
ulungile, kasoke awukhohlwe umsebenzi wenu
lothando elamtshengisa lona njengoba lasiza
abantu bakhe njalo liyaqhubeka libasiza. 11
Sifuna omunye lomunye wenu abonakalise
ukukhuthala lokhu kuze kube sekupheleni
ukuze ithemba lenu liqiniseke. 12 Kasifuni
ukuba libe ngamavila kodwa ukuba lilingisele
labo okwathi ngokukholwa langokubekezela
bathola ilifa lalokhu okwakuthenjisiwe. 13
Lapho uNkulunkulu esenza isithembiso
sakhe ku-Abhrahama, njengoba wayengekho
omkhulu ayengafunga ngaye, wafunga ngaye
yena ngokwakhe 14 esithi, "Ngempela
ngizakubusisa njalo ngikuphe inzalo enengi."
15 Ngakho emva kokulinda ngokubekezela,
u-Abhrahama wathola okwakuthenjisiwe. 16
Abantu bafunga ngomunye omkhulu kulabo
njalo isifungo siqinisa lokho okutshiwoyo siqede
lokuphikisana konke. 17 Njengoba uNkulunkulu
wathanda ukuba enze ukungaguquki kwesimo
senhloso yakhe kube sobala kuzindlalifa zalokho
okwathenjiswayo, wakuqinisa ngesifungo. 18
UNkulunkulu wenza lokhu ukuze kuthi ngezinto
ezimbili ezingaguqulekiyo, uNkulunkulu
angeke aqambe amanga ngazo, thina
esibaleke sabambelela ethembeni esiliphiwayo
sikhuthazeke kakhulu. 19 Silethemba leli
njengensika yemiphefumulo yethu, eliqinileyo
njalo eligxilileyo. Lingena endaweni engcwele
yangaphakathi ngemva kwamakhetheni 20
lapho uJesu owahamba phambi kwethu angena
khona ngenxa yethu. Usebe ngumphristi
omkhulu emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi kuze
kube nini lanini. (aiōn g165)

7 UMelikhizedekhi lo wayeyinkosi yaseSalemu
lomphristi kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke.
Wahlangabeza u-Abhrahama evela kwehlula
amakhosi, wambusisa, 2 u-Abhrahama wamnika
okwetshumi kwakho konke. Okwakuqala,
ibizo elithi Melikhizedekhi litsho ukuthi
"Nkosi yokulunga"; lokuthi futhi, "Nkosi
yaseSalemu" kutsho ukuthi "Nkosi yokuthula."
3 Engelayise loba unina, engelamdabuko,
engelakuqala kwensuku loba ukuphela
kokuphila njengeNdodana kaNkulunkulu
uhlezi engumphristi nini lanini. 4 Ake
licabange ukuthi wayemkhulu kangakanani:
Lokhokho u-Abhrahama wamnika okwetshumi
kwempango! 5 Khathesi umthetho ufuna
abenzalo kaLevi ababa ngabaphristi ukuba
baqoqe okwetshumi ebantwini, lokhu kutsho
abafowabo lanxa abafowabo beyinzalo ka-
Abhrahama. 6 Umuntu lo kazange alonde
umdabuko wakhe usukela kuLevi kodwa
waqoqa okwetshumi ku-Abhrahama njalo
wambusisa yena lowo owayelezithembiso.
7 Kakulakuthandabuza ukuthi umuntu
omncinyane ubusiswa ngomkhulu. 8 Kwesinye
isehlakalo, okwetshumi kuthathwa ngabantu
abafayo kodwa kwesinye isehlakalo kube
ngulowo okuthiwe uyaphila. 9 Umuntu angatsho
lokuthi uLevi oqoqa okwetshumi, wanikela
okwetshumi ngo-Abhrahama 10 ngoba lapho
uMelikhizedekhi ehlangabeza u-Abhrahama
uLevi wayelokhu esesemzimbeni kakhokho
wakhe. 11 Nxa ukuphelela kwakungatholakala
ngobuphristi babaLevi njalo ngempela
umthetho owaphiwa abantu wasungula
lobobuphristi, pho kungani kwakulokhu
kudingeka ukuba omunye umphristi abuye
evela emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi,
engasiwemkhondweni ka-Aroni na? 12
Ngoba lapho kulokuguqulwa kobuphristi,
kufanele kube lokuguqulwa komthetho
futhi. 13 Yena lowo okutshiwo lezizinto
ngaye ngowesinye isizwana njalo kakho
owalesosizwana owake wakhonza e-alithareni.
14 Ngoba kusobala ukuba iNkosi yethu yadabuka
koJuda njalo mayelana lalesosizwana uMosi
katshongo lutho ngabaphristi. 15 Njalo lokhu
esesikutshilo kucace kakhulu nxa omunye
umphristi onjengoMelikhizedekhi evela,
16 omunye obe ngumphristi kungayisikho
komthetho ngokosendo lwakhe kodwa
ngokumayelana lamandla okuphila okungeke
kuchithwe. 17 Ngoba kumenyezelwe ukuthi:
"Wena ungumphristi kuze kube nini lanini,

emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi.” (aiōn g165)
18 Umthetho wakuqala ubekwe eceleni
ngoba wawubuthakathaka njalo ungelasizo
19 (ngoba umthetho kawenzanga lutho
olupheleleyo) ngakho kulethwa ithemba elitsha
esisondela ngalo kuNkulunkulu. 20 Njalo
kwakungayisikho ngaphandle kwesifungo!
Abanye babangabaphristi kungekho sifungo,
21 kodwa yena waba ngumphristi ngesifungo
lapho uNkulunkulu athi kuye: “INkosi ifungile
njalo kayiyikuguqula ingqondo yayo: ‘Wena
ungumphristi kuze kube nini lanini.’” (aiōn g165)
22 Ngenxa yesifungo lesi, uJesu usebe yisiqiniselo
sesivumelwano esingcono. 23 Abaphristi labo
sebebanengi njengoba babevinjelwa yikufa
ukuba baqhubeke besezikhundleni; 24 kodwa
uJesu uphila kuze kube laphakade, ulobuphristi
obuyisimakade. (aiōn g165) 25 Ngakho ulamandla
okubasindisa ngokupheleleyo labo abeza
kuNkulunkulu ngaye ngoba uhlezi ephilela
ukubancengela. 26 Umphristi omkhulu onjalo
wagcwalisa izinswelo zethu, ongongcwele,
ongelasici, lohlanzekileyo, lowehlukaniswe
lezoni, lophakanyiselwe ngaphezu kwamazulu.
27 Hatshi njengabanye abaphristi abakhulu,
yena kadingi kunikela imihlatshelo insuku
zonke, kuqala eyezono zakhe, kulandele
owezono zabantu. Wabenzela umhlatshelo
wezono zabo kwaba kanye kuphela lapho
ezinikela. 28 Ngoba umthetho ubeka abantu
ababuthakathaka ukuba ngabaphristi abakhulu
kodwa isifungo eseza emva komthetho sabeka
iNdodana eyenziwe yaba ngepheleleyo kuze
kube nininini. (aiōn g165)

8 Isiqokoqela salokho esikutshoyo yilesi: Silaye
umphristi omkhulu onjalo, owahlala phansi
esandleni sokunene kwesihlalo sobukhosi
soMkhulu ezulwini, 2 okhonzayo endaweni
engcwele, ithabanikeli eliqotho elamiswa
yiNkosi hatshi ngabantu. 3 Umphristi
omkhulu ngamunye ubekelwe ukunikela
izipho lemihlatshelo, ngakho kwakufanele
ukuba lalo abe lolutho alunikelayo. 4 Aluba
wayesemhlabeni wayengayikuba ngumphristi
ngoba bevele bekhona abantu abanikela
izipho eziphawulwa ngumthetho. 5 Bakhonza
endaweni engcwele engumfanekiso lesithunzi
salokho okusezulwini. Yikho-nje uMosi
waxwayiswa lapho esezakwakha ithabanikeli
ngokuthi: “Qaphela ukuba wenze konke
njengalokhu owakutshengiswa entabeni.” 6
Kodwa inkonzo uJesu ayemukeleyo ingcono
kuleyabo njengesivumelwano yena angumeli
waso singcono kulesidala njalo sakhelwe
phezu kwezithembiso ezingcono. 7 Ngoba
aluba kwakungelalutho olungalunganga
kusivumelwano sakuqala leso, akulasizatho
esasingadingelwa esinye. 8 Kodwa uNkulunkulu
wathola isici ebantwini wasesithi: “Isikhathi
siyeza, kutsho iNkosi, lapho engizakwenza
khona isivumelwano esitsha lendlu ka-
Israyeli kanye lendlu kaJuda. 9 Kasiyikufana
lesivumelwano engasenza labokhokho babo
lapho engababamba khona ngesandla
ukuba ngibakhuphe eGibhithe, ngoba
kabaqhubekanga bethembekile esivumelwaneni
sami, ngasengibadela, kutsho iNkosi. 10 Nansi
isivumelwano engizasenza lendlu ka-Israyeli,
ngemva kwalesosikhathi, kutsho iNkosi.
Ngizabeka imithetho yami ezingqondweni
zabo, ngiyilobe ezinhliziyweni zabo. Ngizakuba
nguNkulunkulu wabo, bona babengabantu
bami. 11 Umuntu kasayikufundisa umakhelwane
wakhe, kumbe umfowabo, esithi, ‘Yazi
iNkosi,’ ngoba bonke bazangazi, kusukela
komncinyane wabo kusiya komkhulu.
12 Ngoba ngizabathethelela ububi babo,
njalo angiyikukhumbula izono zabo futhi.”
13 Ngokuthi isivumelwano lesi “sitsha”
wenze esakuqala sangasasebenzi; futhi
okungasasebenzi lokugugileyo kuzanyamalala
masinyane.

9 Isivumelwano sakuqala sasilezimiso
zokukhonza kanye lendawo engcwele
yasemhlabeni. 2 Kwakhiwa ithabanikeli.
Ekamelweni lalo lakuqala kwakuloluthi
lwesibane, letafula kanye lesinkwa
esingcwelisiweyo; lokhu kwakubizwa ngokuthi
yiNdawo eNgcwele. 3 Ngemva kwekhetheni
lesibili kwakulekamelo elalithiwa yiNdawo
eNgcwelengcwele, 4 eyayile-alithare
lokutshisela impepha elalihuqwe ngegolide

kanye lomtshokotsho wesivumelwano
owawuhuqwe ngegolide. Umtshokotsho
wakhona wawulembizanyana yemana,
lentonga ka-Aroni eyahlumayo kanye
lezibhebhedu zamatshe esivumelwano. 5
Phezu komtshokotsho kwakulamakherubhi
eNkazimulo enze ithunzi phezu kwendawo
yomhlatshelo. Kodwa khathesi asingeke
silandise okugcweleyo ngalezozinto. 6
Kwathi konke sekulungisiwe kanje, abaphristi
bangena njalonjalo ekamelweni langaphandle
ukuba benze inkonzo yabo. 7 Kodwa
umphristi omkhulu nguye kuphela owayengena
ekamelweni langaphakathi kanye ngomnyaka,
njalo kungeke kwenzeke engelagazi alinikelela
yena kanye lezono abantu abazenza bengazi.
8 UMoya oNgcwele wayetshengisa ngalokho
ukuthi indlela eya eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele
yayingabonakaliswa nxa ithabanikeli lakuqala
lilokhu likhona. 9 Lokhu kungumfanekiso
walesisikhathi, okubonakalisa ukuthi izipho
lemihlatshelo okwakunikelwa kwakunganelisi
ukuhlambulula izazela zabakhonzayo. 10
Kuyindaba yokudla lokunatha kuphela kanye
lemikhuba eyehlukeneyo yokugeza imilayo
yangaphandle komzimba esebenza kuze
kufike isikhathi sezimiso ezintsha. 11 Kwathi
lapho uKhristu esefikile njengomphristi
omkhulu wezinto ezinhle esezikhona, wadabula
phakathi kwethabanikeli elikhulu elipheleleyo
elingenziwanga ngabantu, okuyikuthi,
kalisingxenye yale indalo. 12 Kangenanga
ngokusebenzisa igazi lembuzi loba elamathole;
kodwa wangena kanye kuphela eNdaweni
eNgcwelengcwele ngegazi lakhe, esethole
ukuhlengwa okulaphakade. (aiōnios g166) 13 Igazi
lembuzi lelenkunzi lemilotha yamathokazi
okufafazwa ebantwini abangahlambulukanga
ngokomkhuba kuyabangcwelisa ukuba
babe ngabahlambulukileyo ngaphandle.
14 Pho igazi likaKhristu, owazinikela
engelasici kuNkulunkulu ngomoya olaphakade,
lizazihlambulula kakhulu okungakanani
izazela zethu emisebenzini edonsela ekufeni,
ukuze sikhonze uNkulunkulu ophilayo!
(aiōnios g166) 15 Ngenxa yalokhu uKhristu
ungumeli wesivumelwano esitsha ukuze
kuthi labo ababiziweyo bathole ilifa
elingapheliyo elathenjiswayo njengoba sewafa
njengenhlawulo ukuba abakhulule ezonweni
abazenzayo esivumelwaneni sakuqala. (aiōnios
g166) 16 Mayelana lentando yokwaba ilifa,
kuyadingakala ukuba kufakazwe ukufa
kwalowo owakwenzayo, 17 ngoba intando
yokwaba ilifa isebenza kuphela lapho kukhona
ofileyo; kayisebenzi nxa lowo owayenzayo
elokhu esaphila. 18 Yikho-nje lesivumelwano
sakuqala kasifezwanga kungekho gazi. 19
Kwathi uMosi esememezele imilayo yonke
yomthetho ebantwini bonke, wathatha igazi
lamathole lelempongo ndawonye lamanzi,
lewulu ebomvu kanye lezingatsha zehisophi,
wachela umqulu kanye labantu bonke. 20
Wathi, “Leli ligazi lesivumelwano uNkulunkulu
alaye ukuba lisigcine.” 21 Ngendlela efanayo
wachela ithabanikeli ngegazi kanye lezinto
zonke ezisetshenziswayo emikhosini yalo. 22
Ngempela umthetho uphose ufune ukuba izinto
zonke zihlanjululwe ngegazi, njalo kungekho
kuchithwa kwegazi akukho ukuthethelela. 23
Ngakho kwakufanele ukuba imifanekiso yezinto
zasezulwini zihlanjululwe ngemihlatshelo
le kodwa izinto zasezulwini uqobo kube
ngemihlatshelo engcono kulale. 24 Ngoba
uKhristu kangenanga endaweni engcwele
eyenziwa ngabantu eyayingumfanekiso waleyo
eqotho kuphela; yena wangena ezulwini
uqobo, ukuba asimele phambi kukaNkulunkulu.
25 Kangenanga ezulwini ukuba azinikele
njalonjalo, njengomphristi omkhulu engena
eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele minyaka yonke
legazi elingayisilo lakhe. 26 Ngakho uKhristu
wayezahlupheka kanengi kusukela ekudalweni
komhlaba. Kodwa khathesi usebonakale kanye
kuphela ekupheleni kwezikhathi ukuba asuse
isono ngomhlatshelo onguye. (aiōn g165) 27
Njengalokhu umuntu wamiselwa ukufa kanye,
kuthi emva kwalokho abhekane lokwahlulelwa,
28 ngokunjalo uKhristu wanikelwa kanye
ukuba asuse izono zabantu abanengi; njalo
uzabonakala okwesibili, hatshi ukuthwala
isono, kodwa ukuletha ukusindiswa kulabo
abamlindeleyo.

10 Umthetho uyisithunzi nje sezinto
ezinhle ezizayo kodwa hatshi lokho
okuyikho uqobo. Ngenxa yemihlatshelo
efanayo ephindwaphindwa kokuphela iminyaka
leminyaka ayingeke ibenze baphelele labo
abasondela ekukhonzeni. 2 Aluba wawusanelisa,
imihlatshelo yayingayikuyekelwa ukunikelwa
na? Ngoba abakhonzayo babezahlanjululwa
kube kanye kuphela, njalo babengasayikuzizwa
belecala lezono zabo. 3 Kodwa imihlatshelo
iyisikhumbuzo sezono zeminyaka yonke, 4
ngoba akwenzakali ukuba igazi lenkunzi
lelembuzi lisuse izono. 5 Ngakho-ke, uKhristu
esefikile emhlabeni wathi: "Umhlatshelo
lomnikelo kawukufunanga, kodwa wena
wangilungisela umzimba; 6 kawuthokozanga
ngeminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yesono.
7 Ngasengisithi, 'Ngilapha, kulotshiwe
ngami emqulwini, ngilande ukuzokwenza
intando yakho, Oh Nkulunkulu.'" 8 Kuqala
wathi, "Imihlatshelo leminikelo, iminikelo
yokutshiswa kanye leminikelo yesono
kawuyifunanga, njalo kayikuthokozisanga"
(lanxa umthetho usithi kayenziwe). 9 Wabuya
wathi, "Ngilapha, ngilande ukuzokwenza
intando yakho." Ususa okokuqala ukuze amise
okwesibili. 10 Njalo ngaleyontando senziwe
saba ngcwele ngomhlatshelo womzimba kaJesu
Khristu kanye kuphela. 11 Insuku zonke
umphristi uyema enze imisebenzi yakhe
yenkonzo, anikele njalonjalo imihlatshelo
minye, engeke isuse izono. 12 Kodwa kwathi
umphristi lo esenikelele izikhathi zonke
umhlatshelo owodwa wezono, wahlala phansi
esandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu. 13
Kusukela ngalesosikhathi ulindele izitha
zakhe ukuba zibe yisenabelo sakhe, 14 ngoba
ngomhlatshelo owodwa usephelelise nini lanini
labo abenziwayo ukuba ngcwele. 15 LoMoya
oNgcwele uyafakaza kithi ngalokho. Kuqala
uthi: 16 "Lesi yisivumelwano engizasenza
labo emva kwalesosikhathi, kutsho iNkosi.
Ngizafaka imithetho yami ezinhliziyweni
zabo ngiyilobe lasezingqondweni zabo." 17
Wabuya wengeza wathi: "Izono zabo lezenzo
zokungabi lomthetho, angiyikukhumbula
futhi." 18 Nxa lezi sezithethelelwe, kawusekho
umhlatshelo wesono. 19 Ngakho-ke, bazalwane,
njengoba silethemba lokungena eNdaweni
eNgcwelengcwele ngegazi likaJesu, 20 ngendlela
entsha ephilayo, esiyivulelwe ekhethenini,
okuyikuthi umzimba wakhe, 21 njalo
njengoba silomphristi omkhulu ophethe indlu
kaNkulunkulu, 22 kasisondeleni kuNkulunkulu
ngezinhliziyo eziqotho ngethemba elipheleleyo
lokholo; sibe lezinhliziyo ezicheliweyo ukuba
sihlanjululwe isazela secala lemizimba
yethu igeziswe ngamanzi ahlanzekileyo. 23
Kasibambeleleni ngokuqina kulo ithemba
esilikholwayo, ngoba lowo owathembisayo
uthembekile. 24 Njalo kasicabangeni
ukuba singakhuthazana njani ethandweni
lasezenzweni ezinhle. 25 Kasingakudeli
ukuhlangana, njengalokhu abanye abajayele
ukukwenza kodwa kasikhuthazaneni ikakhulu
njengoba sibona uSuku lusondela. 26
Nxa siqhubeka sisenza izono ngabomu
emva kokuba iqiniso sesilazi, kawusekho
umhlatshelo wezono, 27 kodwa umlindelo
owesabekayo wokwahlulelwa kuphela
kanye lomlilo ovuthayo ozaqothula izitha
zikaNkulunkulu. 28 Owawalayo umthetho
kaMosi wafa kungela sihawu ngobufakazi
babafakazi ababili kumbe abathathu. 29
Pho licabanga ukuthi ufanele ukujeziswa
kakhulu kangakanani umuntu owanyathela
iNdodana kaNkulunkulu ngaphansi konyawo,
ophathe igazi lesivumelwano elamenza
waba ngcwele njengento engangcwele,
lohlambaza uMoya womusa na? 30 Ngoba
thina siyamazi lowo owathi, "Ukuphindisela
ngokwami; ngizabuyisela," njalo wathi,
"INkosi izakwahlulela abantu bayo." 31
Kuyinto eyesabekayo ukuwela ezandleni
zikaNkulunkulu ophilayo. 32 Khumbulani insuku
zakuqala leziyana emva kokuba selamukele
ukukhanya, lapho elaqinisela khona ebunzimeni
obukhulu phakathi kokuhlupheka. 33 Ngezinye
izikhathi lenziwa umbukiso wokuhlanjazwa
lokuhlukuluzwa; kwathi ngezinye izikhathi
lamanyana lalabo ababephathwa kanjalo. 34
Laba lozwelo kulabo ababesentolongweni,
lamukela ngentokozo ukuthunjwa kwempahla
yenu, ngoba lalikwazi ukuthi lina lilempahla

engcono engapheliyo. 35 Ngakho lingalilahli
ithemba lenu; lizavuzwa ngokunengi. 36
Kuyadingeka ukuba libekezele ukuze kuthi
lapho seliyenzile intando kaNkulunkulu,
lamukele lokho akuthembisayo. 37 Ngoba,
"Ngesikhatshana nje, lowo ozayo uzafika njalo
kasoze aphuze." 38 Kodwa, "Olungileyo wami
uzaphila ngokukholwa. Angahlehlela emuva,
kangiyikuthokoza ngaye." 39 Kodwa thina
kasisibo balabo abahlehlela emuva babhujiswe,
kodwa labo abakholwayo basindiswe.

11 Ukukholwa yikuba leqiniso lalokhu
esikulindeleyo njalo kuqinisekile ngalokho
esingakuboniyo. 2 Lokhu yikho abendulo
abanconywa ngakho. 3 Ngokukholwa siyezwisisa
ukuthi izulu lomhlaba kwadalwa ngokulaya
kukaNkulunkulu, ngoba okubonakalayo
kakwenziwanga ngalokho okwakubonakala.
(aiōn g165) 4 Ngokukholwa u-Abheli wanikela
kuNkulunkulu umnikelo omuhle kulokaKhayini.
Ngokukholwa wanconywa njengomuntu
olungileyo, ngesikhathi uNkulunkulu ekhuluma
kuhle ngeminikelo yakhe. Njalo ngokukholwa
ulokhu ekhuluma, lanxa sewafa. 5 Ngokukholwa
u-Enoki wasuswa kulumhlaba ephila ukuze
angakuzwa ukufa: "Kabonakalanga ngoba
uNkulunkulu wayesemthethe." Engakathathwa,
wayenconywe njengowayethokozise
uNkulunkulu. 6 Kungelakukholwa akweneliseki
ukumthokozisa uNkulunkulu ngoba oza
kuye kumele akholwe ukuthi ukhona
lokuthi uyabanika umvuzo labo abamdinga
ngobuqotho. 7 Ngokukholwa uNowa
esexwayisiwe ngezinto ezazingakabonakali,
ngokwesaba okungcwele wakha umkhumbi
ukuba ahlenge abendlu yakhe. Ngokukholwa
kwakhe wawulahla umhlaba waba yindlalifa
yokulunga okuza ngokukholwa. 8 Ngokukholwa
u-Abhrahama esebizelwe ukuba aye endaweni
ayezayamukela muva njengelifa lakhe,
walalela wahamba, lanxa wayengakwazi
lapho ayesiya khona. 9 Ngokukholwa wahlala
elizweni lesithembiso njengesihambi, elizweni
elingayisilo lakibo; wahlala emathenteni,
njengokwenziwa ngu-Isaka loJakhobe,
ababezindlalifa zalelolizwe lesithembiso
kanye laye. 10 Ngoba wayelindele idolobho
elilezisekelo, elimcandi walo lomakhi walo
nguNkulunkulu. 11 Ngokukholwa, lanxa u-
Abhrahama wayeseluphele loSara eyinyumba,
wanikwa amandla okuba lomntwana ngoba
wambona njengothembekileyo lowo owayenze
isithembiso. 12 Ngakho-ke, kusukela kulumuntu
oyedwa, owayefana lofileyo, kwavela
inzalo enengi njengezinkanyezi emkhathini
njalo engeke ibalwe njengenhlabathi
ekhunjini lolwandle. 13 Abantu bonke
laba bafa belokhu bephila ngokukholwa.
Kabazamukelanga izinto ezathenjiswayo;
bazibona nje kuphela bazithakazelela zikude.
Njalo bavuma ukuthi bona babeyizizwe
lezihambi emhlabeni. 14 Abantu abakhuluma
izinto ezinje babonakalisa ukuthi bafuna
ilizwe elingelabo. 15 Aluba babecabanga
ngelizwe abasuka kulo, babezakuba lethuba
lokubuyela. 16 Kodwa-ke bona babefuna
ilizwe elingcono, lona elisezulwini. Ngakho
uNkulunkulu akumyangisi ukubizwa ngokuthi
unguNkulunkulu wabo, ngoba usebalungisele
idolobho. 17 Ngokukholwa, kwathi u-
Abhrahama ehlolwa nguNkulunkulu, wanikela
u-Isaka njengomhlatshelo. Yena owayamukele
izithembiso wayeseseduze ukuba anikele
indodana yakhe eyodwa njalo eyiyo
kuphela, 18 lanxa uNkulunkulu wayethe
kuye, "isizukulwane sakho sizabalwa ngo-
Isaka." 19 U-Abhrahama wanakana ukuthi
uNkulunkulu wayengabavusa abafileyo, njalo
nxa kuzekeliswa, wamamukela u-Isaka evela
ekufeni. 20 Ngokukholwa u-Isaka wabusisa
uJakhobe lo-Esawu ngekusasa labo. 21
Ngokukholwa uJakhobe, esesifa wawabusisa
wonke amadodana kaJosefa, wasekhonza eyame
phezu kwentonga yakhe. 22 Ngokukholwa
uJosefa, isiphetho sakhe sesisondele, walandisa
ngokuphuma kwabako-Israyeli eGibhithe
njalo walayezela ngamathambo akhe. 23
Ngokukholwa abazali bakaMosi bamfihla
izinyanga ezintathu emva kokuzalwa kwakhe,
ngoba babona ukuthi wayengasumntwana nje
ojayelekileyo, njalo babengawesabi umthetho
wenkosi. 24 Ngokukholwa uMosi esekhulile,
wala ukuba aziwe njengendodana yendodakazi

kaFaro. 25 Wakhetha ukuphathwa kubi kanye
labantu bakaNkulunkulu kulokuba akholise
injabulo yesono okwesikhathi esifitshane.
26 Wakhetha ihlazo ngenxa kaKhristu
njengegugu elikhulu kulenotho yaseGibhithe
ngoba wayekhangelele umvuzo phambili. 27
Ngokukholwa wasuka eGibhithe, engalwesabi
ulaka lwenkosi; wabekezela ngoba wambona
lowo ongabonakaliyo. 28 Ngokukholwa
wagcina iPhasika lokuchelwa kwegazi,
ukuze umbulali wamazibulo angawathinti
amazibulo ako-Israyeli. 29 Ngokukholwa abantu
badabula phakathi koLwandle oluBomvu
njengasemhlabathini owomileyo, kodwa kwathi
amaGibhithe ezama ukwenzanjalo agalula.
30 Ngokukholwa imiduli yaseJerikho yadilika
emva kokuba abantu beyibhode okwensuku
eziyisikhombisa. 31 Ngokukholwa uRahabi
isifebe, ngoba wamukela inhloli, kabulawanga
kanye lalabo ababengalaleli. 32 Kuyini okunye
engingakutsho? Kangilasikhathi sokulandisa
ngoGidiyoni, loBharakhi, loSamsoni, loJeftha,
loDavida, loSamuyeli kanye labaphrofethi,
33 abanqoba imibuso ngokukholwa benza
okulungileyo njalo bathola okwakuthenjisiwe;
bona abavala imilomo yezilwane, 34
bacitsha ukuvutha kwamalangabi, baphepha
lasebukhalini benkemba; ubuthakathaka
babo baphenduka baba ngamandla; njalo
baba lamandla empini bawachitha amabutho
ezizweni. 35 Abesifazane bamukela abafayo
babo sebevuselwe ekuphileni futhi. Abanye
bahlukuluzwa njalo bala ukukhululwa, ukuze
bathole ukuvuka ekufeni okuhle. 36 Abanye
bahozwa batshaywa, kwathi abanye babotshwa
ngamaketane bafakwa entolongweni. 37
Batshaywa ngamatshe, baqunywa ngesaha baba
yiziqa ezimbili; babulawa ngenkemba. Bahamba
begqoke izikhumba zezimvu lezikhumba
zembuzi, beswela, behlukuluzwa, bephathwa
kubi, 38 umhlaba kubo wawungabafanele.
Bantula enkangala lasezintabeni lasezimbalwini
kanye lasemilindini emhlabathini. 39 Bonke laba
banconywa ngokukholwa kwabo, kodwa kakho
phakathi kwabo owathola okwakuthenjisiwe. 40
Thina uNkulunkulu wayesimisele okuhle ukuze
kuthi sebe kanye lathi bapheleliswe.

12 Ngakho-ke, njengoba sihanqwe lixuku
elikhulu kangaka labafakazi, kasikulahleni
konke okusivimbelayo kanye lesono esisibopha
lula njalo kasigijimeni ngokubekezela kulo
umjaho ophawulelwe thina. 2 Kasikhangeleni
kuJesu, uMqalisi loMphelelisi wokukholwa
kwethu, okwathi ngentokozo eyayibekwe
phambi kwakhe wabekezelela isiphambano,
engananzi ihlazo laso, wahlala phansi esandleni
sokunene sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu. 3
Cabangani ngaye owabekezelela ukuphikiswa
okungaka ngabantu abayizoni ukuze lingabi
buthakathaka lilahle ithemba. 4 Ekulweni
kwenu lesono, kalimelananga laso kwaze
kwaba sebangeni lokuchitha igazi lenu. 5
Njalo selilikhohliwe lelizwi lokulikhuthaza
elikhuluma kini njengamadodana elithi:
“Ndodana yami, ungeyisi ukulaya kweNkosi.
Njalo ungalahli ithemba lapho ikukhuza, 6
ngoba uThixo ulaya labo abathandayo, abuye
ajezise bonke abamukela njengendodana.” 7
Bekezelelani ukuhlupheka njengokulaywa;
uNkulunkulu uliphatha njengabantwana
bakhe. Kambe yibaphi abantwana abangalaywa
nguyise na? 8 Nxa lingalaywa (umuntu wonke
uyalaywa), liyabe lingabantwana abazalwa
ngokungekho emthethweni njalo abangasiwo
amadodana lamadodakazi uqobo. 9 Phezu
kwalokho, sonke sake saba labobaba abasilayayo
njalo sabahlonipha ngenxa yalokho. Pho
kufanele sizehlise kakhulu okungakanani
kuBaba wemimoya yethu njalo siphile! 10 Obaba
basilaya okwesikhatshana ngababekubona
kukuhle, kodwa uNkulunkulu usilaya ukuba
sisizakale, ukuba sihlanganyele ebungcweleni
bakhe. 11 Akukho kulaywa okukhanya kukuhle
ngalesosikhathi, kodwa kubuhlungu. Kodwa
muva, kuletha isivuno sokulunga lokuthula
kulabo abafundiswa yikho. 12 Ngakho-
ke, qinisani izingalo zenu ezibuthakathaka
lamadolo enu axegayo. 13 “Lungiselani inyawo
zenu izindlela ezibekekileyo,” ukuze abaqhulayo
bangagogeki, kodwa basiliswe. 14 Zamani
kakhulu ukuhlalisana ngokuthula labantu
bonke lokuba ngcwele; kungekho bungcwele
kakho ozayibona iNkosi. 15 Bonani ukuthi kakho
oswela umusa kaNkulunkulu kanye lokuthi

akulampande ebabayo ekhulayo ukuba idale
uhlupho ingcolise abanengi. 16 Bonani ukuthi
kakho oyisifebe, loba ongakhonzi uNkulunkulu
njengo-Esawu okwathi ngenxa yokudla kunye
wathengisa amalungelo elifa lakhe okuba
lizibulo. 17 Muva, njengoba lisazi, lapho esefuna
ukuzuza isibusiso lesi waliwa. Wayengeke enze
kube lokuguquka kwengqondo, lanxa wafuna
isibusiso leso ngezinyembezi. 18 Kalizanga
entabeni engathintwayo njalo ebhebha umlilo;
ebumnyameni lasekufiphaleni lesiphepho; 19
ekukhaleni kwecilongo loba ilizwi elinjalo
elikhulumayo, okwenza labo abalizwayo bacela
ukuba kungabi lelizwi elikhulunywa kubo
futhi, 20 ngoba babengeke bakumele ukulaywa
okwakusithi: "Lenyamazana ingathinta
intaba, kumele itshaywe ngamatshe." 21
Okwabonwayo kwakusesabeka kakhulu uMosi
waze wathi, "Ngiyathuthumela ngenxa
yokwesaba." 22 Kodwa lina lize eNtabeni
iZiyoni, iJerusalema lasezulwini, umuzi
kaNkulunkulu ophilayo. Lize kuzinkulungwane
lezinkulungwane zezingilosi ezihlangane
ngentokozo 23 ebandleni lezibulo, ezimabizo
azo alotshiwe ezulwini. Lize kuNkulunkulu,
umahluleli wabantu bonke, emimoyeni yabantu
abalungileyo abaphelelisiweyo, 24 kuJesu
umeli wesivumelwano esitsha, lasegazini
elicheliweyo elikhuluma ilizwi elihle kulegazi
lika-Abheli. 25 Bonani ukuthi kalimenqabeli
lowo okhulumayo. Nxa bengaphephanga lapho
benqabela lowo owabaxwayisa emhlabeni, koba
kuncane kangakanani kithi, nxa sidela lowo
osixwayisa ezulwini na? 26 Ngalesosikhathi
ilizwi lakhe lanyikinya umhlaba, kodwa khathesi
usethembisile wathi: "Ngizaphinda njalo futhi
nginyikinye, hatshi umhlaba kuphela, kodwa
lamazulu futhi." 27 Amazwi la "njalo futhi"
atsho ukususwa kwalokho okunganyikinyiswa,
okuyikuthi izinto ezadalwayo, ukuze kuthi
lokho okungeke kunyikinyiswe kusale. 28
Ngakho-ke, njengoba sisamukela umbuso
ongeke unyikinywe, kasibongeni njalo sikhonze
uNkulunkulu ngokufaneleyo ngenhlonipho
langokwesaba, 29 ngoba "uNkulunkulu wethu
ungumlilo oqothulayo."

13 Qhubekani lithandana njengabazalwane.
2 Lingakhohlwa ukwamukela izihambi
ngoba ngokwenza njalo abanye abantu
bamukela izingilosi bengazi. 3 Khumbulani
abasentolongweni ngokungathi lani
liyizibotshwa kanye labo, kanye lalabo
abaphethwe kubi ngokungathi lani uqobo
liyahlupheka. 4 Ukuthathana kumele
kuhlonitshwe ngumuntu wonke, kuthi
lomendlalo wokuthathana uhlale uhlambulukile
ngoba uNkulunkulu uzakwahlulela isifebe
labo bonke abahlobongayo. 5 Ekuphileni
kwenu xwayani ukuthanda imali lisuthiseke
ngalokho elilakho, ngoba uNkulunkulu wathi:
"Kangisoze ngilitshiye; kangisoze ngilidele."
6 Ngakho siyatsho ngethemba sithi: "INkosi
ingumsizi wami; kangiyikwesaba. Umuntu
angenzani kimi na?" 7 Khumbulani abakhokheli
benu, abakhuluma ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kini.
Cabangani okwavela endleleni yokuphila
kwabo lilingisele ukukholwa kwabo. 8
UJesu Khristu uyafana izolo lanamhla kanye
laphakade. (aiōn g165) 9 Lingathatheki ngazozonke
inhlobo zemfundiso engaziwayo. Kuhle ukuba
inhliziyo zethu ziqiniswe ngumusa, hatshi
yikudla komkhuba okungelasizo kulabo
abakudlayo. 10 Thina sile-alithare lapho labo
abakhonza ethabanikeleni bengelalungelo
lokudlela kulo. 11 Umphristi omkhulu uletha
igazi lezifuyo eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele
njengomnikelo wesono kodwa izidumbu zazo
ziyatshiswa ngaphandle kwezihonqo. 12
Ngokunjalo uJesu laye wahlupheka ngaphandle
kwesango ledolobho ukuba enze abantu bakhe
babengcwele ngegazi lakhe. 13 Ngakho-ke,
kasiyeni kuye ngaphandle kwezihonqo silehlazo
alithwalayo. 14 Ngoba lapha kasiladolobho
elimiyo njalo, kodwa sidinga idolobho elizayo.
15 Ngakho, ngoJesu kasinikeleni njalonjalo
kuNkulunkulu umhlatshelo wokubonga,
isithelo sezindebe ezivuma ibizo lakhe. 16
Njalo lingakhohlwa ukwenza okulungileyo
kanye lokwabela abanye ngoba uNkulunkulu
uyathokoza ngemihlatshelo enje. 17 Lalelani
abakhokheli benu njalo lithobele amandla abo.
Bayalilinda njengabantu okumele balandise
ngani. Balaleleni ukuze umsebenzi wabo

uthokozise njalo ungasindi ngoba lokho
akungeke kube lusizo kini. 18 Sikhulekeleni.
Sileqiniso ukuthi silesazela esihle njalo sifisa
ukuhlala ngobuqotho ngezindlela zonke. 19
Ikakhulu ngiyalincenga ukuba likhuleke ukuze
ngibuyiselwe kini masinyane. 20 Sengathi
uNkulunkulu wokuthula, owavusa iNkosi yethu
uJesu kwabafileyo ngegazi lesivumelwano
esingapheliyo, lowoMalusi omkhulu wezimvu,
(aiōnios g166) 21 angalihlomisa ngakho konke
okulungele ukwenza intando yakhe, njalo
sengathi angasebenza phakathi kwethu lokho
okumthokozisayo ngoJesu Khristu, udumo
kalube kuye kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.
(aiōn g165) 22 Bazalwane, ngiyalincenga ukuba
libekezelele ilizwi lami lokuqonqosela kwami
ngoba ngililobele incwadi emfitshane nje. 23
Ngithanda ukuba likwazi ukuthi umzalwane
wethu uThimothi usekhululwe. Angafika
masinyane ngizakuza laye sizelibona. 24
Bingelelani bonke abakhokheli benu kanye
labantu bakaNkulunkulu bonke. Abavela e-
Ithali bayalibingelela. 25 Umusa kawube lani
lonke.

UJakhobe

1 UJakhobe inceku kaNkulunkulu leyeNkosi
uJesu Khristu, Kuzo izizwana ezilitshumi
lambili ezihlakazekele phakathi kwezizwe:
Ngiyalibingelela. **2** Bazalwane bami, lapho
lisehlelwa yizilingo ezitshiyeneyo, kubaleni
njengentokozo epheleleyo **3** ngoba liyakwazi
ukuthi ukuhlolwa kokholo lwenu kukhulisa
ukubekezela. **4** Ukubekezela kufanele
kuwuqede umsebenzi wakho ukuze lina
likhule njalo liphelele, lingasileli ngalutho.
5 Nxa omunye wenu eswela ukuhlakanipha
kumele acele kuNkulunkulu onika bonke
ngesihle engadinganga sici, ngempela
uzakuphiwa. **6** Kodwa lapho ecela kumele
akholwe angathandabuzi ngoba othandabuzayo
unjengegagasi lolwandle eliphetshulwa
ngumoya uliphose. **7** Umuntu lowo akumelanga
acabange ukuthi kulolutho azaluthola eNkosini;
8 ungumuntu ongqondombili, kazinzanga
kukho konke akwenzayo. **9** Umzalwane olesimo
esiphansi kumele aziqhenye ngesikhundla sakhe
esiphezulu. **10** Kodwa lowo onothileyo kumele
aziqhenye ngesikhundla sakhe esiphansi,
ngoba uzadlula njengeluba leganga. **11** Ngoba
ilanga liphuma litshisa okuhangulayo libunise
ihlumela, umqhakazo walo uwohloke lobuhle
balo buphele. Ngokufanayo umuntu onothileyo
uzanyamalala elokhu esawenza umsebenzi
wakhe. **12** Ubusisiwe umuntu oqiniselayo
ekulingweni, ngoba lapho esephumelele
ekuhlolweni, uzaphiwa umqhele wokuphila,
ukuphila uNkulunkulu akuthembisa labo
abamthandayo. **13** Ekulingweni, kakho okumele
athi, “UNkulunkulu uyangilinga.” Ngoba
uNkulunkulu angeke alingwe yibubi, futhi
kalingi muntu; **14** kodwa lowo lalowo ulingwa
yinkanuko yakhe embi, lapho edonselwa kude
ehugwa. **15** Ngakho-ke, nxa inkanuko isidaliwe
izala isono; njalo isono lapho sesikhulile
okugcweleyo, sizala ukufa. **16** Lingakhohliswa
bazalwane bami abathandekayo. **17** Zonke
izipho ezinhle lezipheleleyo zivela phezulu,
zehlele phansi zivela kuYise wezibane
zasezulwini, ongaguqukiyo njalo ongelathunzi
lokuphenduka. **18** Wakhetha ukusizala ngelizwi
leqiniso ukuze sibe luhlobo lwezithelo
zakuqala kukho konke akudalayo. **19**
Bazalwane bami abathandekayo, qaphelani
lokhu: Umuntu wonke kumele aphange
alalele, aphuze ukukhuluma, njalo aphuze
lokuthukuthela **20** ngoba ukuthukuthela
komuntu kakulethi ukuphila okulungileyo
okufiswa nguNkulunkulu. **21** Ngakho-ke, lahlani
amanyala wonke lobubi obande kangaka,
lilamukele ngokuthobeka ilizwi elahlanyelwa
kini, elingalisindisa. **22** Lingalaleli ilizwi nje
kuphela, beselizikhohlisa ngalokho. Yenzani
lokho elikutshoyo. **23** Loba ngubani olalela ilizwi
kodwa angaze enza elikutshoyo unjengomuntu
okhangela ubuso bakhe esibukweni **24** kuthi
esezibukile asuke ahle akhohlwe ukuthi unjani.
25 Kodwa umuntu owukhangela ngenjongo
umthetho opheleleyo oletha ukukhululeka,
njalo aqhubeke esenza lokhu engakhohlwa
asekuzwile, kodwa ekwenza, uzabusiswa
kulokho akwenzayo. **26** Nxa umuntu ecabanga
ukuthi uyakholwa kodwa engabambi ulimi
lwakhe okuqinileyo, uyazikhohlisa njalo lokholo
lwakhe luyize. **27** Ukukholwa okwamukelwa
nguNkulunkulu uBaba okuhlambulukileyo njalo
kungelasici yilokhu: ukugcina izintandane
labafelokazi ekuhluphekeni kwabo, kanye
lokuzigcina thina ngokwethu ekungcolisweni
ngumhlaba.

2 Bazalwane bami, njengabakholwayo
eNkosini yethu elenkazimulo uJesu Khristu,
lingabandlululi. **2** Kasithi umuntu ufika
emhlanganweni wenu egqize indandatho
yegolide, egqoke lezigqoko ezinhle,
besekungena umyanga egqoke izigqoko
ezinithizelayo. **3** Nxa limnaka kakhulu lowo
ogqoke izigqoko ezinhle lithi kuye, “Nansi
isihlalo esingcono,” kodwa kongumyanga lithi,
“Wena mana laphayana,” kumbe lithi, “Hlala
phansi eduze kwezinyawo zami,” **4** Kambe
kalibandlululanga njalo laba ngabahluleli
abalemicabango emibi na? **5** Lalelani, bazalwane
bami abathandekayo: Kanti uNkulunkulu
kabakhethanga yini labo abangabayanga
emehlweni omhlaba ukuba babengabanothileyo

ekukholweni kanye lokudla ilifa lombuso
awuthembisa labo abamthandayo na? 6 Kodwa
lina libathukile abayanga. Abanothileyo akusibo
yini abadinga inzuzo ngani? Akusibo yini
abalihudulela emithethwandaba? 7 Akusibo
yini abahlambaza ibizo lobukhosi elalowo lina
elingabakhe na? 8 Nxa liwugcina sibili umthetho
wobukhosi otholakala eMbhalweni othi,
"Thanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu
uzithanda," lenza okulungileyo. 9 Kodwa
nxa libandlulula lenza isono njalo lilahlwa
ngumthetho njengabephuli bomthetho.
10 Ngoba loba ngubani ogcina umthetho
wonke, kodwa akhubeke endaweni eyodwa,
ulecala lokuwephula wonke. 11 Ngoba
yena owathi, "Ungafebi," wathi futhi,
"Ungabulali." Nxa ungafebi, kodwa ubulala,
usube yisaphulamthetho. 12 Khulumani
njalo lenze njengalabo abazakwahlulelwa
ngumthetho onika ukukhululeka, 13 ngoba
ukwahlulela okungelasihawu kuzakuba kulowo
obengelasihawu. Isihawu sinqoba ukwahlulela!
14 Kusizani bazalwane bami, nxa umuntu
esithi ulokholo kodwa engelazenzo? Ukholo
olunjalo lungamsindisa na? 15 Kasithi
umfowenu loba udadewenu kalazigqoko lokudla
kwansukuzonke. 16 Nxa omunye wenu esithi
kuye, "Hamba, ngikufisela okuhle; hlala
ufudumala njalo usutha," kodwa angenzi
lutho ngalezi zinswelo zakhe zomzimba,
kusizani na? 17 Ngokunjalo, ukukholwa nje
kuphela, nxa kungelamisebenzi kufile. 18 Kodwa
omunye uzakuthi, "Wena ulokukholwa; mina
ngilezenzo." Ngitshengisa ukukholwa kwakho
kungelazenzo, njalo mina ngizakutshengisa
ukukholwa kwami ngalokho engikwenzayo. 19
Uyakholwa ukuthi kuloNkulunkulu oyedwa.
Kulungile! Lamadimoni ayakukholwa lokhu
njalo ayathuthumela. 20 Wena ndoda
eyisiwula, ufuna ubufakazi bokuthi ukukholwa
okungelamisebenzi kuyize na? 21 Kanje
ukhokho wethu u-Abhrahama kabalwanga
njengolungileyo ngenxa yalokhu akwenzayo
lapho anikela indodana yakhe u-Isaka e-
alithareni na? 22 Liyabona ukuthi ukukholwa
kwakhe lezenzo zakhe kwakusebenza ndawonye,
njalo ukukholwa kwakhe kwapheleliswa yilokho
akwenzayo. 23 Njalo umbhalo wagcwaliseka
othi, "U-Abhrahama wakholwa uNkulunkulu,
njalo kwabalwa kuye njengokulunga," njalo
wabizwa ngokuthi ngumngane kaNkulunkulu.
24 Liyabona ukuthi umuntu ulungiswa yilokho
akwenzayo hatshi ngokukholwa kuphela. 25
Ngokunjalo, loRahabi isifebe konje kabalwanga
njengolungileyo ngalokho akwenzayo lapho
anika inhloli indawo yokulala wabuya
wazikhupha ngenye indlela na? 26 Njengoba
umzimba ongelamoya ufile, ngokunjalo
ukukholwa okungelamisebenzi kufile.

3 Bazalwane bami, abanengi benu akumelanga
babe ngabafundisi ngoba liyakwazi
ukuthi thina esifundisayo sizakwahlulelwa
kalukhunikazi. 2 Sonke siyakhubeka
ngezindlela ezinengi. Nxa umuntu engakaze
abelesici kulokho akutshoyo, ungumuntu
opheleleyo, oyenelisayo ukuwubamba wonke
umzimba wakhe. 3 Lapho sifaka amatomu
emilonyeni yamabhiza ukuba asilalele, ibhiza
singaliphendula lonke. 4 Kumbe lithathe
imikhumbi njengesibonelo. Lanxa imikhulu
kangaka njalo iqhutshwa ngumoya olamandla,
iqondiswa ngophinyana oluncane loba kungaphi
lapho umtshayeli afuna ukuya khona. 5
Ngokufanayo ulimi luyisitho esincane somzimba
kodwa luyazincoma kakhulu. Cabangani
ngehlathi elikhulu elithungelwa yinhlansi
encane yomlilo. 6 Ulimi lalo lungumlilo,
umhlaba wobubi phakathi kwezitho zomzimba.
Lungcolisa lonke uqobo lomuntu, luyithungele
ngomlilo yonke impilo yakhe, lalo luthungelwe
yisihogo somlilo. (Geenna g1067) 7 Zonke inhlobo
zezinyamazana, izinyoni, lezihuquzelayo
kanye lezidalwa zasolwandle ziyathanjiswa
njalo sezathanjiswa ngumuntu, 8 kodwa
akulamuntu ongathambisa ulimi, luyibubi
obuyaluzelayo, lugcwele itshefu ebulalayo.
9 Ngolimi siyayibonga iNkosi uBaba, njalo
ngalo sithuka abantu abenziwa ngomfanekiso
kaNkulunkulu. 10 Emlonyeni munye kuphuma
ukubonga lokuthuka. Bazalwane bami, lokhu
akufanelanga. 11 Kambe amanzi amnandi
lamanzi aletswayi angagobhoza mthombo
munye na? 12 Bazalwane bami, umkhiwa

ungathela ama-oliva na, kumbe ivini lithele
imikhiwa na? Lomthombo oletswayi awungeke
ukhuphe amanzi amnandi. 13 Ngubani
ohlakaniphileyo loqedisisayo phakathi kwenu
na? Kakubonakalise ngokuphila kwakhe kuhle,
langezenzo ezenziwa ngokuzithoba okuvela
ekuhlakanipheni. 14 Kodwa nxa ligcine umhawu
lokulangazela kobukhwele ezinhliziyweni
zenu, lingazincomi ngakho kumbe liphike
iqiniso. 15 "Ukuhlakanipha" okunjalo kakwehli
kuvela ezulwini, kodwa ngokwasemhlabeni,
akusikomoya, ngokwamadimoni. 16 Ngoba
lapho okulomhawu khona lokutshisekela
kokuzisuthisa kulapho okutholakala khona
ingxabangxoza kanye lezenzo zonke ezimbi. 17
Kodwa ukuhlakanipha okuvela ezulwini kuqala
ngokuhlambuluka; besekuthanda ukuthula,
kulozwelo, kuyazehlisa, kugcwele isihawu
lezithelo ezinhle, kakukhethi njalo kuqotho.
18 Abalamuli abahlanyela ukuthula bathola
isivuno sokulunga.

4 Kuyini okubangela ukulwa lengxabano
phakathi kwenu na? Kakuveli ezinkanukweni
zenu ezilwayo phakathi kwenu na? 2
Lifuna ulutho oluthile, kodwa kalilutholi.
Liyabulala njalo lihawukele kodwa kalingeke
likuthole lokho elikufunayo. Liyaxabana lilwe.
Kalilalutho ngoba kaliceli kuNkulunkulu. 3
Lapho licela, kaliphiwa ngoba licela ngenjongo
embi, ukuba lichithe lokho elikuzuzayo
enjabulweni yenu. 4 Lina zifebe zabantu,
kalikwazi yini ukuthi ubungane lomhlaba
kuyikuzonda uNkulunkulu na? Umuntu okhetha
ukuba ngumngane womhlaba uba yisitha
sikaNkulunkulu. 5 Kumbe licabanga ukuthi
umbhalo utsho kungelasizatho ukuthi umoya
awenza ukuba uhlale phakathi kwethu ugebela
ebukhweleni? 6 Kodwa yena usinika umusa
owengeziweyo. Yikho-nje umbhalo usithi:
"UNkulunkulu umelana labazigqajayo, kodwa
abe lomusa kwabathobekileyo." 7 Ngakho-
ke, zehliseni kuNkulunkulu. Menqabeleni
uSathane, uzalibalekela. 8 Sondelani phansi
kukaNkulunkulu laye uzasondela kini. Gezani
izandla zenu lina zoni, lihlambulule lezinhliziyo
zenu, lina abangqondombili. 9 Dabukani,
lilile, likhale. Guqulani ukuhleka kwenu kube
yikukhala, kuthi ukuthokoza kwenu kube
yikudana. 10 Zithobeni phambi kweNkosi,
izaliphakamisa. 11 Bazalwane, lingachothozani.
Umuntu okhuluma kubi ngomzalwane wakhe,
loba amahlulele, ukhuluma kubi ngomthetho
awahlulele. Lapho lisahlulela umthetho,
kaliwugcini kodwa liyawahlulela. 12 KuloMenzi
wemithetho loMahluleli oyedwa kuphela, lowo
olamandla okusindisa lokubhubhisa. Kodwa
lina lingobani ukuba lahlulele omakhelwane
benu na? 13 Lalelani lina elithi, "Lamhla
loba kusasa sizakuya kuleli loba kuleliyana
idolobho, siqede umnyaka khona, senze
imisebenzi sizuze imali." 14 Kungani ngoba
phela kalikwazi okuzakwenzakala kusasa.
Ukuphila kwenu kuyini na? Liyinkungu
ebonakala okwesikhatshana ibe isinyamalala. 15
Kodwa kumele lithi, "Nxa kuyintando yeNkosi
sizaphila senze lokhu loba lokhuyana." 16
Okwakhathesi liyazincoma lizikhukhumeza.
Konke ukuzincoma okunje kubi. 17 Ngakho-ke,
loba ngubani okwaziyo okulungileyo okumele
akwenze kodwa angakwenzi, wenza isono.

5 Lalelani lina bantu abanothileyo, khalani
lilile ngenxa yosizi oluzayo phezu kwenu. 2
Inotho yenu isibolile, lezigqoko zenu sezidliwe
linondo. 3 Isiliva legolide lenu sekuthombile.
Ukuthomba kwakho kuzafakaza kubi ngani,
kudle inyama yemizimba yenu njengomlilo.
Libuthelele inotho ensukwini zokucina. 4
Khangelani! Imiholo elingayibhadalanga
izisebenzi ezavuna amasimu enu iyalikhalela.
Ukukhala kwabavuni sekufikile ezindlebeni
zeNkosi uSomandla. 5 Emhlabeni lihlale
ngentokozo langokuminza. Selikhuluphele
ngenxa yokuhlaba imihla ngemihla. 6
Libagwebile lababulala abantu abamsulwa,
ababengamelani lani. 7 Ngakho, bazalwane,
bekezelani iNkosi ize ifike. Khangelani
ukuthi umlimi uyilindela njani insimu
ukuba ithele izilimo zayo eziligugu kanye
lokuthi ukubekezelela njani ukuna kwezulu
lentwasa. 8 Lani futhi, bekezelani liqine ngoba
ukufika kweNkosi sekusondele. 9 Lingasolani
bazalwane hlezi lahlulelwe. UMahluleli umi

emnyango! 10 Bazalwane, njengesibonelo
sokubekezela ekuhluphekeni, khumbulani
abaphrofethi abakhuluma ngebizo leNkosi. 11
Njengoba lisazi, labo ababekezelayo sibabala
njengababusisiweyo. Selezwa ngokubekezela
kukaJobe njalo selikubonile okwalethwa
yiNkosi ekucineni. INkosi igcwele isihawu
esikhulu lomusa. 12 Phezu kwakho konke,
bazalwane bami, lingafungi, kungaba ngezulu
loba ngomhlaba kumbe ngolunye ulutho.
"U-Yebo" wenu kabe nguyebo, lo "Hatshi"
wenu abenguhatshi, hlezi lilahlwe. 13 Ukhona
phakathi kwenu ohluphekayo na? Kakhuleke.
Ukhona othokozayo na? Kahlabele izingoma
zokudumisa. 14 Ukhona kini ogulayo na?
Kumele abize abadala bebandla bamkhulekele
njalo bamgcobe ngamafutha ebizweni leNkosi.
15 Umkhuleko owenziwe ngokukholwa
uzakwenza lowomuntu ogulayo asile; iNkosi
izamvusa. Nxa enze isono, uzathethelelwa.
16 Ngakho-ke, vumani izono zenu omunye
komunye njalo likhulekelane ukuze lisiliswe.
Umkhuleko womuntu olungileyo ulamandla
njalo uyasebenza. 17 U-Elija wayengumuntu
njengathi. Wakhuleka ngokutshiseka ukuba
izulu lingani, lakanye kalinanga elizweni
iminyaka emithathu lengxenye. 18 Wakhuleka
futhi, amazulu aletha izulu, kwathi umhlaba
lawo wathela izilimo zawo. 19 Bazalwane bami,
nxa omunye wenu ephambuka eqinisweni,
omunye ambuyisele, 20 khumbulani lokhu:
Lowo onqanda isoni ekoneni kwaso uzasisindisa
ekufeni, agubuzele izono ezinengi.

1 UPhetro

1 UPhethro, umpostoli kaJesu Khristu,
Kwabakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu,
lasezihambini emhlabeni labahlakazekileyo
kulolonke elasePhontusi, laseGalathiya,
laseKhaphadokhiya, lase-Ezhiya kanye
laseBhithiniya, **2** abakhethwe ngokumayelana
lokwazi mandulo kukaNkulunkulu uBaba,
ngomsebenzi ongcwelisayo kaMoya, ngokulalela
uJesu Khristu langokuchelwa ngegazi
lakhe: Umusa lokuthula kakube ngokwenu
ngokwandileyo. **3** Udumo kalube kuNkulunkulu
uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu! Ngenxa
yesihawu sakhe esikhulu usinike ukuzalwa
kutsha ethembeni eliphilayo ngokuvuka
kwabafileyo kukaJesu Khristu, **4** kanye laselifeni
elingasoze libole, lonakale loba libune njalo
eliligcinelweyo ezulwini. **5** Ngokukholwa
livikelwe ngamandla kaNkulunkulu kuze kufike
ukusindiswa okulungiselwe ukubonakaliswa
ngesikhathi sokucina. **6** Liyathokoza
kakhulu ngalokhu lanxa like lahlupheka
okwesikhatshana ngezinsizi zezinhlobo zonke
zezilingo. **7** Zifikile ukuze ukukholwa kwenu
okulinganisiweyo, okuqakatheke kakhulu
kulegolide, elonakalayo lanxa licengwe ngomlilo
kubonakaliswe kuqotho njalo kulethe ukubonga,
lenkazimulo kanye lodumo lapho uJesu Khristu
esebonakaliswa. **8** Lanxa lingambonanga,
liyamthanda; njalo lanxa lingamboni khathesi,
liyakholwa kuye njalo ligcwele intokozo
engakhulumekiyo lemangalisayo, **9** ngoba
lamukela umvuzo wokukholwa kwenu,
ukusindiswa kwemiphefumulo yenu. **10**
Mayelana lokusindiswa lokhu, abaphrofethi
abakhuluma ngomusa owawuzakuza kini,
badingisisa ngesineke esikhulu, **11** bezama
ukwazi isikhathi lomumo okwakutshiwo
nguMoya kaKhristu owayekubo lapho
atsho mandulo ngezinhlupheko zikaKhristu
lenkazimulo eyayizalandela. **12** Kwabonakaliswa
kubo ukuthi bona babengazisebenzeli kodwa
besebenzela lina lapho babekhuluma ngezinto
khathesi eselizitshelwe yilabo abatshumayele
ivangeli kini ngoMoya oNgcwele owathunywa
evela ezulwini. Lezingilosi ziyafisa ukuzibona
lezizinto. **13** Ngakho-ke, lungiselani ingqondo
zenu okungenziwa; zithibeni; bekani ithemba
lenu ngokupheleleyo emuseni elizawuthola
lapho uJesu Khristu esebonakaliswa. **14**
Njengabantwana abalalelayo lingavumeli
izinkanuko ezimbi elalilazo lingakazi. **15**
Kodwa njengoba lowo owalibizayo engcwele,
ngakho wobani ngcwele kukho konke
elikwenzayo; **16** ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
“Wobani ngcwele ngoba mina ngingcwele.”
17 Njengoba likhuleka kuYihlo owahlulela
imisebenzi yomuntu ngamunye kungekho
bandlululo, philani impilo yenu lapha
njengezihambi ngokuhlonipha. **18** Ngoba
liyakwazi ukuthi kalihlengwanga ngezinto
ezifayo ezinjengegolide lesiliva endleleni
yokuphila eyize elakutshiyelwa ngokhokho
benu, **19** kodwa ngegazi eliligugu likaKhristu
imvana engelacala loba isici. **20** Wakhethwa
umhlaba ungakadalwa, kodwa wabonakaliswa
ngalezi izikhathi zokucina ngenxa yenu. **21**
Ngaye liyakholwa kuNkulunkulu, owamvusa
kwabafileyo wamnika inkazimulo, ngakho
ukukholwa kwenu lethemba kukuNkulunkulu.
22 Njengoba khathesi selizihlambulule
ngokulalela iqiniso ukuze libe lothando
oluqotho kubazalwane benu, thandanani
kakhulu, kusuka enhliziyweni. **23** Ngoba
selizelwe kutsha, kungasikho ngenhlanyelo
ebolayo, kodwa ngengaboliyo, ngelizwi
eliphilayo eliqinileyo likaNkulunkulu. **(aiōn g165)** **24** Ngoba, “Abantu bonke banjengotshani,
bonke ubukhosi babo bunjengamaluba eganga;
utshani buyabuna njalo amaluba ayakhithika,
25 kodwa ilizwi leNkosi limi kuze kube nini
lanini.” Njalo leli yilo ilizwi elatshunyayelwa
kini. **(aiōn g165)**

2 Ngakho-ke, lahlani ububi bonke lenkohliso
yonke, lokuzenzisa, lomona, kanye
lesinyeyo senhlobo zonke. **2** Njengabantwana
abasanda kuzalwa, funani uchago lwakomoya
oluhlambukileyo, ukuze likhuliswe yilo
ekusindisweni kwenu, **3** njengoba selibonile
ukuthi iNkosi ilungile. **4** Lapho lisiza kuye,
iLitshe eliphilayo, elalahlwa ngabantu, kodwa

elakhethwa nguNkulunkulu njalo liligugu
kuye, 5 lani futhi, njengamatshe aphilayo
lakhiwa laba yindlu yakomoya ukuba libe
ngabaphristi abangcwele, linikela imihlatshelo
yakomoya eyamukelekayo kuNkulunkulu
ngoJesu Khristu. 6 Ngoba emibhalweni kuthiwa:
"Khangelani, ngibeka ilitshe eZiyoni, ilitshe
lekhoneni elikhethiweyo eliligugu, njalo lowo
okholwa kuye akayikuyangiswa." 7 Kini lina
abakholwayo, ilitshe leli liligugu. Kodwa kulabo
abangakholwayo, "Ilitshe elalahlwa ngabakhi
seliyilona ilitshe lekhoneni," 8 njalo, "Ilitshe
elikhubekisa abantu ledwala elibenza bawe."
Bayakhubeka ngoba badelela ilizwi okuyikho
njalo abakumiselweyo. 9 Kodwa lina lingabantu
abakhethiweyo, ubuphristi bobukhosi, isizwe
esingcwele, abantu abangabakaNkulunkulu,
ukuba limemezele indumiso yakhe yena
owalibiza lisemnyameni ukuba lize ekukhanyeni
kwakhe okumangalisayo. 10 Lake langabi
ngabantu, kodwa khathesi selingabantu
bakaNkulunkulu; lake laswela isihawu; kodwa
khathesi selithole isihawu. 11 Bangane
abathandekayo, ngiyalincenga, njengabezizweni
lezihambi emhlabeni ukuba lizile izinkanuko
zesono ezilwa lemiphefumulo yenu. 12 Philani
impilo elungileyo phakathi kwabangakholwayo
ukuze kuthi lanxa besithi lenza okubi, babone
izenzo zenu ezilungileyo badumise uNkulunkulu
mhla esiza kithi. 13 Zehliseni ngenxa
yeNkosi emibusweni yonke ebekwe phakathi
kwabantu: loba enkosini, njengamandla
amakhulu, 14 loba kubabusi abathunywe
yiyo ukuba bajezise labo abenza okubi kanye
lokubonga labo abenza okulungileyo. 15 Ngoba
kuyintando kaNkulunkulu ukuthi ngokwenza
okulungileyo lizaqeda inkulumo yokungazi
yabantu abayiziwula. 16 Philani njengabantu
abakhululekileyo, kodwa lingasebenzisi
inkululeko yenu njengezaba lokufihla ububi;
philani njengezinceku zikaNkulunkulu. 17
Tshengisani inhlonipho eqondileyo kwabanye.
Thandani izimuli zabazalwane, lihloniphe
umuntu wonke, mesabeni uNkulunkulu,
lihloniphe umbusi. 18 Zigqili, zehliseni
emakhosini enu ngenhlonipho yonke, hatshi
kuphela kulawo alungileyo lalozwelo, kodwa
lakulawo alolaka. 19 Ngoba kuyabongeka nxa
umuntu eqinisela ebuhlungwini bokuhlupheka
okungafanelanga ngoba uyazi ngoNkulunkulu.
20 Kodwa kuba ludumo njani kini nxa litshayelwa
ukwenza okungalunganga njalo likubekezelela?
Kodwa nxa lihlukuluzelwa ukwenza okuhle
njalo likubekezelela, lokhu kuyancomeka
phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 21 Labizelwa lokhu,
ngoba uKhristu walihluphekela, walitshiyela
isibonelo ukuba lilandele ezinyathelweni
zakhe. 22 "Yena kenzanga sono, njalo akukho
nkohliso eyatholakala emlonyeni wakhe." 23
Kwathi bemthethisa, yena kaphindiselanga;
lapho ehlupheka, kazange asonge. Kodwa
wathembeka kulowo owahlulela ngokulunga.
24 "Yena ngokwakhe wathwala izono zethu"
emzimbeni wakhe esiphambanweni ukuze
siphephe ezonweni njalo siphilele ukulunga;
"lisilisiwe ngamanxeba akhe." 25 Ngoba "lina
lalinjengezimvu ezilahlekileyo," kodwa khathesi
selibuyele kuMalusi loMbonisi wemiphefumulo
yenu.

3 Ngokunjalo, bafazi zehliseni kubomkenu
ukuze kuthi lanxa abanye babo
bengalikholwa ilizwi, baphenduke
ngokuziphatha kwabomkabo kungekho
kukhuluma, 2 lapho bebona ukuhlanzeka
lenhlonipho yokuphila kwenu. 3 Ubuhle benu
kabungaveli ekuziceciseni kwangaphandle,
okunjengenwele ezelukiweyo lokugqiza izigqizo
zegolide kanye lokugqoka izigqoko ezinhle.
4 Kodwa kumele bube ngobangaphakathi
kwenu, ubuhle obungapheliyo bomoya
omnene lothuleyo, oligugu elikhulu emehlweni
kaNkulunkulu. 5 Ngoba le yiyo indlela
abesifazane abangcwele bakudala ababethembe
uNkulunkulu bejayele ukuzicola ngayo.
Babezehlisa kubomkabo, 6 njengoSara owalalela
u-Abhrahama wambiza ngokuthi yinkosi
yakhe. Lingamadodakazi kaSara nxa lisenza
okulungileyo njalo lingavumeli ukwesaba.
7 Ngokufanayo, madoda ekuphileni kwenu
labomkenu wobani lozwelo, libaphathe
ngenhlonipho njengababuthakathaka
labazindlalifa kanye lani zesipho sokuphila
esomusa, ukuze kungabi lalutho oluzavimbela

imikhuleko yenu. 8 Okokucina lonke
hlalisanani ngokuthula; wobani lozwelo,
lithandane njengabazalwane, libe lesihawu
kanye lokuthobeka. 9 Lingaphindiseli okubi
ngokubi loba inhlamba ngenhlamba, kodwa
ngesibusiso, ngoba labizelwa ukuze lizuze
ilifa lokubusiswa. 10 Ngoba, "Lowo othanda
ukuphila abone lensuku ezinhle kumele
anqande ulimi lwakhe kokubi lezindebe
zakhe ekukhulumeni inkohliso. 11 Kumele
batshiye ububi benze okulungileyo; kumele
bafune ukuthula njalo bakunxwanele. 12
Ngoba amehlo kaThixo akhangele abalungileyo
lezindlebe zakhe ziyezwa, imikhuleko yabo,
kodwa ubuso bukaJehova bumelana lalabo
abenza okubi." 13 Ngubani ozalilimaza
nxa litshisekela ukwenza okulungileyo
na? 14 Kodwa lanxa lingahlupheka ngenxa
yokulungileyo, libusisekile. "Lingakwesabi
lokho abakwesabayo; kalingethuswa." 15
Kodwa yamukelani uKhristu ezinhliziyweni
zenu njengeNkosi engcwele. Hlalani lilungele
ukuphendula loba ngubani olibuza isizatho
ngethemba elilalo. 16 Kodwa lokhu kwenzeni
ngobumnene langenhlonipho, lilesazela
esihle, ukuze kuthi labo abakhuluma okubi
ngokuziphatha kwenu okuhle kuKhristu
bayangeke ngokuhlambaza kwabo. 17 Ngoba
kungcono nxa kuyintando kaNkulunkulu,
ukuhlupheka ngenxa yokwenza okulungileyo
kulokwenza okubi. 18 Ngoba uKhristu wafela
izono zenu kwaba kanye, olungileyo efela
abangalunganga, ukuze alise kuNkulunkulu.
Wabulawa emzimbeni, kodwa wavuswa
nguMoya, 19 wahamba ngaye wayatshumayela
emimoyeni eyayisentolongweni yona 20
engalalelanga kudala lapho uNkulunkulu
alinda khona ngokubekezela ensukwini
zikaNowa umkhumbi usakhiwa. Phakathi
kwawo abantu abalutshwana nje kuphela,
abayisificaminwembili bebonke, basindiswa
ngamanzi, 21 njalo amanzi la afanekisa
umbhaphathizo osusilisa lani futhi,
kungayisikho kususa ingcekeza emzimbeni
kodwa kuyisibambiso sesazela esihle
kuNkulunkulu. Siyalisilisa ngokuvuka
kwabafileyo kukaJesu Khristu, 22 oseye ezulwini
njalo usesandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu,
lezingilosi, leziphathamandla kanye lezikhulu
ekuzehliseni kuye.

4 Ngakho, njengoba uKhristu wahlupheka
emzimbeni wakhe, lani hlomani ngesimo
esifanayo, ngoba lowo owahluphekayo
emzimbeni wakhe usehlule isono. 2 Ngakho-ke,
ukuphila kwakhe kwasemhlabeni okuseleyo
kakuphileli izinkanuko ezimbi zabantu, kodwa
intando kaNkulunkulu. 3 Ngoba selichithe
isikhathi esaneleyo ngaphambili lisenza
lokho abahedeni abakhetha ukukwenza,
impilo yobudlova, inkanuko, lokudakwa,
ukuzitika, ukuzivusa amadlabuzane kanye
lezithombe eziyisinengiso. 4 Bakubona
kumangalisa ukuthi kalibhudlukeli kanye
labo kusikhukhula sinye sencithakalo, njalo
bayalithuka kakhulu. 5 Kodwa kuzamela
baziphendulele kuye olungele ukwahlulela
abaphilayo kanye labafileyo. 6 Ngoba lesi yiso
isizatho esenza kwatshunyayelwa ivangeli
lakulabo khathesi asebefile, ukuze bahlulelwe
ngokwabantu ngokomzimba, kodwa baphile
ngokukaNkulunkulu ngokomoya. 7 Ukuphela
kwezinto zonke sekusondele. Ngakho-ke,
kumele liqedisise njalo lizithibe ukuze
likhuleke. 8 Phezu kwakho konke, thandanani
ngokupheleleyo, ngoba uthando lugqibela
izono ezinengi. 9 Yamukelanani emakhaya
enu kungekho kukhonona. 10 Lowo lalowo
kumele asebenzise loba yisiphi isipho somoya
asamukelayo ekusizeni abanye, njengenceku
ezithembekileyo zomusa kaNkulunkulu ngesimo
sawo olezimo ezehlukeneyo. 11 Nxa umuntu
ekhuluma, kumele akhulume njengokhuluma
amazwi kaNkulunkulu wona ngokwawo. Nxa
umuntu ekhonza, kumele akhonze ngamandla
awaphiwa nguNkulunkulu, ukuze kuthi
ezintweni zonke uNkulunkulu adunyiswe
ngoJesu Khristu. Udumo lamandla kakube
kuye kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. (aiōn g165) 12
Bangane bami abathandekayo, lingamangaliswa
yibuhlungu besilingo elibuzwayo, kungathi
kwenzakala into engaziwayo kini. 13
Kodwa thokozani ngokuthi liyahlanganyela
ekuhluphekeni kukaKhristu, ukuze lithokoze

kakhulu lapho inkazimulo yakhe isibonakaliswa.
14 Nxa lithukwa ngenxa yebizo likaKhristu,
libusisiwe, ngoba uMoya wenkazimulo
lokaNkulunkulu uhlezi phezu kwenu. 15 Nxa
lihlupheka, akungabi njengombulali loba isela
kumbe olunye uhlobo lwesigebenga loba
lanjengongenelayo ezindabeni zabanikazi. 16
Kodwa-ke, nxa lihlupheka njengomKhristu,
lingayangeki, kodwa dumisani uNkulunkulu
ngebizo lakhe. 17 Ngoba kuyisikhathi
sokuthi ukwahlulela kuqalise ngabendlu
kaNkulunkulu; njalo nxa kuqalisa ngathi,
isiphetho sizakuba yini kulabo abangalaleli
ivangeli likaNkulunkulu na? 18 Njalo, "Nxa
kunzima ukuba abalungileyo basindiswe,
pho kuzakuba njani kwabangakholwayo
labayizoni na?" 19 Ngakho-ke, labo abahlupheka
ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu kumele bazinikele
kuMdali wabo othembekileyo njalo baqhubeke
besenza okulungileyo.

5 Ebadaleni abaphakathi kwenu, ngiyakhalaza
njengomunye wabadala, ufakazi
wezinhlupheko zikaKhristu lomunye laye
ozahlanganyela enkazimulweni ezabonakaliswa:
2 Wobani ngabelusi bomhlambi kaNkulunkulu
eliwugcinayo, lisebenze njengababonisi,
kungasikubanjwa ngamandla, kodwa ngenxa
yokuthanda kwenu, njengoba uNkulunkulu
efuna ukuba libe njalo; lingelamhawu wemali,
kodwa lifisa ukusiza; 3 hatshi ukubusa ababekwe
ezandleni zenu, kodwa liyisibonelo emhlambini.
4 Lapho uMalusi oMkhulu evela, lizakwamukela
umqhele wenkazimulo engayikufiphala. 5
Majaha, ngokunjalo zehliseni ebadaleni. Lonke
zembathiseni ngokuthobeka omunye komunye,
ngoba, "UNkulunkulu umelana labazigqajayo,
kodwa abe lomusa kwabathobekileyo." 6
Ngakho-ke, zithobeni ngaphansi kwesandla
sikaNkulunkulu esilamandla, ukuze
aliphakamise ngesikhathi esifaneleyo. 7
Yethulani kuye konke ukukhathazeka
kwenu ngoba yena uyalikhathalela. 8
Zithibeni, liqaphele. Isitha senu uSathane,
siyazulazula njengesilwane esibhongayo sidinga
esingamudla. 9 Menqabeni, liqine ekukholweni
ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi abazalwane benu
emhlabeni wonke baphakathi kwalezo
zinhlupheko. 10 Njalo uNkulunkulu womusa
wonke, yena owalibizela enkazimulweni
kaKhristu engulaphakade, emva kokuba
lihlupheke okwesikhatshana, yena uqobo
uzalivuselela alenze libe lamandla, liqine
njalo lithembeke. (aiōnios g166) 11 Amandla
kawabe kuye kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.
(aiōn g165) 12 Ngosizo lukaSayilasi, engimthanda
njengomzalwane othembekileyo, ngililobele
ngamafitshane ngilikhuthaza njalo ngifakaza
ukuthi lo ngumusa oqotho kaNkulunkulu.
Bambelelani kuwo. 13 Lowo oseBhabhiloni,
owakhethwa kanye lani, uyalibingelela,
loMakho indodana yami iyalibingelela.
14 Bingelelanani ngokwangana kothando.
Ukuthula kakube kini lonke elikuKhristu.

2 UPhetro

1 USimoni Phethro, inceku lompostoli kaJesu
Khristu, Kulabo abamukele ukholo oluligugu
njengolwethu ngokulunga kukaNkulunkulu
wethu loMsindisi uJesu Khristu: **2** Umusa
lokuthula kakube ngokwenu ngokwandileyo
ngokumazi uNkulunkulu loJesu iNkosi
yethu. **3** Amandla akhe obuNkulunkulu
asesinike konke esikudingayo ekuphileni
kanye lokumesaba uNkulunkulu ngokumazi
kwethu yena owasibiza ngenkazimulo yakhe
langokulunga. **4** Ngalokhu-ke usesinike
izithembiso zakhe ezinkulu kakhulu eziligugu,
ukuze kuthi ngazo lihlanganyele esimeni
sobuNkulunkulu njalo liphephe ekonakaleni
kwasemhlabeni okubangelwa yizinkanuko
ezimbi. **5** Ngenxa yalesisizatho, yenzani imizamo
yonke ukuba lengeze ukulunga ekukholweni
kwenu; lekulungeni lengeze ukwazi; **6**
ekwazini lengeze ukuzithiba; ekuzithibeni
lengeze ukubekezela; ekubekezeleni lengeze
ukumesaba uNkulunkulu; **7** ekumesabeni
uNkulunkulu lengeze umusa wobuzalwane;
lasemuseni wobuzalwane lengeze uthando.
8 Ngoba nxa lilalezizinto ngokwanda kwazo,
zizalinqanda ekubeni ngabangafezi lutho
labangelazithelo ekwazini kwenu iNkosi
yethu uJesu Khristu. **9** Kodwa nxa umuntu
engelazo ubona kalufifi njalo uyisiphofu,
ekhohlwa ukuthi usehlanjululwe ezonweni
zakhe zakudala. **10** Ngakho-ke, bazalwane
bami, tshisekelani kakhulu ukwenza ukubizwa
lokukhethwa kwenu kuqiniseke. Ngoba
nxa lisenza lezizinto kalizukuwa, **11** njalo
lizakwamukelwa ngokupheleleyo embusweni
olaphakade weNkosi loMsindisi wethu uJesu
Khristu. **(aiōnios g166)** **12** Ngakho ngizahlala
ngilikhumbuza lezizinto, lanxa lizazi njalo
liqinile ngokupheleleyo eqinisweni eselilalo.
13 Ngibona kufanele ukuba ngilikhumbuze
nxa ngisaphila kulelithente lomzimba lo,
14 ngoba ngiyakwazi ukuthi ngizaphanga
ngilibeke eceleni, njengoba iNkosi yethu uJesu
Khristu isikwenze kwabasobala kimi. **15** Njalo
ngizakwenza imizamo yonke ukubona ukuthi
emva kokusuka kwami lizahlala lizikhumbula
lezizinto. **16** Sasingalandeli izinganekwane
ezaqaliswa ngokuhlakanipha lapho silitshela
ngamandla langokuza kweNkosi yethu uJesu
Khristu kodwa sasingofakazi bobukhosi bakhe.
17 Ngoba wamukela udumo lenkazimulo
kuNkulunkulu uBaba lapho ilizwi lifika kuye
livela eNkazimulweni yoBukhosi, lisithi, "Le
yiNdodana yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza
kakhulu ngayo." **18** Thina ngokwethu salizwa
ilizwi lelo elavela ezulwini silaye phezu
kwentaba engcwele. **19** Njalo ilizwi labaphrofethi
seliqiniswe kakhulu, futhi kuzakuba kuhle
kini ukuba lilinake njengesibane esikhanyise
endaweni emnyama, kuze kuse lendonsakusa
ize iphume ezinhliziyweni zenu. **20** Phezu
kwakho konke, kumele liqedisise ukuthi akukho
siphrofethi soMbhalo esavela ngokuchasisa
okungokomphrofethi. **21** Ngoba isiphrofethi
kasizange sivele entandweni yomuntu, kodwa
abantu bakhuluma kuvela kuNkulunkulu
beholwa nguMoya oNgcwele.

2 Kodwa phakathi kwabantu
kwakulabaphrofethi bamanga futhi,
njengoba kuzakuba labafundisi bamanga
phakathi kwenu. Ngasese bazangenisa inkolo
yamanga echithayo, baze bamphike loThixo
iNkosi yobukhosi eyabathengayo, bazilethele
ukubhujiswa ngokuphangisa. **2** Abanengi
bazalandela izindlela zabo ezilihlazo benze
lendlela yeqiniso idumazeke. **3** Ngobugovu
babo abafundisi laba bazakwenza inzuzo
ngani ngezinganekwane zokuzibumbela.
Ukulahlwa kwabo kubengamile, lokubhujiswa
kwabo akuzange kukhohlakale. **4** Ngoba
nxa uNkulunkulu engaziyekelanga izingilosi
ekwenzeni kwazo isono, kodwa wazisa
egehena, wazifaka emigodini emnyama ukuba
zigcinelwe ukwahlulelwa. **(Tartaroō g5020)** **5**
Nxa engayekelanga umhlaba wasendulo
lapho aletha khona uzamcolo ebantwini
bawo ababengamesabi uNkulunkulu, kodwa
wamvikela uNowa, umtshumayeli wokulunga,
labanye abayisikhombisa. **6** Nxa watshabalalisa
amadolobho aseSodoma leGomora
ngokuwatshisa aba ngumlotha, wawenza

aba yisibonelo salokho okuzakwenzakala
kwabangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu. 7 Njalo
nxa wahlenga uLothi, umuntu olungileyo,
owayekhathazekile ngokuphila okungcolileyo
kwabantu ababengelamthetho 8 (ngoba
lowomuntu olungileyo, wayehlala phakathi
kwabo insuku zonke, ehlutshwa emoyeni
yizenzo zabo ezimbi ayezibona layezizwa).
9 Nxa lokhu kunjalo, uThixo uyakwazi
ukuhlenga abantu abamesabayo ekulingweni
kanye lokugcinela abangalunganga usuku
lokwahlulela, eqhubeka ngokujeziswa kwabo.
10 Lokhu kuliqiniso ikakhulu kulabo abalandela
izinkanuko ezonakeleyo zenyama njalo beseyisa
umthetho. Ngesibindi lokuzikhukhumeza,
abantu laba kabakwesabi ukuhlambaza izidalwa
zasezulwini; 11 ikanti lezingilosi, lanxa
ziqinile njalo zilamandla amakhulu, kazizethesi
macala ngokuhlambaza izidalwa ezinjalo
phambi kukaThixo. 12 Kodwa abantu laba
bahlambaza ngezindaba abangaziqedisisiyo.
Banjengezinyamazana ezinganakaniyo, izidalwa
ezibuswa yimvelo, ezazalelwa ukubanjwa
lokubulawa kuphela, labo njalo njengezilo
bazabhubha. 13 Bazaphindiselwa ngokubi
ngenxa yokubi abakwenzileyo. Umcabango
wabo ngenjabulo yikuminza emini libalele.
Bayizixhwali lezoni, bezitika enjabulweni
yabo besidla lani edilini. 14 Ngamehlo
agcwele ubufebe kabayekeli ukwenza isono;
baxhwalisa abangaqinanga; bazingcitshi
zobugovu, inzalo eqalekisiweyo! 15 Bayitshiyile
indlela eqondileyo, baduka belandela indlela
kaBhalamu indodana kaBheyori owayethanda
inzuzo yobubi. 16 Kodwa wakhuzwa ngezenzo
zakhe ezimbi ngubabhemi, inyamazana
eyisimungulu, eyakhuluma ngelizwi lomuntu
yanqanda ukuphambana komphrofethi. 17
Abantu laba bayimithombo engelamanzi
lenkungu eqhutshwa yisiphepho. Ubumnyama
obukhulu bugcinelwe bona. 18 Ngoba
bakhuluma amazwi okuzikhukhumeza ayize,
njalo ngokulangatha izinkanuko zemizimba
yabantu elesono, bahuga abantu abasanda
kuphunyuka kulabo abahlala ekoneni. 19
Babathembisa inkululeko, bona beyizigqili
zobuxhwali, ngoba umuntu uyisigqili salokho
okumbusayo. 20 Nxa bebalekele ukonakala
komhlaba ngokwazi iNkosi yethu loMsindisi
uJesu Khristu baphinde bahitsheleke kukho
behlulwe, isiphetho sabo sibi njalo siyesabeka
kulasekuqaliseni kwabo. 21 Kwakuzakuba
ngcono kubo ukungayazi indlela yokulunga,
kulokuthi sebeyazi bafulathele imilayo
engcwele ababeyiphiwe. 22 Izaga ziqinisile
ngabo ukuthi: “Inja iyawabuyelela amahlanzo
ayo,” njalo ukuthi, “Ingulube egezisiweyo
iyabuyela iyezibhixa edakeni.”

3 Bangane abathandekayo, le yincwadi
yami yesibili kini. Ngizilobe zombili
njengezikhumbuzo ukuba ngivuselele kini
ukucabanga kuhle. 2 Ngithanda ukuba
likhumbule amazwi akhulunywa kudala
ngabaphrofethi abangcwele lomlayo owaphiwa
yiNkosi loMsindisi ngabapostoli benu. 3
Phezu kwakho konke, kumele liqedisise ukuthi
ngezinsuku zokucina kuzafika abaklolodayo
baklolode belandela izinkanuko zabo ezimbi.
4 Bazakuthi, “Kungaphi ‘ukuza’ lokhu
akuthembisayo? Selokhu obaba bafayo, konke
kuqhubeka njengokwakuvele kusenzakala
kusukela ekuqaleni kwendalo.” 5 Kodwa
bakhohlwa ngabomo ukuthi endulo ngelizwi
likaNkulunkulu amazulu abakhona lomhlaba
wavela emanzini njalo ngamanzi. 6 Ngamanzi
futhi umhlaba wakulezozinsuku wakhukhulwa
wachitheka. 7 Ngelizwi elifanayo amazulu
akhathesi kanye lomhlaba kugcinelwe
umlilo, kulindele usuku lokwahlulelwa
lokubhujiswa kwabantu abangamesabiyo
uNkulunkulu. 8 Kodwa, bangane abathandekayo,
lingakhohlwa into le eyodwa ukuthi: KuThixo
usuku lunjengeminyaka eyinkulungwane
leminyaka eyinkulungwane injengosuku
olulodwa. 9 INkosi kayiphuzi ukugcwalisa
isithembiso sayo, njengoba abanye bekuqedisisa
njengokuphuza. Iyalibekezelela, ingafuni
ukuba lamunye abhubhe, kodwa ukuba
umuntu wonke aphenduke. 10 Kodwa usuku
lweNkosi luzafika njengesela. Amazulu
azanyamalala ngokuhlokoma; imimoya
izaqothulwa ngomlilo, lomhlaba lakho konke
okukuwo kuzatshabalaliswa. 11 Njengoba

izinto zonke zizachithwa ngale indlela,
lina kumele libe ngabantu abanjani na?
Kumele liphile impilo engcwele leyokumesaba
uNkulunkulu 12 lisalindele usuku lwakhe
liphangisise ukufika kwalo. Lolosuku luzaletha
ukuchithwa kwamazulu ngomlilo, njalo
imimoya izancibilikiswa yikutshisa. 13 Kodwa
mayelana lesithembiso sakhe silindele izulu
elitsha lomhlaba omutsha, ikhaya lokulunga. 14
Ngakho-ke, bangane abathandekayo, njengoba
lokhu likulindele, yenzani imizamo yonke
ukuba litholakale lingelasici, lingelacala njalo
lihlalisane laye ngokuthula. 15 Khumbulani
ukuthi ukubekezela kweNkosi yethu
kutsho ukusindisa, njengalokhu umzalwane
wethu othandekayo uPhawuli walilobela
ngenhlakanipho uNkulunkulu amupha yona.
16 Uloba ngendlela efanayo kuzozonke
izincwadi zakhe, ekhuluma lezizindaba
kuzo. Izincwadi zakhe zimumethe ezinye
izinto okunzima ukuzizwisisa, okuthi abantu
abangaziyo labangaqinanga bazihlanekele,
njengabakwenzayo kweminye iMibhalo,
okuzaletha ukubhujiswa kwabo. 17 Ngakho-
ke, bangane abathandekayo, njengoba selike
lenqatshelwa, qaphelani ukuze lingedukiswa
yibubi babantu abangelamthetho beselisiwa
ezindaweni zenu eziqinileyo. 18 Kodwa khulani
emuseni lasekwazini iNkosi yethu loMsindisi
uJesu Khristu. Inkazimulo kayibe kuye khathesi
lanininini! Ameni. (aiōn g165)

1 UJohane

1 Lokho okwakukhona kusukela ekuqaleni,
esesikuzwile, esesikubone ngamehlo ethu,
esesikukhangele lezandla zethu zakuthinta,
lokhu siyakutshumayela mayelana leLizwi
lokuphila. **2** Ukuphila kwabonakala; sikubonile
njalo siyakufakaza, njalo sitshumayela kini
ukuphila okulaphakade okwakukhona kuBaba
njalo sekubonakele kithi. **(aiōnios g166)** **3**
Sitshumayela kini esikubonileyo lesikuzwileyo
ukuze lani libe lokuhlanganyela lathi.
Ukuhlanganyela kwethu kuloBaba kanye
leNdodana yakhe, uJesu Khristu. **4** Siloba
lokhu ukuze ukuthokoza kwethu kuphelele.
5 Leli yilizwi esilizwe kuye esilitshumayela
kini elokuthi: UNkulunkulu uyikukhanya;
kuye akukho ubumnyama. **6** Nxa sisithi
silokuhlanganyela laye, kodwa sihamba
ebumnyameni, siqamba amanga, njalo leqiniso
kasilenzi. **7** Kodwa nxa sihamba ekukhanyeni,
njengoba esekukhanyeni, silokuhlanganyela
omunye lomunye legazi likaJesu iNdodana
yakhe liyasihlambulula ezonweni zonke. **8**
Nxa sisithi kasilasono, siyazikhohlisa njalo
kasilaqiniso. **9** Nxa sivuma izono zethu, yena
uthembekile njalo ulungile, uzasithethelela
izono zethu, asihlambulule kukho konke
ukungalungi kwethu. **10** Nxa sisithi akulasono
esasenzayo, simenza abe ngumqambi wamanga,
njalo ilizwi lakhe kalilandawo kithi.

2 Bantwabami abathandekayo, ngililobela
incwadi le ukuze lingenzi izono. Kodwa nxa
umuntu enze isono, silaye osimelayo kuBaba
esivikela yena uJesu Khristu oLungileyo. **2**
Ungumhlatshelo wenhlawulo yezono zethu,
kungasizono zethu kuphela kodwa lezono
zomhlaba wonke. **3** Siba leqiniso ukuthi
siyamazi nxa silalela imilayo yakhe. **4**
Umuntu othi, “Ngiyamazi,” kodwa angagcini
imilayo yakhe uqamba amanga, leqiniso
kalalo. **5** Kodwa nxa umuntu elalela ilizwi
lakhe, uthando lukaNkulunkulu luyapheleliswa
sibili kuye. Yikho esikwazi ngakho ukuthi
sikuye: **6** Lowo othi uhlala kuye kumele
aphile njengokwenziwa nguJesu. **7** Bangane
abathandekayo, kangililobeli umlayo omutsha,
kodwa omdala, elalilawo kusukela ekuqaleni.
Umlayo lo omdala uyilizwi elalizwayo. **8**
Ikanti ngililobela umlayo omutsha; iqiniso lawo
libonakala kuye lakini, ngoba ubumnyama
buyedlula lokukhanya kweqiniso sekukhanya.
9 Lowo othi usekukhanyeni kodwa ezonda
umzalwane wakhe ulokhu esebumnyameni. **10**
Othanda umzalwane wakhe uhlala ekukhanyeni
njalo akulalutho kuye olungamenza akhubeke.
11 Kodwa lowo ozonda umzalwane wakhe
usebumnyameni njalo uyazula ebumnyameni.
Kakwazi lapho aya khona ngoba ubumnyama
sebumenze waba yisiphofu. **12** Ngiyalilobela
bantwana abathandekayo, ngoba izono zenu
zithethelelwe ngenxa yebizo lakhe. **13**
Ngiyalilobela bobaba, ngoba selimazi yena
okhona kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngiyalilobela
majaha, ngoba limnqobile omubi. **14**
Ngiyalilobela, bantwana abathandekayo, ngoba
liyamazi uBaba. Ngiyalilobela bobaba, ngoba
selimazi yena okhona kusukela ekuqaleni.
Ngiyalilobela majaha, ngoba lilamandla lelizwi
likaNkulunkulu lihlala kini, njalo limnqobile
omubi. **15** Lingawuthandi umhlaba loba
olunye ulutho olusemhlabeni. Nxa umuntu
ethanda umhlaba, uthando lukaBaba kalukho
kuye. **16** Ngoba izinto zonke ezisemhlabeni,
izinkanuko zabantu abalezono, ukulangazela
kwamehlo abo kanye lokuzigqaja ngempahla
akuveli kuBaba, kodwa emhlabeni. **17**
Umhlaba lezinkanuko zawo kuyadlula, kodwa
umuntu owenza intando kaNkulunkulu uphila
kuze kube nininini. **(aiōn g165)** **18** Bantwana
abathandekayo, lesi yisikhathi sokucina; njalo
njengoba lizwile ukuthi umphikuKhristu
uyeza, lakhathesi abanengi abaphika uKhristu
sebekhona. Yikho esikwazi ngakho ukuthi
lesi yisikhathi sokucina. **19** Baphuma besuka
kithi, kodwa impela babengasibo bakithi.
Ngoba aluba babengabakithi, babezahlala
lathi; kodwa ukusuka kwabo kwatshengisa
ukuthi kakho kubo owayengowakithi. **20**
Kodwa lina ligcotshwe ngoNgcwele, njalo lonke
liyalazi iqiniso. **21** Kangililobeli ngoba iqiniso
kalilazi, kodwa ngoba liyalazi langenxa yokuthi
akulamanga aphuma eqinisweni. **22** Umqambi

wamanga ngubani? Ngumuntu ophikayo
ukuthi uJesu unguKhristu. Umuntu onjalo
ngumphikuKhristu, uphika uYise leNdodana.
23 Kakho ophika iNdodana oloYise; lowo
owamukela iNdodana uloYise futhi. 24 Bonani
ukuthi lokho elakuzwayo kusukela ekuqaleni
kuyahlala kini. Nxa kuhlala, lani lizahlala
likhona eNdodaneni lakuYise. 25 Njalo nanku
asithembisa khona, ukuphila okulaphakade.
(aiōnios g166) 26 Ngililobela ngalezizinto mayelana
lalabo abazama ukulidukisa. 27 Ukugcotshwa
kwenu elakwamukela kuye, kuhlezi kukini,
njalo kalisweli muntu wokulifundisa. Kodwa
njengoba ukugcoba kwakhe kulifundisa izinto
zonke njalo njengoba ukugcoba lokho kuqotho,
akusinkohliso njengoba kulifundisile, hlalani
likuye. 28 Ngakho-ke, bantwana abathandekayo,
qhubekani likuye ukuze kuthi lapho esebonakala
sibe lesibindi njalo singabi lenhloni phambi
kwakhe ekufikeni kwakhe. 29 Nxa likwazi ukuthi
ulungile, liyakwazi ukuthi umuntu wonke
oyenza okulungileyo uzelwe ngaye.

3 Yeka ubukhulu bothando uBaba asinika
lona, ukuba sibizwe ngokuthi singabantwana
bakaNkulunkulu! Njalo lokho yikho esiyikho!
Okwenza umhlaba thina ungasazi yikuthi laye
kawumazanga. 2 Bangane abathandekayo,
khathesi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu,
njalo lokho esizakuba yikho akukaziwa.
Kodwa siyakwazi ukuthi lapho ebonakala
sizakuba njengaye ngoba sizambona njengoba
enjalo. 3 Wonke umuntu olethemba leli
ngaphakathi kwakhe uyazihlambulula njengoba
laye ehlambulukile. 4 Umuntu wonke owenza
izono wephula umthetho; ngempela isono
yikungabi lomthetho. 5 Kodwa liyakwazi
ukuthi wabonakala ukuze asuse izono zethu.
Njalo kuye akulasono. 6 Kakho ohlala kuye
oqhubeka esona. Kakho oqhubeka esona
owambonayo kumbe omaziyo. 7 Bantwana
abathandekayo, lingavumeli muntu eledukisa.
Lowo oyenza okulungileyo ulungile, njengoba
laye elungile. 8 Lowo owonayo ngokaSathane
ngoba uSathane wona kusukela ekuqaleni.
INdodana kaNkulunkulu yabonakala ukuze
ichithe imisebenzi kaSathane. 9 Kakho
ozelwe ngokukaNkulunkulu ozaqhubeka
esona, ngoba inhlanyelo kaNkulunkulu ihlala
ikubo, abasoze baqhubeke besona ngoba
bazelwe nguNkulunkulu. 10 Sibazi ngalokhu
ukuthi abantwana bakaNkulunkulu ngobani
kanye lokuthi abangabantwana bakaSathane
ngobani. Lowo ongenzi okulungileyo kasuye
mntakaNkulunkulu, loba lowo ongamthandiyo
umfowabo lodadewabo. 11 Leli yilizwi elalizwa
kusukela ekuqaleni: Kumele sithandane. 12
Lingabi njengoKhayini, owayengokaSathane
wasebulala umfowabo. Wambulalelani na?
Ngoba ezakhe izenzo zazizimbi ezomfowabo
zilungile. 13 Lingamangali bazalwane bami
nxa umhlaba ulizonda. 14 Siyakwazi ukuthi
sesidlulile ekufeni saya ekuphileni, ngoba
siyabathanda abazalwane bethu. Lowo
ongathandiyo ulokhu esekufeni. 15 Lowo ozonda
umzalwane wakhe ungumbulali, njalo liyakwazi
ukuthi akulambulali olokuphila okungapheliyo
kuye. (aiōnios g166) 16 Nanku esazi ngakho ukuthi
uthando luyini: UJesu Khristu wadela ukuphila
kwakhe ngenxa yethu. Lathi kufanele sidele
ukuphila kwethu ngenxa yabazalwane bethu.
17 Nxa umuntu enothile abone umzalwane
wakhe oswelayo, kodwa angabi lesihawu kuye,
uthando lukaNkulunkulu lungaba kuye kanjani
na? 18 Bantwana abathandekayo, kasingathandi
ngamazwi loba ulimi kuphela kodwa ngezenzo
langeqiniso. 19 Ngalokhu sazi kanje ukuthi
singabeqiniso lokuthi sizibeka njani inhliziyo
zethu ekuphumuleni phambi kwakhe 20 lapho
inhliziyo zethu zisilahla. Ngoba uNkulunkulu
mkhulu kakhulu kulezinhliziyo zethu njalo wazi
izinto zonke. 21 Bazalwane abathandekayo, nxa
inhliziyo zethu zingasilahli, silesibindi phambi
kukaNkulunkulu 22 njalo samukela kuye konke
esikucelayo ngoba siyayilalela imilayo yakhe
senze okumthokozisayo. 23 Nanku umlayo
wakhe: ukukholwa ebizweni leNdodana yakhe,
uJesu Khristu, lokuthandana njengokusilaya
kwakhe. 24 Labo abalalela imilayo yakhe bahlala
kuye, laye kubo. Njalo sikwazi ngalokhu ukuthi
uhlala kithi: Sikwazi ngoMoya asinika yena.

4 Bazalwane abathandekayo, lingaze
labakholwa omoya bonke, kodwa bahloleni

omoya ukuba libone bangabe bevela
kuNkulunkulu na ngoba abaphrofethi bamanga
abanengi sebekhona emhlabeni. 2 Lingamazi
kanje uMoya kaNkulunkulu: Umoya wonke
ovumayo ukuthi uJesu Khristu weza esenyameni
uvela kuNkulunkulu, 3 kodwa wonke umoya
ongamvumiyo uJesu kawuveli kuNkulunkulu.
Lowo ngumoya womphikuKhristu, elezwa
ukuthi uyeza njalo osukhona khathesi
emhlabeni. 4 Lina, bantwana abathandekayo,
lingabakaNkulunkulu njalo selibanqobile ngoba
lowo okini mkhulu kulalowo osemhlabeni. 5
Bona bangabasemhlabeni, ngakho bakhuluma
ngokwengqondo yasemhlabeni njalo umhlaba
uyabalalela. 6 Thina singabakaNkulunkulu
njalo lowo omaziyo uNkulunkulu uyasilalela,
kodwa lowo ongasuye kaNkulunkulu kasilaleli.
Simbona ngalokhu uMoya weqiniso lomoya
wamanga. 7 Bangane abathandekayo
kasithandaneni, ngoba uthando luvela
kuNkulunkulu. Umuntu wonke othandayo
uzelwe ngoNkulunkulu njalo uyamazi
uNkulunkulu. 8 Lowo ongathandiyo kamazi
uNkulunkulu, ngoba uNkulunkulu uluthando. 9
UNkulunkulu walubonakalisa kanje uthando
lwakhe kithi: Wathumela emhlabeni iNdodana
yakhe eyiyo yodwa ukuba siphile ngayo. 10
Lolu luthando: kungayisikuthi sasimthanda
uNkulunkulu kodwa ukuthi yena wasithanda
wathumela iNdodana yakhe njengomhlatshelo
wenhlawulo yezono zethu. 11 Bangane
abathandekayo, njengoba uNkulunkulu
wasithanda kangaka, lathi kumele sithandane.
12 Kakho owake wabona uNkulunkulu; kodwa
nxa sithandana, uNkulunkulu uhlala kithi
lothando lwakhe luyapheleliswa kithi. 13
Sikwazi ngalokhu ukuthi sihlala kuye laye
uhlala kithi ngoba usinike okukaMoya wakhe.
14 Sibonile njalo siyafakaza ukuthi uBaba
uyithumele iNdodana yakhe ukuba ibe
nguMsindisi womhlaba. 15 Nxa umuntu evuma
ukuthi uJesu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu,
uNkulunkulu uhlala kuye laye kuNkulunkulu.
16 Ngakho siyazi njalo sithembe uthando
uNkulunkulu alalo kithi. UNkulunkulu
uluthando. Ohlala ethandweni, uhlala
kuNkulunkulu, loNkulunkulu kuye. 17 Uthando
luyapheleliswa kithi ukuze sibe lesibindi
ngosuku lokwahlulelwa, ngoba kulumhlaba
lathi sinjengaye. 18 Ethandweni akulakwesaba.
Uthando olupheleleyo luyaxotsha ukwesaba,
ngoba ukwesaba kukhumbuza isijeziso. Umuntu
owesabayo kapheleliswa ethandweni. 19
Siyathanda ngoba yena wasithanda kuqala.
20 Nxa umuntu esithi, “Mina ngiyamthanda
uNkulunkulu,” kodwa ezonda umfowabo,
ulamanga. Ngoba umuntu ongamthandiyo
umfowabo ambonayo, angeke amthande
uNkulunkulu angakaze ambone. 21 Njalo
wasinika umlayo lo: Lowo othanda uNkulunkulu
kumele athande lomfowabo.

5 Umuntu wonke okholwayo ukuthi uJesu
nguKhristu uzelwe nguNkulunkulu, njalo
umuntu wonke othanda uBaba uyamthanda
lomtanakhe. 2 Sikwazi ngalokhu ukuthi
siyabathanda abantwana bakaNkulunkulu:
ngokuthanda uNkulunkulu sigcina imilayo
yakhe. 3 Ukuthanda uNkulunkulu yilokhu:
ukulalela imilayo yakhe. Njalo imilayo yakhe
kayinzima, 4 ngoba umuntu wonke ozelwe
nguNkulunkulu uwunqobile umhlaba. Lokhu
yikunqoba okwehlule umhlaba, okuyikukholwa
kwethu. 5 Ngubani lowo onqoba umhlaba?
Ngulowo kuphela okholwayo ukuthi uJesu
uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. 6 Lo nguye oweza
ngamanzi langegazi, uJesu Khristu kabuyanga
ngamanzi kuphela, kodwa ngamanzi langegazi.
Njalo nguMoya ofakazayo, ngoba uMoya
uliqiniso. 7 Ngoba bathathu abafakazayo: 8
uMoya, lamanzi kanye legazi; njalo bobathathu
laba bayavumelana. 9 Siyabamukela ubufakazi
babantu, kodwa ubufakazi bukaNkulunkulu
bukhulu ngoba yibufakazi bukaNkulunkulu
abunikayo ngeNdodana yakhe. 10 Lowo
okholwayo eNdodaneni kaNkulunkulu
ulobufakazi lobu enhliziyweni yakhe. Lowo
ongamkholwayo uNkulunkulu umenze waba
ngolamanga ngoba engabukholwanga ubufakazi
uNkulunkulu abunike ngeNdodana yakhe. 11
Ubufakazi lobo yilobu: UNkulunkulu usinike
ukuphila okulaphakade njalo lokhu kuphila
kuseNdodaneni yakhe. (aiōnios g166) 12 Lowo
oleNdodana yakhe ulokuphila; lowo ongelayo

iNdodana kaNkulunkulu kalakho ukuphila.
13 Ngililobela lezizinto lina abakholwayo
ebizweni leNdodana kaNkulunkulu ukuze
lazi ukuthi lilokuphila okulaphakade. (aiōnios
g166) 14 Silesiqiniselo lesi ekusondeleni
kuNkulunkulu: ukuthi nxa sicela ulutho
ngokwentando yakhe, uyasizwa. 15 Nxa sisazi
ukuthi uyasizwa loba kuyini esikucelayo
siyakwazi ukuthi sesilakho esikucele kuye.
16 Lapho umuntu ebona umzalwane wakhe
esenza isono esingakhokheleli ekufeni, kumele
akhuleke, uNkulunkulu uzamnika ukuphila.
Ngitsho kulabo abasono sabo kasikhokheleli
ekufeni. Kulesono esikhokhelela ekufeni.
Kangitsho ukuthi akhuleke ngaleso. 17 Konke
ukwenza okubi kuyisono, njalo kulesono
esingakhokheleli ekufeni. 18 Siyakwazi ukuthi
umuntu ozelwe nguNkulunkulu kaqhubeki
esenza izono; lowo owazalwa nguNkulunkulu
uyamvikela, loSathane kamthinti. 19 Siyakwazi
ukuthi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu kanye
lokuthi umhlaba wonke ungaphansi kwamandla
omubi. 20 Siyakwazi lokuthi iNdodana
kaNkulunkulu yeza yasinika ukuqedisisa, ukuze
siyazi yona eqotho. Njalo sikuye yena oqotho
kanye laseNdodaneni yakhe uJesu Khristu.
Yena unguNkulunkulu oqotho kanye lokuphila
okulaphakade. (aiōnios g166) 21 Bantwana
abathandekayo, xwayani izithombe.

2 UJohane

1 Mina omdala, Ngilobela inkosikazi
ekhethiweyo labantwana bayo,
engibathandayo eqinisweni, kungayisimi
kuphela, kodwa labo bonke abalaziyo iqiniso,
2 ngenxa yeqiniso elikhona kithi njalo
elizakuba lathi kuze kube nininini: (aiōn
g165) 3 Umusa, lesihawu kanye lokuthula
okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba lakuJesu
Khristu, iNdodana kaBaba, kuzakuba lathi
ngeqiniso langothando. 4 Kungithokozise
kakhulu ukufumana abanye babantwana benu
bephila ngeqiniso njengokulaywa kwethu
nguBaba. 5 Khathesi-ke, nkosikazi ethandekayo,
ngikulobela umlayo omutsha, kodwa esasilawo
kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngicela ukuba sithandane.
6 Uthando yilolu: ukuba siphile ngokulalela
imilayo yakhe. Njengoba uzwile kusukela
ekuqaleni, umlayo wakhe yikuthi uphile
impilo yothando. 7 Ngitsho lokhu ngoba
abakhohlisi abanengi abangavumiyo ukuthi
uJesu Khristu weza engumuntu sebekhona
emhlabeni. Lowomuntu onjalo ungumkhohlisi
lomphikuKhristu. 8 Qaphelani ukuba
lingalahlekelwa yilokho elakusebenzelayo,
kodwa ukuba liphiwe umvuzo ngokupheleleyo.
9 Lowo odlulela phambili angabe esaqhubeka
ngemfundiso kaKhristu kalaye uNkulunkulu;
lowo oqhubekayo ngemfundiso uloBaba
leNdodana. 10 Nxa umuntu esiza kini engalethi
imfundiso le, lingamngenisi ezindlini zenu
njalo lingamamukeli. 11 Lowo omamukelayo
uyahlanganyela emisebenzini yakhe emibi.
12 Ngilokunengi engingalilobela khona,
kodwa angifuni ukusebenzisa iphepha le-inki.
Kodwa ngithemba ukuthi ngizalethekelela
ngikhulume lani sikhangelene ukuze intokozo
yethu iphelele. 13 Abantwana bakadadewenu
okhethiweyo bayakubingelela.

3 UJohane

1 Mina omdala, Ngilobela umngane wami
othandekayo uGayiyasi, engimthanda
ngeqiniso. **2** Mngane wami othandekayo,
ngiyakhuleka ukuba ube lempilo enhle lokuthi
konke kukuhambele kuhle njengalokhu
umphefumulo wakho uphila kuhle. **3**
Kwangithokozisa kakhulu ukuba labanye
abazalwane abafika bafakaza ngokuthembeka
kwakho eqinisweni kanye lokuthi uyaqhubeka
uphila ngeqiniso. **4** Angilakuthokoza okukhulu
okudlula ukuzwa ukuthi abantwabami baphila
ngokweqiniso. **5** Mngane othandekayo,
uthembekile kulokho okwenzela abazalwane,
lanxa nje kuwe bengabemzini. **6** Sebetshele
ibandla ngothando lwakho. Ngicela ubathume
ngendlela edumisa uNkulunkulu. **7** Baphuma
ngenxa yeBizo, abaze bathola usizo
kwabangakholwayo. **8** Ngakho kufanele
sitshengise ukuphana ebantwini abanjalo ukuze
sisebenzele ndawonye iqiniso. **9** Ngalobela
ebandleni kodwa uDiyothrefasi othanda
ubukhulu akasoze asemukela. **10** Ngakho-ke,
ngingeza ngizakukhangelisisa lokhu akwenzayo,
ekhuluma kakubi ngathi. Kasuthiseki ngalokho,
uyala ukwamukela abazalwane. Labafuna
ukwenzanjalo uyabalela abaxotshe ebandleni.
11 Bangane abathandekayo, lingalingiseli
okubi, kodwa lingisani okuhle. Lowo oyenza
okuhle ngokaNkulunkulu. Lowo oyenza okubi
kakamboni uNkulunkulu. **12** UDemetriyasi
unconywa ngabantu bonke kanye laliqiniso
uqobo. Lathi sikhuluma okuhle ngaye njalo
liyakwazi ukuthi ubufakazi bethu buliqiniso. **13**
Ngilokunengi engingalilobela khona, kodwa
angifuni ukusebenzisa usiba le-inki. **14**
Ngithemba ukuthi ngizalibona masinyane
lapho esizakhuluma khona ubuso ngobuso.
Ukuthula kakube kini. Abangane abalapha
bayalibingelela. Bingelela abangane abangapho
munye ngamunye.

UJuda

1 UJuda, inceku kaJesu Khristu lomfowabo
kaJakhobe, Kulabo ababiziweyo, abathandwa
nguNkulunkulu uBaba belondolozwa nguJesu
Khristu: 2 Isihawu, lokuthula kanye lothando
kakube ngokwenu ngokwandileyo. 3 Bangane
abathandekayo, lanxa kade ngitshisekela
kakhulu ukulilobela mayelana lensindiso
esilayo, kodwa ngibone kufanele ukuthi
ngilobele ukulikhuthaza ukuba lilwele ukholo
lolu olwaphiwa abangcwele bakaNkulunkulu
4 Ngoba abantu abathile abokulahlwa kwabo
okwalotshwa ngakho endulo sebengene
phakathi kwenu ngasese. Bangabantu
abangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu abaguqulela
umusa kaNkulunkulu ukuthi ubeyimvumo
yokuganga bamphike loJesu Khristu onguye
kuphela iNkosi yethu Yobukhosi. 5 Lanxa
likwazi konke lokhu, ngithanda ukulikhumbuza
ukuthi iNkosi yakhupha abantu bayo
eGibhithe, kodwa muva yababhubhisa labo
abangakholwanga. 6 Lezingilosi ezingagcinanga
izikhundla zazo zamandla, kodwa zadela
ikhaya lazo, lezi wazigcina ebumnyameni,
zibotshwe ngamaketane angaqamukiyo
zilindele ukwahlulelwa ngoSuku olukhulu.
(aïdios g126) 7 Ngokunjalo, iSodoma leGomora
lamadolobho aseduzane azinikela ekuxhwaleni
kobufebe lokonakala. Ayisibonelo salabo abezwa
isijeziso somlilo waphakade. (aiōnios g166) 8
Ngokunjalo, ngamandla okuphupha kwabo
lababantu abangalunganga bangcolisa imizimba
yabo, baphike ubukhokheli, bachothoze
lezidalwa zasezulwini. 9 Kodwa lengilosi
enkulu uMikhayeli lapho ephikisana loSathane
ngesidumbu sikaMosi kazange alokothe
ukumthuka ngenhlamba, kodwa wathi, “INkosi
kayikukhuze!” 10 Kodwa abantu laba bakhuluma
behlambaza lokho abangakuzwisisiyo; njalo
lezozinto abazizwisisayo ngokwemvelo
njengezinyamazana ezingacabangiyo, lezi
yizo kanye izinto ezizababhubhisa. 11
Maye kubo! Balandela indlela kaKhayini;
baphuthuma inzuzo besona njengoBhalamu;
babhujiswa emvukeleni kaKhora. 12 Abantu
laba bayisinengiso emadilini enu abantu
abathetheneyo besidla lani bengelanhloni
lakancane, abelusi abazitika ngokudla
bona bodwa. Bangamayezi angelazulu,
aphetshulwa ngumoya; izihlahla zasekwindla
ezingelazithelo njalo ezisitshuniweyo, ezife
kabili. 13 Bangamagagasi olwandle alamandla,
bebhubhudla ihlazo labo; izinkanyezi
ezintulayo, ezilobumnyama obukhulu
obugcinelwe zona kuze kube nininini. (aiōn
g165) 14 U-Enoki, owesikhombisa kusukela ku-
Adamu waphrofitha ngabantu laba wathi:
“Khangelani, iNkosi iza lezinkulungwane
lezinye izinkulungwane zabangcwele bayo
15 ukwahlulela abantu bonke, lokubalahla
ngenxa yamacala abawenzayo ebubini babo,
langenxa yamazwi wonke okudelela, izoni
ezingamesabiyo uNkulunkulu ezawakhuluma
ngaye.” 16 Abantu laba bangabakhononi
labachothozi; balandela izinkanuko zabo
ezimbi; bayazikhukhumeza, bancome abanye
ngamanga ukuze bazitholele inzuzo. 17 Kodwa-
ke, bangane abathandekayo, khumbulani
okwatshiwo ngaphambilini ngabapostoli
beNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. 18 Bathi kini,
“Ngezikhathi zokucina kuzakuba labaklolodayo,
belandela izinkanuko zabo zokungalungi.” 19
Laba yibo abantu abalehlukanisayo, abalandela
isazela semvelo nje bengelawo uMoya. 20
Kodwa lina, bangane abathandekayo, zakheni
ekukholweni kwenu okungcwele kakhulu
likhuleke kuMoya oNgcwele, 21 lizigcine
lisothandweni lukaNkulunkulu lisalindele
isihawu seNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu ukuba
ilingenise ekuphileni okulaphakade. (aiōnios g166)
22 Yibani lesihawu kulabo abathandabuzayo;
23 lenyule abanye emlilweni libasilise;
kwabanye bonakalisani isihawu, kuhlangene
lokwesaba, lizonde lezigqoko ezingcoliswe
yimizimba exhwalileyo. 24 Kuye olamandla
okuligcina ukuba lingawi, lokulibeka phambi
kwenkazimulo yobukhona bakhe kungelasici
njalo ngentokozo enkulu, 25 kuye yedwa
uNkulunkulu onguMsindisi wethu, kakube
lodumo, ubukhosi kanye lamandla ngoJesu
Khristu iNkosi yethu, mandulo kwezikhathi

zonke, khathesi kanye lanininini! Ameni. **(aiōn g165)**

Isambulo

1 Isambulo esivela kuJesu Khristu, asiphiwa
nguNkulunkulu ukuba atshengise izinceku
zakhe okufanele kwenzakale masinyane.
Wakwenza kwazakala ngokuthuma ingilosi
yakhe encekwini yakhe uJohane **2** ofakaza
konke akubonayo, lona ilizwi likaNkulunkulu
kanye lobufakazi bukaJesu Khristu. **3** Ubusisiwe
lowo ofunda amazwi alesisiphrofethi njalo
babusisiwe lalabo abakuzwayo bakugcine
ezinhliziyweni okulotshwe kuso ngoba
isikhathi sesisondele. **4** Johane, Emabandleni
ayisikhombisa esifundeni sase-Ezhiya: Umusa
lokuthula kakube kini okuvela kuye okhona,
lowayekhona, lozakubakhona, lokuvela
kubomoya abayisikhombisa phambi kwesihlalo
sakhe sobukhosi, **5** lokuvela kuJesu Khristu,
ongufakazi othembekileyo, izibulo kwabafileyo,
lombusi wamakhosi asemhlabeni. Kuye
osithandayo lowasikhululayo ezonweni
zethu ngegazi lakhe, **6** njalo osenze saba
ngumbuso labaphristi ukuba sisebenzele
uNkulunkulu wakhe loYise, kakube kuye udumo
lamandla kuze kube nininini! Ameni. **(aiōn g165)** **7** "Khangelani uyeza ngamayezi, amehlo
wonke azakumbona, lalabo abamgwazayo";
labantu bonke abasemhlabeni "bazalila
ngenxa yakhe." **8** "Ngingu-Alfa lo-Omega,"
kutsho iNkosi uNkulunkulu, "okhona,
lowayekhona, lozakubakhona, uSomandla."
9 Mina Johane, umzalwane wenu lomkhula
wenu ekuhluphekeni lasembusweni kanye
lekubekezeleni ngesineke okungokwethu
kuJesu, ngangisesihlengeni sasePhathimosi
ngenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu lobufakazi
bukaJesu. **10** NgoSuku lweNkosi ngangenwa
nguMoya kwathi ngemva kwami ngezwa
ilizwi elikhulu kungathi licilongo, **11**
elathi: "Loba emqulwini lokhu okubonayo
uwuthumele emabandleni ayisikhombisa:
kwelase-Efesu, lelaseSimina, lelasePhegamami,
lelaseThiyathira, lelaseSadisi, lelaseFiladelifiya
kanye lelaseLodikheya." **12** Ngatshibilika
ukuze ngimbone lowo owayekhuluma
lami. Sengiphendukile ngabona izinti
zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa, **13** njalo
phakathi kwezinti zezibane kwakulomuntu
owayenjengendodana yomuntu, egqoke
isembatho esasifika phansi ezinyaweni
zakhe, ibhanti legolide libophe isifuba
sakhe. **14** Ikhanda lakhe lezinwele zakhe
kwakumhlophe njengotshinda, kumhlophe
nke njengongqwaqwane, lamehlo akhe
ayenjengomlilo ovuthayo. **15** Inyawo zakhe
zazinjengethusi elikhazimulayo emvuthweni,
ilizwi lakhe linjengokuhuba kwamanzi
agelezayo. **16** Esandleni sakhe sokunene
wayephethe izinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa,
emlonyeni wakhe kwaphuma insingo.
Ubuso bakhe babunjengelanga likhanyisa
ngenkazimulo yalo yonke. **17** Kwathi ngimbona
ngawela ezinyaweni zakhe njengofileyo.
Wabeka isandla sakhe sokunene phezu
kwami, wathi: "Ungesabi. Mina ngiyisiQalo
lesiPhetho. **18** NgingoPhilayo; ngangifile njalo
khangela ngiyaphila kuze kube nininini!
Njalo ngiphethe izihluthulelo zokufa kanye
leHadesi. **(aiōn g165, Hadēs g86)** **19** Ngakho-
ke, loba lokhu okubonileyo, okukhona
khathesi kanye lokuzakwenzakala muva. **20**
Imfihlakalo yezinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa
ozibone esandleni sami sokunene kanye
lezinti zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa
yile: Izinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa yizingilosi
zamabandla ayisikhombisa, izinti zezibane
ngamabandla ayisikhombisa."

2 "Ingilosi yebandla lase-Efesu ilobele
uthi: La ngamazwi akhe lowo ophethe
izinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa esandleni sakhe
sokunene ehamba phakathi kwezinti zezibane
zegolide eziyisikhombisa. **2** Ngiyazazi izenzo
zakho lokusebenza kwakho nzima kanye
lokubekezela kwakho. Ngiyakwazi ukuthi
awungeke ubabekezelele abantu abaxhwalileyo
lokuthi ubahlolile labo abathi bangabapostoli,
kodwa bengayisibo, njalo wabafumana
bengabalamanga. **3** Ubekezele waqinisela
ebunzimeni ngenxa yebizo lami, kawaze
wadinwa. **4** Kodwa ngilale insolo ngawe:
Usuludelile uthando lwakho obulalo kuqala.
5 Khumbula isiqongo owe kuso! Phenduka

wenze izinto owawuzenza kuqala. Nxa
ungaphenduki, ngizakuza kuwe, ngisuse uluthi
lwakho lwesibane endaweni yalo. 6 Kodwa
ulalokhu okuhle ngawe: Uyayizonda imikhuba
yamaNikholayitha, engiyizondayo lami. 7
Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshiwo nguMoya
emabandleni. Lowo onqobayo ngizamnika
ilungelo lokudla esihlahleni sokuphila
esisepharadise kaNkulunkulu." 8 "Ingilosi
yebandla laseSimina ilobele uthi: La ngamazwi
akhe yena oyisiQalo lesiPhetho, owafayo wabuya
wavuka. 9 Ngiyazazi inhlupheko zakho kanye
lobuyanga bakho, kanti-ke unothile! Ngiyakwazi
ukuhlambaza kwalabo abathi bangamaJuda
bengayisiwo, kodwa beyisinagogu kaSathane.
10 Ungazesabi inhlupheko esezizakwehlela.
Ngiyakutshela ukuthi uSathane uzabeka
abanye benu entolongweni ukuba alilinge
njalo lizahlukuluzwa okwensuku ezilitshumi.
Thembeka, lanxa kuselungeni lokufa, mina
ngizakupha umqhele wokuphila. 11 Lowo
olendlebe, akezwe okutshiwo nguMoya
emabandleni. Lowo onqobayo kasoze alinyazwe
lakancane yikufa kwesibili." 12 "Ingilosi
yebandla lasePhegamami ilobele uthi: La
ngamazwi akhe lowo ophethe insingo. 13
Ngiyakwazi lapho ohlala khona, lapho uSathane
alesihlalo sakhe. Ikanti wena uqhubeke
uqotho ebizweni lami. Kawukuphikanga
ukukholwa kwakho kimi, lasezinsukwini
zika-Antiphasi, ufakazi wami othembekileyo,
owabulawayo edolobheni lakini, lapho
uSathane ahlala khona. 14 Kodwa-ke, kulezinto
ezimbalwa engilensolo ngazo kuwe: Kulabantu
khonapho ababambelele emfundisweni
kaBhalamu, owafundisa uBhalaki ukuhugela
abako-Israyeli ekwenzeni isono ngokudla
ukudla okwakunikelwe ezithombeni kanye
langokuxhwala kobufebe. 15 Njalo ulabanye
ababambelele emfundisweni yamaNikholayitha.
16 Ngakho-ke, phenduka! Hlezi ngize kuwe
ngilwe labo ngenkemba yomlomo wami. 17
Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshiwo nguMoya
emabandleni. Lowo onqobayo, ngizamupha
enye yemana efihliweyo. Ngizamupha lelitshe
elimhlophe okulotshwe kulo ibizo elitsha,
elaziwa ngulowo kuphela olamukelayo." 18
"Ingilosi yebandla laseThiyathira ilobele uthi:
La ngamazwi eNdodana kaNkulunkulu, emehlo
ayo anjengomlilo ovuthayo lezinyawo zayo
zinjengethusi elikhazimulayo. 19 Ngiyayazi
imisebenzi yakho, uthando lokholo lwakho,
kanye lokuthi khathesi ususenza okunengi
kulakuqala. 20 Kodwa-ke, ngilale insolo ngawe:
Uyambekezelela owesifazane lowana uJezebheli,
ozibiza ngokuthi ngumphrofethikazi.
Ngemfundiso yakhe udukisela izinceku zami
ekuxhwaleni kobufebe lekudleni ukudla
okunikelwe ezithombeni. 21 Ngimnike isikhathi
ukuba aphenduke ekuxhwaleni kwakhe,
kodwa kafuni. 22 Ngakho ngizamphosela
phezu kombheda wokuhlupheka, njalo labo
afeba labo ngizabenza bahlupheke kakhulu,
ngaphandle kokuba baphenduke ezindleleni
zakhe. 23 Abantwabakhe ngizabatshaya
bafe. Ngakho-ke, amabandla wonke azakwazi
ukuthi mina nginguye ohlola inhliziyo
lezingqondo njalo ngizavuza omunye lomunye
wenu ngemisebenzi yenu. 24 Manje-ke,
ngithi kwabanye benu eThiyathira, kini
elingabambelelanga emfundisweni yakhe
njalo lingafundanga okuthiwa zimfihlo
ezizikileyo zikaSathane, 'Kangiyikulethesa
omunye umthwalo, 25 lina bambelelani
kuphela kulokho elilakho ngize ngifike.' 26
Lowo onqobayo esenza intando yami kuze
kube sekupheleni ngizamnika amandla phezu
kwezizwe, 27 'Uzazibusa ngentonga yensimbi;
aziphahlaze zibe yizicucu njengokwenziwa
ngebumba,'njengalokhu ngiphiwe amandla
avela kuBaba. 28 Ngizamupha lendonsakusa. 29
Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshiwo nguMoya
emabandleni."

3 "Ingilosi yebandla laseSadisi ilobele uthi:
La ngamazwi akhe lowo ophethe omoya
abayisikhombisa bakaNkulunkulu kanye
lezinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa. Ngiyazazi izenzo
zakho; ulodumo lokuba ngophilayo, kodwa
ufile. 2 Vuka! Qinisa okuseleyo osekuseduze
lokufa, ngoba izenzo zakho angizifumananga
ziphelele emehlweni kaNkulunkulu. 3 Ngakho,
khumbula okwamukeleyo lokuzwileyo; kulalele,
uphenduke. Kodwa nxa ungavuki, ngizakuza

njengesela njalo kawusoze wazi ukuthi ngizafika
kuwe ngasiphi isikhathi. 4 Kodwa ulabantu
abalutshwana eSadisi abangangcolisanga
izigqoko zabo. Bazahamba lami begqoke
ezimhlophe, ngoba bazifanele. 5 Lowo onqobayo
uzagqoka ezimhlophe njengabo. Ibizo lakhe
kangisoze ngilesule encwadini yokuphila,
kodwa ibizo lakhe ngizalivuma phambi
kukaBaba lezingilosi zakhe. 6 Lowo olendlebe,
akezwe okutshiwo nguMoya emabandleni."
7 "Ingilosi yebandla laseFiladelifiya ilobele
uthi: La ngamazwi akhe lowo ongcwele
loqotho, ophethe isihluthulelo sikaDavida.
Akuvulileyo kakho ongakuvala; lakuvalileyo
kakho ongakuvula. 8 Ngiyazazi izenzo zakho.
Khangela phambi kwakho sengibeke umnyango
okungelamuntu ongawuvala. Ngiyakwazi
ukuthi ulamandla amancinyane, kodwa ilizwi
lami uligcinile njalo ibizo lami kawuliphikanga.
9 Ngizakwenza labo abangabesinagogu
likaSathane, abathi bangamaJuda bona
bengayisiwo, kodwa beqamba amanga beze
kuwe bawele phansi ngasezinyaweni zakho
bavume ukuthi ngikuthandile. 10 Njengoba
ugcine umlayo wami ukuba ubekezele
ngesineke, lami ngizakugcina esikhathini
sokulingwa esizafika emhlabeni wonke
ukuhlola labo abahlala emhlabeni. 11 Ngiyeza
masinyane. Bambelela kulokho olakho, ukuze
kungabikhona othatha umqhele wakho. 12 Lowo
onqobayo ngizamenza abe yinsika ethempelini
likaNkulunkulu. Kasoze asuke kulo futhi.
Ngizaloba phezu kwakhe ibizo likaNkulunkulu
wami kanye lebizo ledolobho likaNkulunkulu
wami, iJerusalema elitsha, elehlela phansi
liphuma ezulwini livela kuNkulunkulu wami;
njalo ngizaloba phezu kwakhe lebizo lami
elitsha. 13 Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshiwo
nguMoya emabandleni." 14 "Ingilosi yebandla
laseLodikheya ilobele uthi: La ngamazwi ka-
Ameni, ufakazi othembekileyo loqotho, umbusi
wendalo kaNkulunkulu. 15 Ngiyazazi izenzo
zakho, ukuthi kawuqandi njalo kawutshisi.
Ngifisa ukuthi ngabe uyilokhu loba lokhuyana.
16 Ngakho-ke, njengoba ubuthukuthuku,
ungatshisi njalo ungaqandi, sekuseduze ukuba
ngikukhafule emlonyeni wami. 17 Wena
uthi, 'Nginothile; sengazuza inotho njalo
kangisweli lutho.' Kodwa kawunanzeleli ukuthi
uyahlupheka, ulusizi, ungumyanga, uyisiphofu
njalo unqunu. 18 Ngiyakucebisa ukuba uthenge
kimi igolide elihlanjululwe emlilweni ukuze
unothe; ugqoke izigqoko ezimhlophe ukuze
uvale ubunqunu bakho obulihlazo, lamafutha
okugcoba amehlo akho ukuze ubone. 19 Labo
engibathandayo ngiyabakhuza ngibajezise.
Ngakho-ke, woba lokutshiseka uphenduke. 20
Mina ngilapha! Ngimi emnyango ngiqoqoda.
Nxa kukhona ozwa ilizwi lami avule umnyango,
ngizangena ngidle laye, laye adle lami. 21 Lowo
onqobayo, ngizamnika ilungelo lokuhlala lami
esihlalweni sami sobukhosi, njengoba lami
nganqoba ngasengihlala loBaba esihlalweni
sakhe sobukhosi. 22 Lowo olendlebe, akezwe
okutshiwo nguMoya emabandleni."

4 Emva kwalokhu ngakhangela, ngabona
umnyango phambi kwami uvulekile
ezulwini. Ilizwi engangilizwe kuqala
lingikhulumisa kungathi licilongo lathi,
"Woza lapha ngikutshengise okuzakwenzakala
emva kwalokhu." 2 Khonokho nje
ngahle ngehlelwa nguMoya, kwathi
phambi kwami ngabona isihlalo sobukhosi
ezulwini kulomuntu owayehlezi kuso.
3 Lowo owayehlezi lapho wayefana
lejaspa lekhaneliya. Umchilowamakhosikazi
owawufana le-emeralidi wawuzingeleze
isihlalo sobukhosi. 4 Kwakulezinye izihlalo
zobukhosi ezingamatshumi amabili lane
ezazizingelezele isihlalo sobukhosi leso,
kuzo kuhlezi abadala abangamatshumi
amabili lane. Babegqoke okumhlophe njalo
belemiqhele yegolide emakhanda abo. 5
Esihlalweni sobukhosi kwaba lokuphazima
kombane, lokundindizela kanye lokukhwaza
kwezulu. Phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi
kwakuvutha izibane eziyisikhombisa. Lezi
zazingomoya abayisikhombisa bakaNkulunkulu.
6 Phambi kwesihlalo futhi kwakulokungani
lulwandle lwengilazi, kucwebezela njengelitshe
elikhazimulayo. Phakathi, emaceleni wonke
esihlalo sobukhosi, kwakulezidalwa ezine
eziphilayo, zilamehlo phambili langemuva. 7

Isidalwa sakuqala esiphilayo sasinjengesilwane,
esesibili sinjengenkabi, esesithathu sasilobuso
obunjengobomuntu, esesine sasinjengokhozi
oluphaphayo. 8 Esinye lesinye salezozidalwa
eziphilayo sasilempiko eziyisithupha njalo
sigcwele amehlo amacele wonke, kanye
langaphansi kwempiko. Emini lebusuku
kazizange zithule ukuthi: 9 Kuthi lapho
izidalwa eziphilayo zimdumisa, zimhlonipha
njalo zimbonga lowo ohlezi esihlalweni
sobukhosi njalo ophila kuze kube nininini,
(aiōn g165) 10 abadala abangamatshumi amabili
lane bawela phansi phambi kwakhe ohlezi
esihlalweni sobukhosi, bamkhonza yena ophila
kuze kube nininini. Babeka imiqhele yabo
phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi bathi: (aiōn
g165) 11 "Ufanele, Nkosi yethu loNkulunkulu
wethu, ukwamukela udumo lenhlonipho kanye
lamandla, ngoba wena wadala izinto zonke,
njalo zadalwa ngentando yakho, njalo zilabo
ubukhona bazo."

5 Esandleni sokunene salowo owayehlezi
esihlalweni sobukhosi ngabona umqulu
ulombhalo emaceleni womabili ungcinwe
ngempawu eziyisikhombisa. 2 Ngabuya
ngabona ingilosi elamandla imemeza ngelizwi
eliphakemeyo isithi, "Ngubani ofanele
ukuqhaqha impawu avule umqulu na?"
3 Kodwa kakho ezulwini loba emhlabeni
loba ngaphansi komhlaba owayengawuvula
umqulu kumbe akhangele phakathi kwawo. 4
Ngakhala, ngakhala ngoba kakho owatholakala
efanele ukuwuvula umqulu loba ukukhangela
phakathi kwawo. 5 Omunye wabadala wathi
kimi, "Ungakhali! Khangela, iNgonyama
yesizwe sakoJuda, iMpande kaDavida,
sinqobile. Sizakwanelisa ukuwuvula umqulu
lezimpawu zawo eziyisikhombisa." 6 Ngabona
iWundlu, kukhanya angathi lalibulewe, limi
phakathi laphakathi kwesihlalo sobukhosi,
lizingelezwe yizidalwa eziphilayo ezine labadala.
Lalilempondo eziyisikhombisa lamehlo
ayisikhombisa, okungomoya abayisikhombisa
bakaNkulunkulu abathunywe emhlabeni
wonke. 7 Leza lathatha umqulu esandleni
sokunene salowo owayehlezi esihlalweni
sobukhosi. 8 Esewuthethe, izidalwa ezine
eziphilayo labadala abangamatshumi amabili
lane bawela phansi phambi kweWundlu.
Omunye lomunye wabo wayelechacho njalo
babephethe imiganu yegolide igcwele impepha,
eyimikhuleko yabangcwele. 9 Bahlabela ingoma
entsha besithi: "Wena ufanele ukuwuthatha
umqulu lokuvula impawu zawo, ngoba
wahlatshwa, kwathi ngegazi lakho wahlengela
uNkulunkulu abantu bezizwana zonke lezindimi
labantu kanye lezizwe. 10 Usubenze baba
ngumbuso labaphristi ukuba bakhonze
uNkulunkulu wethu, njalo bazabusa emhlabeni."
11 Ngakhangela ngasengisizwa amazwi
ezingilosi ezinengi, ezaziyizinkulungwane
lezinkulungwane, lezinkulungwane ezilitshumi
ziphindwe okuzinkulungwane ezilitshumi.
Zazizingeleze isihlalo sobukhosi lezidalwa
eziphilayo kanye labadala. 12 Zahlabela
ngamazwi aphezulu zisithi: "Lifanele iWundlu,
elahlatshwayo, ukwamukela amandla lenotho
lenhlakanipho lokuqina lodumo lenkazimulo
kanye lokudunyiswa!" 13 Ngezwa izidalwa
zonke ezulwini lasemhlabeni langaphansi
komhlaba lasolwandle lakho konke okukukho,
kuhlabela kusithi: "Kuye ohlezi esihlalweni
sobukhosi lakulo iWundlu kakube lenhlonipho
lodumo lenkazimulo kanye lamandla kuze (aiōn
g165) 14 Izidalwa ezine eziphilayo zathi, "Ameni,"
kwathi abadala bawela phansi bakhonza.

6 Ngakhangela iWundlu livula uphawu
lwakuqala kweziyisikhombisa. Ngasengisizwa
esinye sezidalwa ezine eziphilayo sisithi,
ngelizwi elinjengomdumo wezulu, "Woza!"
2 Ngakhangela, khonapho phambi kwami
kwakulebhiza elimhlophe! Umgadi walo
wayephethe idandili njalo waphiwa umqhele,
wasuka wahamba njengomnqobi ehlose
ukunqoba. 3 Kwathi iWundlu selivula
uphawu lwesibili, ngezwa isidalwa sesibili
esiphilayo sisithi, "Woza!" 4 Kwaphuma
elinye ibhiza; libomvu okomlilo. Umgadi walo
wanikwa amandla okususa ukuthula emhlabeni
lokuthi abantu babulalane. Waphiwa inkemba
enkulu. 5 Kwathi iWundlu livula uphawu
lwesithathu, ngezwa isidalwa sesithathu

esiphilayo sisithi, “Woza!” Ngakhangela, khonapho phambi kwami kwakulebhiza elimnyama! Umgadi walo wayephethe isikali sokulinganisa. 6 Ngasengisizwa okwakungathi yilizwi phakathi kwezidalwa ezine eziphilayo lisithi, “Ikhilogramu elilodwa lamabele umholo wosuku, lamakhilogramu amathathu ebhali umholo wosuku njalo ungoni amafutha lewayini!” 7 Kwathi iWundlu livula uphawu lwesine, ngezwa ilizwi lesidalwa sesine esiphilayo lisithi, “Woza!” 8 Ngakhangela, khonapho phambi kwami kwakulebhiza eliliganu! Umgadi walo wayethiwa nguKufa, leHadesi lalimlandela eduzane emva kwakhe. Babephiwe amandla phezu kwengxenye yesine yomhlaba ukuba babulale ngenkemba langendlala langezifo kanye langezilo zeganga zasemhlabeni. (Hadēs g86) 9 Kwathi livula uphawu lwesihlanu ngabona ngaphansi kwe-alithari imiphefumulo yalabo ababebulewe ngenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu lobufakazi abema ngabo. 10 Yamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu yathi, “Koze kube nini, Thixo wobukhosi, engcwele leqotho ukuze wahlulele abasemhlabeni uphindisele igazi lethu na?” 11 Lapho-ke omunye lomunye wayo waphiwa isembatho esimhlophe ukuba alinde okwesikhatshana, inani lezinceku ezingabakhula bayo labazalwane ababezabulawa njengayo lize liphelele. 12 Ngakhangela lapho livula uphawu lwesithupha. Kwaba lokuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba. Ilanga laphenduka laba mnyama tshu njengesigqoko samasaka esenziwe ngoboya bembuzi, inyanga yonke yaphenduka yaba bomvu okwegazi, 13 izinkanyezi emkhathini zawela emhlabeni njengemikhiwa yamuva ikhithika esihlahleni somkhiwa lapho sinyikinywa ngumoya olamandla. 14 Umkhathi wahlehla wagoqeka njengomqulu, kwathi izintaba zonke lezihlenge kwasuswa ezindaweni zakho. 15 Amakhosi omhlaba lamakhosana lezinduna zamabutho lezinothi labalamandla lezigqili zonke kanye labantu bonke abakhululekileyo bacatsha ezimbalwini kanye lasemadwaleni ezintaba. 16 Babiza izintaba lamadwala besithi, “Welani phezu kwethu lisifihle ebusweni balowo ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi kanye lasolakeni lweWundlu! 17 Ngoba usuku olukhulu lolaka lwabo selufikile, pho ngubani ongema na?”

7 Emva kwalokhu ngabona izingilosi ezine zimi emagumbini womane omhlaba, zivimbele imimoya emine yomhlaba zisenqabela loba yiwuphi umoya ukuvunguza elizweni loba olwandle loba kwesinye isihlahla. 2 Ngabuya ngabona enye ingilosi isiza ivela empumalanga, ilophawu lukaNkulunkulu ophilayo. Yamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu ezingilosini ezine ezaziphiwe amandla okulimaza umhlaba lolwandle, isithi: 3 “Lingawulimazi umhlaba loba ulwandle loba izihlahla size sibeke uphawu emabunzini ezinceku zikaNkulunkulu wethu.” 4 Ngasengisizwa inani lalabo ababekwa uphawu: Abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane abezizwana zonke zako-Israyeli. 5 Abesizwana sakoJuda abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili bafakwa uphawu, abesizwana sakoRubheni abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, abesizwana sakoGadi abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, 6 abesizwana sako-Asheri abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, abesizwana sakoNafithali abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, abesizwana sakoManase abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, 7 abesizwana sakoSimiyoni abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, abesizwana sakoLevi abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, abesizwana sako-Isakhari abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, 8 abesizwana sakoZebhuluni abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, abesizwana sakoJosefa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, abesizwana sikaBhenjamini abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili. 9 Emva kwalokhu ngakhangela khonapho phambi kwami kwakulexuku elikhulukazi elingela kubalwa livela ezizweni zonke lezizwaneni lasebantwini kanye lasezindimini zonke limi phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi laphambi kweWundlu. Babegqoke izembatho ezimhlophe bephethe ingatsha zelala ngezandla zabo. 10 Bamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu besithi: “Ukusindisa ngokukaNkulunkulu wethu, ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, kanye lokweWundlu.”

11 Izingilosi zonke zazimi zizingeleze isihlalo
sobukhosi njalo zizingeleze abadala kanye
lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo. Zathi mbo phansi
ngobuso bazo phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi
zakhonza uNkulunkulu 12 zisithi: “Ameni!
Udumo lobukhosi lokuhlakanipha lokubongwa
lokuhlonitshwa lamandla kanye lokuqina
kakube kuNkulunkulu wethu nini lanini.
Ameni!” (aiōn g165) 13 Emva kwalokho omunye
wabadala wangibuza wathi, “Laba abezembatho
ezimhlophe ngobani, njalo bavele ngaphi?”
14 Ngaphendula ngathi, “Nkosi, uyakwazi.”
Wasesithi, “Laba yibo abaphume ekuhluphekeni
okukhulu; bagezise izembatho zabo egazini
leWundlu bazenza zaba mhlophe. 15 Ngakho-ke,
baphambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu
bemkhonza emini lebusuku ethempelini
lakhe; njalo yena ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi
uzakubavikela ngobukhona bakhe. 16 ‘Kabasoze
balambe futhi; njalo kabasoze bome futhi.
Ilanga kalisayikuhlaba phezu kwabo’ loba
ukutshisa okuhangulayo. 17 Ngoba iWundlu
elingaphakathi kwesihlalo sobukhosi lizakuba
ngumelusi wabo; lizabaholela emithonjeni
yamanzi okuphila. ‘UNkulunkulu uzazesula
zonke inyembezi emehlweni abo.’”

8 Kwathi lapho iWundlu livula uphawu
lwesikhombisa kwaba lokuthula ezulwini
okwesikhathi esasingaba yingxenye yehola.
2 Ngasengibona izingilosi eziyisikhombisa
ezima phambi kukaNkulunkulu ziphiwa
amacilongo ayisikhombisa. 3 Enye ingilosi
eyayilomganu wegolide wokutshisela impepha
yeza yema ngase-alithareni. Yanikwa
impepha enengi ukuba iyinikele lemikhuleko
yabangcwele bonke e-alithareni legolide
phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi. 4 Intuthu
yempepha kanye lemikhuleko yabangcwele
kwaya phezulu phambi kukaNkulunkulu
kusuka esandleni sengilosi leyo. 5 Ingilosi
yasithatha umganu wokutshisela impepha
yawugcwalisa ngomlilo osuka e-alithareni
yasiwuphosela emhlabeni kwasekusiba
lokukhwaza kwezulu lokundindizela
lokuphazima kombane kanye lokuzamazama
komhlaba. 6 Izingilosi eziyisikhombisa
ezazilamacilongo ayisikhombisa zalungisela
ukuwakhalisa. 7 Ingilosi yokuqala yakhalisa
icilongo layo kwasekusiba lesiqhotho lomlilo
kuhlangene legazi kwasekuphoselwa phansi
emhlabeni. Ingxenye yesithathu yomhlaba
yatsha lotshani bonke obuluhlaza batsha.
8 Ingilosi yesibili yakhalisa icilongo layo,
kwathi ulutho olwalunjengentaba enkulu
olwalubhebha, lwaphoselwa olwandle. Ingxenye
yesithathu yolwandle yaphenduka yaba ligazi,
9 kwathi ingxenye yesithathu yezidalwa
eziphilayo olwandle yafa, kwathi lengxenye
yesithathu yemikhumbi yatshabalaliswa. 10
Ingilosi yesithathu yakhalisa icilongo layo,
kwathi inkanyezi enkulukazi eyayivutha
njengesibane yawa ivela emkhathini yawela
phezu kwengxenye yesithathu yemifula
lasemithonjeni yamanzi, 11 ibizo lenkanyezi
leyo nguMhlonyane. Ingxenye yesithathu
yamanzi yaphenduka yababa, abantu abanengi
bafa ngenxa yamanzi ayesebaba. 12 Ingilosi
yesine yakhalisa icilongo layo, kwathi
ingxenye yesithathu yelanga yatshaywa,
lengxenye yesithathu yenyanga kanye
lengxenye yesithathu yezinkanyezi, okwenza
ingxenye yesithathu yalokhu yaphenduka
yaba mnyama. Ingxenye yesithathu yemini
yayingelakukhanya, kanye lengxenye
yesithathu yobusuku. 13 Kwathi ngilokhu
ngikhangele ngezwa ingqungqulu iphapha
emkhathini imemeza ngelizwi elikhulu isithi,
“Maye! Maye! Maye kwabahlezi emhlabeni
ngenxa yokukhala kwamacilongo asezakhaliswa
ngezinye izingilosi ezintathu!”

9 Ingilosi yesihlanu yakhalisa icilongo
layo ngasengibona inkanyezi eyavela
emkhathini iwela emhlabeni. Inkanyezi
leyo yayiphiwe isihluthulelo soMgodi
ongelamkhawulo. (Abyssos g12) 2 Isivule umgodi
ongelamkhawulo kwaphuma kuwo izikhatha
zentuthu ezazifana leziphuma esihogweni
somlilo esikhulukazi. Ilanga lomkhathi
kwaba mnyama ngenxa yezikhatha lezi
ezaphuma emgodini ongelamkhawulo. (Abyssos
g12) 3 Entuthwini leyo kwaphuma izintethe
zehlela phansi emhlabeni ziphiwe amandla

anjengawezinkume zasemhlabeni. 4 Zazitshelwe
ukuthi zingalimazi tshani basemhlabeni loba
olunye ulutho olwamilayo loba isihlahla,
kodwa kuphela labobantu ababengelalo
uphawu lukaNkulunkulu emabunzini abo.
5 Zazingaphiwanga amandla okubabulala,
kodwa ukubazwisa ubuhlungu okwezinyanga
ezinhlanu. Ubuhlungu ababuzwayo babufana
lobuhlungu benkume lapho intinyela umuntu.
6 Ngalezonsuku abantu bazadinga ukufa,
kodwa bazakuswela; bazafisa ukufa, kodwa
ukufa kuzababalekela. 7 Izintethe lezo
zazifana lamabhiza alungele impi. Emakhanda
azo zazigqoke ulutho olwalunjengemiqhele
yegolide, ubuso bazo babufana lobuso babantu.
8 Uboya bazo babunjengenwele zabesifazane,
amazinyo azo enjengamazinyo esilwane.
9 Zazilezivikelo zesifuba ezinjengezivikelo
zensimbi njalo umdumo wempiko zazo
wawunjengomdumo wamabhiza amanengi
lezinqola zempi zigijimela empini. 10
Zazilemisila elobuhlungu njengezinkume,
njalo emisileni yazo zazilamandla okuzwisa
abantu ubuhlungu okwezinyanga ezinhlanu.
11 Inkosi yazo ezazilayo yingilosi yoMgodi
ongelamkhawulo, ebizo layo ngesiHebheru
lalingu-Abhadoni, ngesiGrikhi lingu-Apholiyoni
(okuyikuthi, uMtshabalalisi). (Abyssos g12) 12
Uhlupho lwakuqala selwedlule; ezinye inhlupho
ezimbili zisazobuya. 13 Ingilosi yesithupha
yakhalisa icilongo layo ngasengisizwa ilizwi
livela empondweni ze-alithare legolide
eliphambi kukaNkulunkulu. 14 Lathi engilosini
yesithupha eyayiphethe icilongo, “Khulula
izingilosi ezine ezibotshiweyo emfuleni
omkhulu uYufrathe.” 15 Ngakho izingilosi
ezine lezo ezazigcinwe zilindele lesisikhathi
losuku lenyanga kanye lomnyaka zakhululelwa
ukubulala ingxenye yesithathu yoluntu. 16
Inani lamabutho ayegade amabhiza laliyizigidi
ezingamakhulu amabili. Ngalizwa inani lawo.
17 Amabhiza labagadi engakubona embonweni
wami kwakukhanya kunje: Inqaba zabo zesifuba
zazibomvu okomlilo, ziluhlazanyana njalo
zilithanga njengesolufa. Amakhanda amabhiza
ayenjengamakhanda ezilwane njalo emilonyeni
yawo kwaphuma umlilo lentuthu kanye
lesolufa. 18 Ingxenye yesithathu yoluntu
yabulawa yizifo ezintathu zomlilo lentuthu
kanye lesolufa okwaphuma emilonyeni
yawo. 19 Amandla amabhiza ayesemilonyeni
yawo lasemisileni yawo ngoba imisila yawo
yayinjengezinyoka ilamakhanda elimaza ngawo.
20 Abanengi boluntu ababengabulawanga yizifo
lezi kabazange baphenduke emisebenzini
yezandla zabo; kabayekelanga ukukhonza
amadimoni lezithombe zegolide lezesiliva
lezethusi, lezamatshe kanye lezezigodo,
izithombe ezingeke zibone loba zizwe loba
zihambe. 21 Njalo kabaphendukanga ezenzweni
zabo zokubulala, lasebuthakathini babo,
ekuxhwaleni kwabo kobufebe loba ebuseleni
babo.

10 Ngabuya ngabona enye ingilosi elamandla
isehla ivela ezulwini. Yayembethe
iyezi kulomchilo wamakhosikazi ngaphezu
kwekhanda layo; ubuso bayo babunjengelanga;
imilenze yayo injengensika zomlilo. 2
Yayiphethe umqulu omncane, uvulekile
usezandleni zayo. Yagxilisa unyawo lwayo
lokwesokunene olwandle kwathi unyawo lwayo
lwesokunxele lwaba semhlabathini 3 njalo
yamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu njengokubhonga
kwesilwane. Ekumemezeni kwayo imidumo
eyisikhombisa yakhuluma. 4 Kwathi imidumo
eyisikhombisa ikhuluma ngasengilungele
ukuloba kodwa ngezwa ilizwi elavela ezulwini
lisithi, “Vala lokho okutshiwo yimidumo
eyisikhombisa njalo ungakulobi.” 5 Ingilosi
engangiyibone imi olwandle lasemhlabathini
yaphakamisela isandla sayo sokunene ezulwini.
6 Yafunga ngaye ophilayo kuze kube nini
lanini, owadala amazulu lakho konke okukuwo,
lomhlaba lakho konke okukuwo lolwandle lakho
konke okukulo, yathi, “Kakusayikuba khona
ukuphuza futhi! (aiōn g165) 7 Kodwa ngezinsuku
lapho ingilosi yesikhombisa isizakhalisa icilongo
layo imfihlakalo kaNkulunkulu izafezeka
njengokutsho kwakhe ezincekwini zakhe
abaphrofethi.” 8 Ilizwi engangilizwe livela
ezulwini lakhuluma lami futhi lathi: “Hamba
uyethatha umqulu ovulekileyo esandleni
sengilosi emi olwandle lasemhlabathini.” 9

Ngakho ngaya kuleyongilosi ngacela ukuba
ingiphe lowomqulu omncane. Yathi kimi,
“Uthathe uwudle. Uzaqubula isisu sakho
ngokubaba, kodwa emlonyeni wakho uzakuba
mnandi njengoluju.” 10 Ngawuthatha umqulu
omncane esandleni sengilosi ngawudla.
Emlonyeni wami wanambitheka mnandi
njengoluju, kodwa sengiwudlile isisu sami
saqubuka, sababa. 11 Ngasengitshelwa ukuthi,
“Kumele uphrofithe futhi ngabantu abanengi,
langezizwe, langezindimi kanye langamakhosi.”

11 Ngaphiwa umhlanga njengomqwayi
wokulinganisa, ngasengitshelwa ukuthi,
“Hamba uyelinganisa ithempeli likaNkulunkulu
le-alithari, ubale labakhonza khona. 2 Kodwa
utshiye iguma langaphandle ungalilinganisi
ngoba liphiwe abeZizweni. Bazanyathela
idolobho elingcwele izinyanga ezingamatshumi
amane lambili. 3 Ofakazi bami ababili
ngizabanika amandla njalo bazaphrofitha
insuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili
lamatshumi ayisithupha, begqoke izigqoko
zamasaka.” 4 Laba “bayizihlahla ezimbili zama-
oliva” lezinti ezimbili zezibane “ezimi phambi
kweNkosi yomhlaba.” 5 Umuntu angazama
ukuzilimaza, kuphuma umlilo emilonyeni
yazo uqothule izitha zazo. Le yiyo indlela
umuntu ofuna ukuzilimaza afa ngayo. 6
Abantu laba balamandla okuvala umkhathi
ukuba izulu lingani lapho bephrofitha njalo
balamandla okuphendula amanzi abe ligazi
lawokutshaya umhlaba ngezinhlobo zonke
zezifo kanengi njengokuthanda kwabo. 7
Kuzakuthi lapho sebeqedile ukufakaza kwabo
isilo esiphuma eMgodini ongelamkhawulo
sizabahlasela sibehlule sibabulale. (Abyssos g12) 8
Izidumbu zabo zizalala emgwaqweni wedolobho
elikhulu okuthi ngokufaniswa libizwe ngokuthi
yiSodoma leGibhithe lapho leNkosi yabo
eyabethelwa khona esiphambanweni. 9
Okwensuku ezintathu lengxenye yosuku
abantu abavela emihlotsheni yonke yabantu
lasezizwaneni zonke lasezindimini zonke kanye
lasezizweni zonke bazakhangela izidumbu
zabo bale ukuba zingcwatshwe. 10 Abantu
basemhlabeni bazazikhangela ngokuthokoza
bazijabulise ngokuthumela izipho ngoba
abaphrofethi ababili laba babebahluphile
abahlala emhlabeni. 11 Kodwa emva
kwalezonsuku ezintathu lengxenye yosuku
umoya wokuphila owavela kuNkulunkulu
wabangena, basebesima ngezinyawo zabo,
kwathi labo abababonayo besaba kakhulu. 12
Bezwa ilizwi elikhulu livela ezulwini lisithi
kubo, “Wozani phezulu lapha.” Baya phezulu
ezulwini bephakathi kweyezi izitha zabo
zilokhu zikhangele. 13 Ngalesosikhathi kwaba
lokuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba kwathi
ingxenye yetshumi yedolobho yabhidlika.
Abantu abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa
bafa ekuzamazameni komhlaba, abaphephayo,
besaba kakhulu bamdumisa uNkulunkulu
wasezulwini. 14 Uhlupho lwesibili selwedlule;
uhlupho lwesithathu luyeza masinyane. 15
Ingilosi yesikhombisa yakhalisa icilongo layo
kwasekusiba lamazwi amakhulu ezulwini,
ayesithi: “Umbuso wasemhlabeni usube
ngumbuso weNkosi yethu loKhristu wayo, njalo
izabusa kuze kube nininini.” (aiōn g165) 16 Abadala
abangamatshumi amabili lane ababehlezi
ezihlalweni zobukhosi phambi kukaNkulunkulu
bathi mbo phansi ngobuso babo bakhonza
uNkulunkulu, 17 besithi: “Siyakubonga
Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla, onguye okhona
lowayekhona, ngoba usuwathethe amandla
akho amakhulu njalo usuqalisile ukubusa.
18 Izizwe zazithukuthele; lolaka lwakho
selufikile. Isikhathi sokwahlulela abafileyo
sesifikile kanye lesokuvuza izinceku zakho
abaphrofethi labangcwele bakho kanye lalabo
abalihloniphayo ibizo lakho, abancinyane
labakhulu kanye lesokuchitha labo abachitha
umhlaba.” 19 Emva kwalokho ithempeli
likaNkulunkulu lavulwa ezulwini phakathi
kwethempeli lakhe kwabonakala umtshokotsho
wesivumelwano sakhe. Kwasekusiba
lokuphazima kwemibane lokundindizela
lokukhwaza kwezulu lokuzamazama komhlaba
kanye lesiqhotho esikhulu.

12 Isibonakaliso esikhulu lesimangalisayo
sabonakala ezulwini: owesifazane egqoke
ilanga, inyanga ingaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe,

umqhele wezinkanyezi ezilitshumi lambili usekhanda lakhe. 2 Wayezithwele njalo ekhala ngobuhlungu bomhelo ngoba wayesezabeletha. 3 Kwabuya kwabonakala esinye isibonakaliso ezulwini: umgobho omkhulukazi obomvu olamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi kanye lemiqhele eyisikhombisa emakhanda awo. 4 Umsila wawo wakhucula ingxenye yesithathu yezinkanyezi emkhathini waziphosela emhlabeni. Umgobho wema phambi kowesifazane owayesezabeletha ukuze kuthi umntwana angazalwa uhle umtshwabadele. 5 Wazala indodana, "eyayizabusa izizwe zonke ngentonga yensimbi." Umntanakhe wahluthunelwa phezulu kuNkulunkulu lasesihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. 6 Owesifazane wabalekela enkangala endaweni ayeyilungiselwe nguNkulunkulu lapho ayezagcinakala khona okwensuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisithupha. 7 Kwaba lempi ezulwini. UMikhayeli lezingilosi zakhe balwa lomgobho kwathi umgobho kanye lezingilosi zawo lawo walwa labo. 8 Kodwa wawungelamandla kangako njalo wona lezingilosi zawo balahlekelwa yindawo yabo ezulwini. 9 Umgobho omkhulu waphoselwa phansi, inyoka leyana endala ethiwa ngoMubi loba uSathane odukisa umhlaba wonke. Waphoselwa emhlabeni ekanye lezingilosi zakhe. 10 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu ezulwini lisithi: "Khathesi ukusindiswa sekufikile lamandla kanye lombuso kaNkulunkulu wethu kanye lobukhosi bukaKhristu wakhe. Ngoba umangaleli wabazalwane bethu, obamangalelayo phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu emini lebusuku, usephoselwe phansi. 11 Bamnqobile ngegazi leWundlu langelizwi lobufakazi babo; kabakuthandanga kakhulu ukuphila kwabo ukuba besabe ukufa. 12 Ngakho-ke, thokozani lina mazulu kanye lani elihlala kuwo! Kodwa maye kuwo umhlaba lolwandle ngoba omubi useze phansi kini! Ugcwele intukuthelo ngoba uyakwazi ukuthi isikhathi sakhe sifitshane." 13 Kwathi umgobho ubona ukuthi wawusuphoselwe emhlabeni wamdinga owesifazane owayebelethe umntwana wesilisa. 14 Owesifazane lowo wayephiwe amaphiko amabili okhozi olukhulu ukuze andizele endaweni ayilungiselwayo enkangala lapho ayezagcinwa khona okwesikhathi lezikhathi lengxenye yesikhathi lapho inyoka eyayingeke ifike khona. 15 Inyoka yasikhupha amanzi emlonyeni wayo angathi ngumfula ukuze ifice owesifazane imkhucule ngesikhukhula. 16 Kodwa umhlaba wasiza owesifazane ngokuvula umlomo wawo wasuginya umfula owawukhutshwe ngumgobho emlonyeni wawo. 17 Ngakho-ke, umgobho wamthukuthelela owesifazane wasusuka usiyakulwa impi lenzalo yonke yowesifazane, labo abagcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu bebambelele kubo ubufakazi bukaJesu. Umgobho wema okhunjini lolwandle.

13 Ngabuya ngabona isilo siphuma olwandle. Sasilempondo ezilitshumi lamakhanda ayisikhombisa silemiqhele elitshumi phezu kwempondo zaso njalo ekhanda ngalinye kulebizo elihlambazayo. 2 Isilo engasibonayo sasinjengengwe, kodwa silenyawo ezifana lezebhele lomlomo onjengowesilwane. Umgobho wanika isilo leso amandla awo lesihlalo sawo sobukhosi kanye lamandla amakhulu. 3 Elinye lamakhanda esilo leso lalingathi lalike laba lenxeba elibulalayo, kodwa inxeba elibulalayo lelo laselipholile. Umhlaba wonke wamangala wasilandela isilo. 4 Abantu bawukhonza umgobho ngoba wawunike isilo amandla, lesilo basikhonza bebuza besithi, "Ngubani onjengesilo? Ngubani ongalwa impi laso na?" 5 Isilo saphiwa umlomo ukuba sikhulume amazwi okuzigqaja lokuhlambaza kanye lokuthi sisebenzise amandla aso okwezinyanga ezingamatshumi amane lambili. 6 Savula umlomo waso ukuba sihlambaze uNkulunkulu lokuba sichothoze ibizo lakhe lendawo yakhe yokuhlala kanye lalabo abahlala ezulwini. 7 Sasiphiwe amandla okulwa impi labangcwele kanye lokubanqoba. Saphiwa lamandla phezu kwezizwana zonke labantu lezindimi kanye lezizwe zonke. 8 Bonke abantu abahlala emhlabeni bazasikhonza isilo leso, bonke abalamabizo abo angalotshwanga encwadini yokuphila yeWundlu elahlatshwayo

kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba. 9 Lowo
olendlebe, akezwe. 10 “Nxa umuntu kumele
aye ekuthunjweni, uzakuya ekuthunjweni.
Nxa umuntu kumele abulawe ngenkemba,
uzabulawa ngayo inkemba.” Lokhu kufuna
ukubekezela okuqinileyo lokuthembeka
kwabangcwele. 11 Ngabuya ngabona esinye
isilo siphuma emhlabeni. Sasilempondo
ezimbili njengewundlu, kodwa sikhuluma
njengomgobho. 12 Sasisebenzisa wonke
amandla esilo sakuqala esikhundleni saso njalo
senza umhlaba labahlezi kuwo bakhonze isilo
sakuqala, esinxeba laso eselapholayo. 13 Njalo
senza izibonakaliso ezinkulu lezimangalisayo,
kanye lokwenza ukuthi umlilo wehlele phansi
usuka ezulwini usiza emhlabeni abantu
bezibonela. 14 Ngenxa yezibonakaliso saphiwa
amandla okumela isilo sakuqala, sakhohlisa
abahlezi emhlabeni. Sabalaya ukuba bamise
umfanekiso wokuhlonipha isilo esalinyazwa
ngenkemba, kodwa saphila. 15 Saphiwa amandla
okuba umfanekiso wesilo sakuqala siwunike
umphefumulo ukuze sikhulume njalo sibangele
ukuthi bonke abala ukukhonza umfanekiso
babulawe. 16 Njalo sabamba abantu bonke
ngamandla, abancane labakhulu, abanothileyo
labayanga, abakhululekileyo kanye lezigqili
ukuba babekwe uphawu ezandleni zabo
zokudla loba emabunzini abo 17 ukuze
angabikhona ozathenga kumbe athengise
ngaphandle kokuba elophawu lolo olulibizo
lesilo leso loba inombolo yebizo laso. 18 Lokhu
kufuna inhlakanipho. Umuntu olombono
lengqondo ebonayo, kayidingisise inombolo
yesilo ngoba yinombolo yomuntu. Inombolo
yaso ngamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi
ayisithupha lesithupha.

14 Ngabuya ngakhangela, khonapho phambi
kwami kwakuleWundlu, limi phezu
kweNtaba iZiyoni, lilabazinkulungwane
ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane
ababelotshwe ibizo lalo lelikaYise emabunzini
abo. 2 Ngezwa umdumo ovela ezulwini
ufana lokuhuba kwamanzi agelezayo
lanjengokukhwaza okukhulu kwezulu. Umdumo
engawuzwayo wawunjengowabatshayi
bamachacho betshaya amachacho abo. 3
Bahlabela ingoma entsha phambi kwesihlalo
sobukhosi laphambi kwezidalwa ezine
eziphilayo kanye laphambi kwabadala. Kakho
owayengayifunda ingoma leyo ngaphandle
kwaba zinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi
amane lane ababehlengwe emhlabeni. 4 Laba
yilabo abangazingcolisanga ngabesifazane
ngoba bazigcina behlambulukile. Balandela
iWundlu loba kungaphi lapho eliya khona.
Bahlengwa phakathi kwabantu banikelwa
njengezithelo zakuqala kuNkulunkulu
laseWundlwini. 5 Akulamanga atholakala
emilonyeni yabo; kabalasici. 6 Ngabuya
ngabona enye ingilosi indiza emoyeni
ilevangeli elingapheliyo ukuba ilitshumayele
kulabo abahlezi emhlabeni lasezizweni
zonke lasezizwaneni lasezindimini kanye
lasebantwini. (aiōnios g166) 7 Ngelizwi elikhulu
yathi, “Mesabeni uNkulunkulu limdumise
ngoba isikhathi sokwahlulela kwakhe sesifikile.
Mkhonzeni yena owadala amazulu, lomhlaba,
lolwandle kanye lemithombo yamanzi.” 8
Ingilosi yesibili yalandela yathi, “Liwile! Liwile
iBhabhiloni eliKhulu elenza izizwe zonke
zanatha iwayini layo elihlanyisayo ngobufebe
balo.” 9 Ingilosi yesithathu yazilandela yathi
ngelizwi elikhulu, “Nxa umuntu angakhonza
isilo lomfanekiso waso afakwe uphawu lwaso
ebunzini loba esandleni, 10 laye uzanatha
iwayini lentukuthelo kaNkulunkulu elithelwe
ngamandla agcweleyo enkezweni yolaka
lwakhe. Uzahlukuluzwa ngesolufa elitshisayo
phambi kwezingilosi ezingcwele laphambi
kweWundlu. 11 Intuthu yokuhlukuluzwa kwabo
ithunqa kuze kube nininini. Akukho suku
loba ubusuku bokuphumula kulabo abakhonza
isilo lomfanekiso waso loba lowo owemukela
uphawu lwebizo laso.” (aiōn g165) 12 Lokhu
kufuna ukubekezela okuqinileyo kwabangcwele
abagcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu baqhubeke
bethembekile kuJesu. 13 Ngasengisizwa
ilizwi livela ezulwini lisithi, “Loba ukuthi:
Babusisiwe abafileyo befela eNkosini kusukela
khathesi kusiya phambili.” “Yebo,” kutsho
uMoya, “bazaphumula ekutshikatshikeni
kwabo ngoba izenzo zabo zizabalandela.”

14 Ngakhangela khonapho phambi kwami
kwakuleyezi elimhlophe njalo phezu kweyezi
lelo kwakuhlezi ofana lendodana yomuntu
elomqhele wegolide ekhanda lakhe lesikela
ebukhali esandleni sakhe. 15 Enye ingilosi
yaphuma ethempelini yamemezela ngelizwi
elikhulu kulowo owayehlezi phezu kweyezi
isithi, “Thatha isikela uvune ngoba isikhathi
sokuvuna sesifikile kalokho isivuno emhlabeni
sesivuthiwe.” 16 Ngakho-ke, lowo owayehlezi
phezu kweyezi watshibilikisela isikela yakhe
emhlabeni, umhlaba wavunwa. 17 Enye
ingilosi yaphuma ethempelini ezulwini layo
futhi yayilesikela ebukhali. 18 Enye njalo
ingilosi eyayilamandla phezu komlilo yeza
ivela e-alithareni yamemezela ngelizwi
elikhulu kulowo owayelesikela ebukhali
isithi, “Thatha isikela yakho ebukhali
ubuthe amahlukuzo amavini esivinini
somhlaba, ngoba amavini aso asevuthiwe.”
19 Ingilosi leyo yatshibilikisela isikela yayo
emhlabeni yabutha amavini awo yawaphosela
esikhamelweni sewayini solaka lukaNkulunkulu.
20 Avoxwa phakathi kwesikhamelo sewayini
ngaphandle kwedolobho, igazi lageleza liphuma
esikhamelweni, laphakama okufika ematomini
ebhiza okwebanga elingaba ngamakhilomitha
angamakhulu amathathu.

15 Ezulwini ngabona esinye isibonakaliso
esikhulu lesimangalisayo: Izingilosi
eziyisikhombisa zilezifo zokucina
eziyisikhombisa, ezokucina ngoba ngazo
ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luyapheleliswa. 2
Ngabuya ngabona okwakungathi lulwandle
lwamangilazi axutshaniswe lomlilo njalo
eceleni kolwandle kwakumi labo ababesinqobile
isilo lomfanekiso waso kanye lenombolo yebizo
laso. Babephethe amachacho ababewaphiwe
nguNkulunkulu 3 behlabela ingoma kaMosi
inceku kaNkulunkulu kanye lengoma yeWundlu
besithi: “Mikhulu iyamangalisa imisebenzi
yakho Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla. Zilungile
njalo ziqotho izindlela zakho, Nkosi yezikhathi
zonke. 4 Ngubani ongayikukwesaba wena
Nkosi, adumise ibizo lakho na? Ngoba
nguwe kuphela ongcwele. Zonke izizwe
zizakuza zikhonze phambi kwakho, ngoba
imisebenzi yakho elungileyo isibonakalisiwe.”
5 Emva kwalokhu ngakhangela ngabona
ezulwini ithempeli, okulithabanikeli lobufakazi
livuliwe. 6 Ethempelini kwaphuma izingilosi
eziyisikhombisa zilezifo eziyisikhombisa.
Zazigqoke ilembu elihlanzekileyo, elicazimulayo
njalo zibophe izifuba zazo ngamabhanti egolide.
7 Esinye sezidalwa ezine eziphilayo sanika
izingilosi eziyisikhombisa imiganu yegolide
eyisikhombisa igcwele ulaka lukaNkulunkulu
ophila kuze kube nininini. (aiōn g165) 8 Ithempeli
lagcwala intuthu evela enkazimulweni
kaNkulunkulu lasemandleni akhe, njalo
kakho owayengangena ethempelini izifo
eziyisikhombisa zezingilosi eziyisikhombisa
zingakapheli.

16 Ngezwa ilizwi elikhulu livelela ethempelini
lisithi ezingilosini eziyisikhombisa,
“Hambani, lithululele emhlabeni imiganu
eyisikhombisa yolaka lukaNkulunkulu.”
2 Ingilosi yakuqala yahamba yathululela
umganu wayo emhlabeni kwasekuphihlika
izilonda ezenyanyekayo njalo ezibuhlungu
ebantwini ababelophawu lwesilo njalo bekhonza
umfanekiso waso. 3 Ingilosi yesibili yathululela
umganu wayo olwandle lwaphenduka lwaba
ligazi elinjengelomuntu ofileyo, kwathi
yonke into ephilayo esolwandle yafa. 4
Ingilosi yesithathu yathululela umganu wayo
emifuleni lasemithonjeni yamanzi yaba ligazi.
5 Ngasengisizwa ingilosi eyayingumphathi
wamanzi isithi: “Ulungile ngalezizahlulelo,
wena oNgcwele wena okhona lowayekhona,
6 ngoba bachitha igazi labangcwele bakho
lelabaphrofethi, ngakho ubanike igazi ukuba
balinathe njengokubafaneleyo.” 7 Ngezwa
i-alithari liphendula lisithi: “Yebo, Nkosi
Nkulunkulu Somandla, ziqotho njalo zilungile
lezi zahlulelo zakho.” 8 Ingilosi yesine
yathululela umganu wayo elangeni, ilanga
laseliphiwa amandla okutshisa abantu
ngomlilo. 9 Bosiwa yikutshisa okukhulu
kwelanga njalo balithuka ibizo likaNkulunkulu,
owayelamandla phezu kwezifo lezi, kodwa
bala ukuba baphenduke bamdumise. 10

Ingilosi yesihlanu yathululela umganu wayo
phezu kwesihlalo sobukhosi sesilo, umbuso
waso wembeswa yibumnyama. Abantu
baxhanxatha inlimi zabo ngobuhlungu, 11
bamthuka uNkulunkulu wasezulwini ngenxa
yobuhlungu bezilonda zabo, kodwa bala
ukuphenduka kulokho ababekwenzile. 12
Ingilosi yesithupha yathululela umganu wayo
emfuleni omkhulu uYufrathe, amanzi awo
asesitsha ukuba kulungiswe indlela yamakhosi
avela empumalanga. 13 Ngabuya ngabona
imimoya emibi emithathu eyayifana lamaxoxo
eyaphuma emlonyeni womgobho lasemlonyeni
wesilo kanye lasemlonyeni womphrofethi
wamanga. 14 Yimimoya yamadimoni eyenza
izibonakaliso ezimangalisayo njalo iyahamba
iye emakhosini omhlaba wonke iwaqoqela impi
ngosuku olukhulu lukaNkulunkulu uSomandla.
15 "Khangelani, ngiza njengesela! Ubusisiwe
lowo ohlala elindile egcina izigqoko zakhe
zikuye ukuze angahambi nqunu abelihlazo." 16
Basebeqoqela amakhosi ndawonye endaweni
ethiwa yi-Amagedoni ngesiHebheru. 17
Ingilosi yesikhombisa yathululela umganu
wayo emoyeni kwasekuphuma ilizwi elikhulu
ethempelini livela esihlalweni sobukhosi, lisithi,
"Sokwenziwe!" 18 Kwasekusiba lokuphazima
kwemibane lemidumo lokukhwaza kwezulu
kanye lokuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba.
Akulakuzamazama komhlaba okunjengakho
okwake kwenzeka selokhu umuntu waba
semhlabeni, kwakukukhulu kakhulu lokho
kuzamazama komhlaba. 19 Idolobho elikhulu
lehlukana laba yizigaba ezintathu, amadolobho
ezizwe abhidlika. UNkulunkulu wakhumbula
iBhabhiloni eliKhulu walinika inkezo yewayini
egcwele ukuvutha kolaka lwakhe. 20 Izihlenge
zonke zabaleka kwathi izintaba zanyamalala.
21 Emkhathini kwehla amatshe amakhulukazi
esiqhotho, lilinye lingaba ngamakhilogramu
angamatshumi amathathu, awela phezu
kwabantu. Bamthuka uNkulunkulu ngenxa
yohlupho lwesiqhotho ngoba uhlupho lolo
lwalusesabeka.

17 Enye yezingilosi eziyisikhombisa
ezazilemiganu eyisikhombisa yeza kimi
yathi, "Woza ngikutshengise ukujeziswa
kwesiphingi esikhulu esihlezi phezu kwamanzi
amanengi. 2 Amakhosi omhlaba afeba laso
njalo abahlezi emhlabeni badakwa yiwayini
yobufebe baso." 3 Ingilosi yasingithatha
ngiseMoyeni yangisa enkangala. Khonapho
ngabona owesifazane ehlezi phezu kwesilo
esibomvu gebhu sigcwele amabizo ahlambazayo
njalo yayilamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo
ezilitshumi. 4 Owesifazane lowo wayegqoke
okuyibubende lokubomvu gebhu njalo
wayekhazimula ngegolide langamatshe
aligugu kanye langobuhlalu. Esandleni
sakhe wayephethe inkezo igcwele izinto
ezenyanyekayo kanye lamanyala obufebe
bakhe. 5 Umbhalo owawulotshwe ebunzini
lakhe wawusesabeka: iBhabhiloni eliKhulu
uNina weziPhingi kanye lamaNyala wonke
oMhlaba. 6 Ngabona ukuthi owesifazane lowo
wayedakwe ligazi labangcwele, igazi lalabo
abalobufakazi bukaJesu. Ekumboneni kwami
ngamangala kakhulu. 7 Ingilosi yasisithi
kimi, "Kungani umangala? Ngizakuchazela
imfihlakalo yowesifazane lesilo asigadileyo
esilamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo
ezilitshumi. 8 Isilo osibonileyo sake saba
khona, kodwa khathesi kasisekho njalo
sizaphuma eMgodini ongelamkhawulo siye
ekubhujisweni kwaso. Abahlezi emhlabeni
abalamabizo abo angalotshwanga encwadini
yokuphila kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba
bazamangala lapho besibona lesosilo ngoba
sake saba khona, kodwa khathesi kasisekho,
kodwa sizabuya sivele. **(Abyssos g12)** 9 Lokhu
kufuna ingqondo elokuhlakanipha. Amakhanda
ayisikhombisa ngamaqaqa ayisikhombisa
owesifazane ahlezi phezu kwawo. 10 Njalo
angamakhosi ayisikhombisa. Amahlanu kudala
awa, eyodwa ikhona, enye kayikaveli, kodwa
nxa isisiza kumele ihlale isikhatshana. 11 Isilo
esake saba khona njalo khathesi esingasekho
yinkosi yesificaminwembili. Ngenye yalawo
ayisikhombisa njalo isisiya ekubhujisweni
kwayo. 12 Impondo ezilitshumi ozibonileyo
ngamakhosi alitshumi angakatholi mbuso,
kodwa azathola amandla obukhosi okwehola
elilodwa kanye lesilo. 13 Alenjongo yinye njalo

azakupha isilo amandla awo kanye lelungelo.
14 Azakulwa impi leWundlu, kodwa iWundlu
lizawanqoba ngoba liyiNkosi yamakhosi
loMbusi wababusi, njalo lizabe lilababiziweyo
balo abangabalandeli abakhethiweyo
labathembekileyo." 15 Ingilosi yabuya yathi
kimi, "Amanzi owabonileyo lapho isiphingi
esihlezi khona ngabantu bemihlobo yonke,
amaxuku lezizwe kanye lezindimi. 16 Isilo
lempondo ezilitshumi ozibonileyo kuzasizonda
isiphingi. Zizasichitha zisitshiye size; zizakudla
inyama yomzimba waso zisitshise ngomlilo.
17 Ngoba uNkulunkulu ubeke ezinhliziyweni
zazo ukuba afeze injongo yakhe ngokuvuma
ukunika isilo amandla azo okubusa amazwi
kaNkulunkulu aze agcwaliseke. 18 Owesifazane
ombonileyo lidolobho elikhulu elibusa amakhosi
omhlaba."

18 Emva kwalokhu ngabona enye ingilosi
isehla ivela ezulwini. Yayilamandla
amakhulu njalo umhlaba wakhanyiswa
yikukhazimula kwayo. 2 Yamemeza ngelizwi
elikhulu yathi: "'Liwile! Liwile iBhabhiloni
eliKhulu!' Selibe likhaya lamadimoni lomango
wabomoya ababi, lomango wezinyoni zonke
ezingcolileyo lezenyanyekayo. 3 Ngoba
izizwe zonke zinathe iwayini elihlanyisayo
lobufebe balo. Amakhosi omhlaba afeba
lalo, labathengisi basemhlabeni banothiswa
yinotho yalo edlulisileyo." 4 Ngabuya ngezwa
elinye ilizwi livela ezulwini lisithi: "'Bantu
bami, phumani kulo,' ukuze lingahlanganyeli
ezonweni zalo ukuze lingehlelwa yizifo
zalo; 5 ngoba izono zalo ziyinqwaba efika
ezulwini, njalo uNkulunkulu usekhumbule
amacala alo. 6 Lipheni njengokupha
kwalo; buyiselani ngokuphindiweyo kulokho
elikwenzileyo. Thelani kabili isilinganiso
enkezweni yalo. 7 Lizwiseni uchuku olukhulu
losizi okulingana inkazimulo lenotho elizipha
khona." Enhliziyweni yalo liyazincoma lisithi,
ngihlezi njengendlovukazi; kangisumfelokazi,
njalo kangisoze ngilile. 8 Ngakho-ke, ngosuku
olulodwa izifo zalo zizalifica: ukufa lokukhala
kanye lendlala. Lizahangulwa ngumlilo ngoba
ilamandla iNkosi uNkulunkulu olahlulelayo.
9 Lapho amakhosi asemhlabeni afeba lalo
njalo abelana lalo inotho yalo ebona intuthu
yokutsha kwalo azalikhalela alililele. 10 Azesaba
ngenxa yokuhlukuluzwa kwalo eme khatshana
akhale esithi: Maye! Maye, Oh dolobho
elikhulu, Oh Bhabhiloni, dolobho lamandla!
Ngehola linye nje incithakalo yakho ifikile!
11 Abathengisi basemhlabeni bazalikhalela
balililele ngoba kungasekho othenga impahla
yabo, 12 imithwalo yegolide leyesiliva
leyamatshe aligugu leyobuhlalu; eyelineni
elihle leliyibubende, ilembu lesilika lelembu
elibomvu gebhu; inhlobo zonke zezigodo
zesithironi lezinhlobo zonke zezinto ezenziwe
ngempondo zendlovu lezigodo ezidulayo
lethusi lensimbi kanye lelitshe elimhlophe; 13
imithwalo yesinamoni leyeziyoliso, eyempepha
leyemure kanye leyamakha, eyewayini
lamafutha e-oliva, eyefulawa ecolekileyo kanye
lengqoloyi; inkomo lezimvu; amabhiza lezinqola
lezigqili kanye lemiphefumulo yabantu. 14
Bazakuthi, "Izithelo owawuzilangathela zisukile
kuwe. Yonke inotho yakho lenkazimulo
sekunyamalele, kakuyikutholakala futhi." 15
Abathengisi ababethengisa lezizinto bezuza
inotho yabo kuyo bazakuma khatshana,
besesaba ngokuhlukuluzwa kwalo. Bazalila
babubule 16 njalo bakhale kakhulu besithi:
"Maye! Maye, Oh dolobho elikhulu, eligqoke
ilineni elihle, okuyibubende lokubomvu,
elikhazimulayo ngegolide langamatshe aligugu
kanye lobuhlalu! 17 Ngehola linye nje inotho
enengi kangaka isichithiwe!" Izinduna zonke
zemikhumbi labo bonke abahamba ngayo
labatshayeli labo bonke abazuza ukuphila kwabo
olwandle bazakuma khatshana. 18 Lapho bebona
izikhatha zokutsha kwalo bazachaza bathi,
"Kambe kwake kwaba ledolobho elinjengaleli
idolobho elikhulu na?" 19 Bazathela uthuli
emakhanda abo balile babubule bekhala
besithi: "Maye! Maye, Oh dolobho elikhulu,
lapho bonke ababelemikhumbi olwandle
abanothiswa khona yinotho yalo! Ngehola
linye nje selichithiwe! 20 Thokoza ngalo,
Oh Zulu! Thokozani bangcwele labapostoli
kanye labaphrofethi! UNkulunkulu uselahlulele
ngendlela elaliphatha ngayo." 21 Ingilosi

elamandla yasidobha ilitshe elingangembokodo
enkulu yaliphosela olwandle, yathi: “Idolobho
elikhulu laseBhabhiloni lizaphoselwa phansi,
ngodlakela olunje, lingaphindi libonakale futhi.
22 Umculo wabatshayi bamachacho labahlabeleli
labatshayi bemihlanga lamacilongo, kawusoze
uzwakale kuwe futhi. Akukho sisebenzi
lesawuphi umsebenzi esizatholakala kuwe
futhi. Umsindo wembokodo kawusoze uzwakale
kuwe futhi. 23 Ukukhanya kwesibane
akusoze kukhanye kuwe futhi. Ilizwi lomyeni
lelomlobokazi kalisoze lizwakale kuwe futhi.
Abathengisi bakho babeyizikhulu zomhlaba.
Izizwe zonke zadukiswa yibuthakathi bakho.
24 Kuwe kwafunyanwa igazi labaphrofethi
lelabangcwele, kanye lelabo bonke ababulawayo
emhlabeni.”

19 Emva kwalokhu ngezwa umsindo
onjengokuhlokoma kwexuku elikhulu
ezulwini limemeza lisithi: “Haleluya! Ukusindisa
lodumo lamandla ngokukaNkulunkulu wethu
2 ngoba ukwahlulela kwakhe kuqotho njalo
kulungile. Usilahlile isiphingi esikhulu
esaxhwalisa umhlaba ngobufebe baso.
Uphindisele kuso igazi lezinceku zakhe.” 3
Bamemeza njalo bathi: “Haleluya! Intuthu
yokutsha kwaso ithunqa kuze kube nininini.”
(aiōn g165) 4 Abadala abangamatshumi amabili
lane lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo bawela phansi
bakhonza uNkulunkulu owayehlezi esihlalweni
sobukhosi. Bamemeza njalo bathi: “Ameni,
Haleluya!” 5 Kwasekuzwakala ilizwi elavela
esihlalweni sobukhosi, lisithi: “Dumisani
uNkulunkulu wethu, lonke lina zinceku zakhe,
lina elimesabayo, abancane labakhulu!” 6
Ngabuya ngezwa okwakungathi lixuku elikhulu,
kunjengokuhlokoma kwamanzi agelezayo
lanjengokukhwaza kwezulu besithi: “Haleluya!
Ngoba iNkosi yethu uNkulunkulu uSomandla
uyabusa. 7 Kasithokozeni sijabule simuphe
udumo. Ngoba umthimba weWundlu usufikile,
lomlobokazi walo usezilungisele. 8 Ilineni
elihle elicazimulayo elihlanzekileyo uliphiwe
ukuba agqoke.” (Ilineni elihle limele imisebenzi
emihle yabangcwele.) 9 Ingilosi yasisithi kimi,
“Loba ukuthi: Babusisiwe labo abanxusiweyo
edilini lomtshado weWundlu!” Yengeza
yathi, “La ngamazwi aqotho kaNkulunkulu.”
10 Ngawela ezinyaweni zayo ngayikhonza.
Kodwa yathi kimi, “Ungakwenzi lokhu! Mina
ngiyinceku kanye lawe kanye labazalwane
bakho abalobufakazi bukaJesu. Khonza
uNkulunkulu! Ngoba ubufakazi bukaJesu
bungumoya wesiphrofethi.” 11 Ngabona izulu
livulekile njalo khonapho phambi kwami
kwakulebhiza elimhlophe, umgadi walo
ethiwa nguThembekile loQiniso. Wahlulela
ngokulunga alwe impi. 12 Amehlo akhe
anjengomlilo ovuthayo njalo ekhanda lakhe
kulemiqhele eminengi. Ulebizo elilotshwe
kuye elingaziwa muntu ngaphandle kwakhe
yena ngokwakhe. 13 Ugqoke isembatho
esigxanyuzwe egazini njalo ibizo lakhe nguLizwi
likaNkulunkulu. 14 Amabutho asezulwini
ayemlandela egade amabhiza amhlophe
njalo egqoke ilineni elihle elimhlophe njalo
lihlanzekile. 15 Emlonyeni wakhe kuphuma
inkemba ebukhali agalela ngayo izizwe.
“Uzazibusa ngentonga yensimbi.” Unyathela
isikhamelo sewayini sentukuthelo yolaka
lukaNkulunkulu uSomandla. 16 Esambathweni
sakhe lasemlenzeni wakhe kulotshwe ibizo leli
elithi: INkosi yamakhosi loMbusi wababusi.
17 Ngasengibona ingilosi imi elangeni
eyamemezela ngelizwi elikhulu ezinyonini
zonke ezazindiza emoyeni isithi, “Wozani
libuthanele idili elikhulu likaNkulunkulu 18
ukuze lidle inyama yemizimba yamakhosi,
eyezinduna zempi, eyamadoda alamandla,
eyamabhiza labagadi bawo kanye leyabantu
bonke abakhululekileyo lezigqili, abancane
labakhulu.” 19 Ngabuya ngabona isilo
lamakhosi asemhlabeni lamabutho awo
ebuthanele ukulwa impi lomgadi webhiza
kanye lebutho lakhe. 20 Kodwa isilo
sathunjwa ndawonye lomphrofethi wamanga
owayenze izibonakaliso ezimangalisayo
emele sona. Ngalezi zibonakaliso wabedukisa
labo ababebekwe uphawu lwesilo bakhonza
umfanekiso waso. Sona lomphrofethi wamanga
baphoselwa bephila echibini lomlilo wesolufa
ovuthayo. (Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442) 21 Abanye babo
babulawa ngenkemba eyaphuma emlonyeni

womgadi webhiza njalo izinyoni zonke zazitika
ngenyama yemizimba yabo.

20 Ngasengibona ingilosi isehlela phansi
isuka ezulwini ilesihluthulelo soMgodi
ongelamkhawulo iphethe ngesandla sayo
iketane enkulu. **(Abyssos g12)** **2** Yabamba umgobho,
inyoka leyana endala, engoMubi loba uSathane,
yambopha okweminyaka eyinkulungwane.
3 Yamphosela eMgodini ongelamkhawulo,
yawuhluthulela, yawuvala silikici, ukumvimbela
ukuba angakhohlisi izizwe futhi kuze kuphele
iminyaka eyinkulungwane. Emva kwalokho
kumele akhululwe okwesikhatshana. **(Abyssos g12)**
4 Ngabona izihlalo zobukhosi okwakuhlezi kuzo
labo ababephiwe amandla okwahlulela. Ngabona
imiphefumulo yalabo ababequnywe amakhanda
ngenxa yobufakazi bukaJesu langenxa yelizwi
likaNkulunkulu. Babengasikhonzanga isilo
loba umfanekiso waso njalo bengabekwanga
uphawu lwaso emabunzini abo loba ezandleni
zabo. Bavuka baphila njalo babusa loKhristu
iminyaka eyinkulungwane. **5** (Inengi
labafileyo kalivukanga kwaze kwaphela
iminyaka eyinkulungwane.) Lokhu yikuvuka
ekufeni kwakuqala. **6** Babusisiwe njalo
bangcwele labo abahlanganyela ekuvukeni
kwakuqala. Ukufa kwesibili akulamandla
phezu kwabo, kodwa bazakuba ngabaphristi
bakaNkulunkulu labakaKhristu njalo bazabusa
laye okweminyaka eyinkulungwane. **7**
Iminyaka eyinkulungwane isidlule uSathane
uzakhululwa entolongweni yakhe **8** aphume
ukuyakhohlisa izizwe emagumbini womane
omhlaba, uGogi loMagogi, ukuba abaqoqele
empini. Ngobunengi bangangenhlabathi
okhunjini lolwandle. **9** Badabula phakathi
komhlaba bahonqolozela izihonqo zabantu
bakaNkulunkulu, idolobho alithandayo. Kodwa
kwehla umlilo uvela ezulwini wabaqothula. **10**
Omubi owayebakhohlisile waphoselwa echibini
lesolufa elivuthayo, lapho okwakuphoselwe
khona isilo lomphrofethi wamanga. Bazakutsha
emini lebusuku kuze kube nininini. **(aiōn
g165, Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442)** **11** Ngabuya ngabona
isihlalo sobukhosi esikhulu kanye lalowo
owayehlezi kuso. Umhlaba lomkhathi kwabaleka
phambi kwakhe, akwaze kwaba lendawo
yakho. **12** Ngasengibona abafileyo, abancane
labakhulu, bemi phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi,
kwasekuvulwa izincwadi. Kwavulwa enye
incwadi, eyincwadi yokuphila. Abafileyo
bahlulelwa mayelana lalokho ababekwenzile
okwakulotshwe ezincwadini. **13** Ulwandle
lwakhupha abafileyo ababekulo, ukufa
leHadesi kwakhupha abafileyo ababekukho,
umuntu ngamunye wahlulelwa mayelana
lalokho akwenzayo. **(Hadēs g86)** **14** Ukufa
leHadesi kwaphoselwa echibini lomlilo. Ichibi
lomlilo liyikufa kwesibili. **(Hadēs g86, Limnē
Pyr g3041 g4442)** **15** Nxa umuntu ibizo lakhe
lalitholakala lingalotshwanga encwadini
yokuphila wayephoselwa echibini lomlilo. **(Limnē
Pyr g3041 g4442)**

21 Ngabuya ngabona "izulu elitsha lomhlaba
omutsha," ngoba izulu lakuqala lomhlaba
wakuqala kwasekudlule njalo ulwandle
lwalungasekho. **2** Ngabona iDolobho
eliNgcwele, iJerusalema elitsha, lisehlela phansi
liphuma ezulwini kuNkulunkulu lilungiswe
njengomlobokazi ececele umkakhe. **3** Ngezwa
ilizwi elikhulu livela esihlalweni sobukhosi
lisithi, "Khathesi ikhaya likaNkulunkulu
selisebantwini, uzahlala labo. Bazakuba
ngabantu bakhe njalo uNkulunkulu yena uqobo
uzakuba labo abe nguNkulunkulu wabo. **4**
Uzazesula zonke inyembezi emehlweni abo.
Akusayikuba khona futhi ukufa loba ukulila
loba ukukhala loba ubuhlungu ngoba umumo
omdala wezinto usudlule." **5** Lowo owayehlezi
esihlalweni sobukhosi wathi, "Ngenza izinto
zonke zibe zintsha!" Wabuya wathi, "Kulobe
lokhu ngoba amazwi la aqotho njalo aliqiniso."
6 Wasesithi kimi, "Sekwenzakele. Ngingu-Alfa
lo-Omega, isiQalo lesiPhetho. Lowo owomileyo
ngizamnathisa emthonjeni wamanzi okuphila
kungekho mbadalo. **7** Lowo onqobayo uzakudla
ilifa lakho konke lokhu njalo ngizakuba
nguNkulunkulu wakhe yena abe yindodana
yami. **8** Kodwa amagwala, abangakholwayo,
abaxhwalileyo, ababulali, iziphingi, abathakathi,
abakhonza izithombe labo bonke abaqamba
amanga; indawo yabo izakuba sechibini

lomlilo wesolufa ovuthayo. Lokhu yikufa kwesibili.” (Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442) 9 Enye yezingilosi eziyisikhombisa eyayilemiganu eyisikhombisa eyayigcwele izifo zokucina eziyisikhombisa yeza yathi kimi, “Woza, ngizakutshengisa umlobokazi, umkaWundlu.” 10 Yangithwala ngiseMoyeni yangisa entabeni enkulu ende yangitshengisa iDolobho eliNgcwele, iJerusalema lisehla liphuma ezulwini kuNkulunkulu. 11 Lakhanyisa ngenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu, ukucwebezela kwalo kwakufana lokwelitshe eliligugu, njengejaspa, licwebezela njengelitshe elikhanyisayo. 12 Lalilomduli omkhulu, ophakemeyo lamasango alitshumi lambili kanye lezingilosi ezilitshumi lambili emasangweni. Emasangweni kwakulotshwe amabizo ezizwana ezilitshumi lambili zako-Israyeli. 13 Kwakulamasango amathathu ngasempumalanga, lamathathu ngasenyakatho, lamathathu ngaseningizimu, kanye lamathathu ngasentshonalanga. 14 Umduli wedolobho wawulezisekelo ezilitshumi lambili njalo phezu kwazo kwakulamabizo abapostoli beWundlu abalitshumi lambili. 15 Ingilosi eyakhuluma lami yayilomqwayi wegolide owokulinganisa idolobho, amasango alo lomduli walo. 16 Idolobho lalakhiwe lalingana inxa zonke, lilide okungangobubanzi balo. Yalilinganisa idolobho ngomqwayi yathola lingaba ngamakhilomitha azinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amabili ubude njalo libanzi liphakeme okulingana lobude balo. 17 Yalinganisa umduli walo isebenzisa isilinganiso sabantu, wawuzingalo ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane ubuqatha bawo. 18 Umduli wawakhiwe ngejaspa, idolobho lakhiwe ngegolide elicengeke njengengilazi. 19 Izisekelo zemiduli yedolobho zaziceciswe ngezinhlobo zonke zamatshe aligugu. Isisekelo sakuqala sasiyijaspa, esesibili kuyisafire, esesithathu kuyikhalisedoni, esesine kuyi-emaralidi, 20 esesihlanu kuyisadonikisi, esesithupha kuyikhaneliyani, esesikhombisa kuyikhrisolithe, esesificaminwembili kuyibherili, esesificamunwemuye kuyithophazi, esetshumi kuyikhrisophirase, esetshumi lanye kuyijasinti, esetshumi lambili kuyi-amethisithi. 21 Amasango alitshumi lambili ayengamatshe obuhlalu alitshumi lambili, isango ngalinye lenziwe ngelitshe elilodwa lobuhlalu. Umgwaqo omkhulu wedolobho wawuligolide elicengekileyo njengengilazi elibonisa okungale kwalo. 22 Kangibonanga thempeli edolobheni ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu uSomandla leWundlu balithempeli lalo. 23 Idolobho kalisweli langa loba inyanga yokukhanyisa kulo ngoba inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ilinika ukukhanya leWundlu liyisibane salo. 24 Izizwe zizahamba ekukhanyeni kwalo lamakhosi omhlaba azaletha ubukhazikhazi bawo kulo. 25 Akulasuku lapho amasango alo azake avalwe ngalo ngoba akuyikuba lobusuku khona. 26 Inkazimulo lodumo lwezizwe kuzalethwa kulo. 27 Akulalutho olungcolileyo oluzake lungene kulo, loba ngubani owenza amanyala kumbe inkohliso, kodwa labo kuphela abalamabizo abo alotshwe encwadini yokuphila yeWundlu.

22 Ingilosi yasingitshengisa umfula wamanzi okuphila acengekileyo kakhulu egeleza evela esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu leseWundlu 2 esehla ephakathi komgwaqo omkhulu wedolobho. Eceleni ngalinye lomfula kwakulesihlahla sokuphila sithela izithelo ezilitshumi lambili, sithela izithelo zaso nyanga zonke. Amahlamvu esihlahla leso ngawokwelapha izizwe. 3 Akusoze kube lesiqalekiso futhi. Isihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu leseWundlu zizakuba sedolobheni njalo izinceku zakhe zizamkhonza. 4 Zizabubona ubuso bakhe lebizo lakhe lizakuba semabunzini azo. 5 Akusayikuba lobusuku futhi. Kaziyikukuswela ukukhanya kwesibane loba okwelanga ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu izazikhanyisela. Njalo zizabusa kuze kube nininini. (aiōn g165) 6 Ingilosi yasisithi kimi, “Amazwi la aqotho njalo aliqiniso. INkosi, uNkulunkulu wemimoya yabaphrofethi wathuma ingilosi yakhe ukuba itshengise izinceku zakhe izinto okumele zenzakale masinyane.” 7 “Khangelani, ngiyeza masinyane! Ubusisiwe lowo ogcina amazwi esiphrofethi asencwadini le.” 8 Mina Johane, yimi engazibonayo njalo ngazizwa izinto lezi. Kwathi lapho sengizwile njalo ngazibona, ngawela

phansi ukuba ngikhonze ezinyaweni zengilosi
eyayingitshengisa zona. 9 Kodwa yathi kimi,
“Ungakwenzi lokhu! Mina ngiyinceku njengawe
kanye labazalwane bakho abaphrofethi
labo bonke abagcina amazwi encwadi le.
Khonza uNkulunkulu!” 10 Yabuya yathi kimi,
“Ungawagciki amazwi esiphrofethi sencwadi
le, ngoba isikhathi sesiseduze. 11 Owenza
okubi kaqhubeke esenza okubi; oxhwalileyo
kaqhubeke ngokuxhwala; olungileyo kaqhubeke
esenza okulungileyo; njalo ongcwele kaqhubeke
engcwele.” 12 “Khangelani, ngiyeza masinyane!
Ngilomvuzo wami, njalo ngizakupha umuntu
munye ngamunye ngalokho akwenzayo. 13
Ngingu-Alfa lo-Omega, ngiyiKuqala loKucina,
isiQalo lesiPhetho. 14 Babusisiwe labo
abagezisa izembatho zabo ukuze babe
lelungelo esihlahleni sokuphila njalo bangene
ngesango edolobheni. 15 Ngaphandle kulezinja,
labo abenza imisebenzi yobuthakathi,
izifebe ezixhwalileyo, lababulali, labakhonza
izithombe labo bonke abathanda inkohliso
njalo beyenza. 16 Mina Jesu, ngithume
ingilosi yami ukuba ilinike ubufakazi lobu
emabandleni. NgiyiMpande leNzalo kaDavida,
kanye leNdonsakusa ekhanyayo.” 17 UMoya
lomlobokazi bathi, “Woza!” Ozwayo katsho
athi, “Woza!” Loba ngubani owomileyo,
keze; njalo loba ngubani ofisayo, kathathe
isipho esingahlawulelwayo samanzi okuphila.
18 Ngiyabaxwayisa bonke abezwa amazwi
esiphrofethi sencwadi le: Nxa umuntu
ezakwengeza olunye ulutho kuwo, uNkulunkulu
uzazengeza kuye izifo ezibaliswe kule
incwadi. 19 Njalo nxa umuntu esusa amazwi
kule incwadi yesiphrofethi, uNkulunkulu
uzamthathela isabelo sakhe esihlahleni
sokuphila laseDolobheni eliNgcwele, okubaliswe
kule incwadi. 20 Yena lowo ofakaza izinto lezi
uthi, “Yebo, ngiyeza masinyane.” Ameni. Woza,
Nkosi Jesu. 21 Umusa weNkosi uJesu kawube
sebantwini bakaNkulunkulu. Ameni.

Ngabona iDolobho eliNgcwele, iJerusalema elitsha, lisehlela phansi liphuma ezulwini kuNkulunkulu lilungiswe njengomlobokazi ececele umkakhe. Ngezwa ilizwi elikhulu livela esihlalweni sobukhosi lisithi, "Khathesi ikhaya likaNkulunkulu selisebantwini, uzahlala labo. Bazakuba ngabantu bakhe njalo uNkulunkulu yena uqobo uzakuba labo abe nguNkulunkulu wabo.

Isambulo 21:2-3

Isiqondiso sabafundayo

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Who has the authority to interpret the Bible and examine the underlying Hebrew and Greek words? That is a good question! We read in 1 John 2:27, *"As for you, the anointing which you received from him remains in you, and you do not need for anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you, you remain in him."* Every Christian is qualified to interpret the Bible! Now that does not mean we will all agree. Each of us is still growing in our understanding of the truth. However, it does mean that there is no infallible human or tradition to answer all our questions. Instead the Holy Spirit helps each of us to know the truth and grow closer to God and each other.

The Bible is a library with 66 books in the Protestant Canon. The best way to learn God's word is to read entire books. Read the book of Genesis. Read the book of John. Read the entire Bible library. Topical studies and cross-referencing can be good. However, the safest way to understand context and meaning is to read whole Bible books. Chapter and verse numbers were added for convenience in the 16th century, but unfortunately they can cause the Bible to seem like an encyclopedia. The Aionian Bible is formatted with simple verse numbering, minimal notes, and no cross-referencing in order to encourage the reading of Bible books.

Bible reading must also begin with prayer. Any Christian is qualified to interpret the Bible with God's help. However, this freedom is also a responsibility because without the Holy Spirit we cannot interpret accurately. We read in 1 Corinthians 2:13-14, *"And we speak of these things, not with words taught by human wisdom, but with those taught by the Spirit, comparing spiritual things with spiritual things. Now the natural person does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned."* So we cannot understand in our natural self, but we can with God's help through prayer.

The Holy Spirit is the best writer and he uses literary devices such as introductions, conclusions, paragraphs, and metaphors. He also writes various genres including historical narrative, prose, and poetry. So Bible study must spiritually discern and understand literature. Pray, read, observe, interpret, and apply. Finally, *"Do your best to present yourself approved by God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, properly handling the word of truth."* 2 Timothy 2:15. *"God has granted to us his precious and exceedingly great promises; that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence; and in moral excellence, knowledge; and in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control patience; and in patience godliness; and in godliness brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection, love. For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful to the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ,"* 2 Peter 1:4-8.

Uhlelo lwamagama

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The Aionian Bible un-translates and instead transliterates eleven special words to help us better understand the extent of God's love for individuals and all mankind, and the nature of afterlife destinies. The original translation is unaltered and a note is added to 64 Old Testament and 200 New Testament verses. Compare the meanings below to the Strong's Concordance and Glossary definitions.

Abyssos g12
Greek: proper noun, place
Usage: 9 times in 3 books, 6 chapters, and 9 verses
Meaning:
Temporary prison for special fallen angels such as Apollyon, the Beast, and Satan.

aïdios g126
Greek: adjective
Usage: 2 times in Romans 1:20 and Jude 6
Meaning:
Lasting, enduring forever, eternal.

aiōn g165
Greek: noun
Usage: 127 times in 22 books, 75 chapters, and 102 verses
Meaning:
A lifetime or time period with a beginning and end, an era, an age, the completion of which is beyond human perception, but known only to God the creator of the aiōns, Hebrews 1:2. Never meaning simple endless or infinite chronological time in Greek usage. Read Dr. Heleen Keizer and Ramelli and Konstan for proofs.

aiōnios g166
Greek: adjective
Usage: 71 times in 19 books, 44 chapters, and 69 verses
Meaning:
From start to finish, pertaining to the age, lifetime, entirety, complete, or even consummate. Never meaning simple endless or infinite chronological time in Koine Greek usage. Read Dr. Heleen Keizer and Ramelli and Konstan for proofs.

eleēsē g1653
Greek: verb, aorist tense, active voice, subjunctive mood, 3rd person singular
Usage: 1 time in this conjugation, Romans 11:32
Meaning:
To have pity on, to show mercy. Typically, the subjunctive mood indicates possiblity, not certainty. However, a subjunctive in a purpose clause is a resulting action as certain as the causal action. The subjunctive in a purpose clause functions as an indicative, not an optative. Thus, the grand conclusion of grace theology in Romans 11:32 must be clarified. God's mercy on all is not a possibility, but a certainty. See ntgreek.org.

Geenna g1067
Greek: proper noun, place
Usage: 12 times in 4 books, 7 chapters, and 12 verses
Meaning:
Valley of Hinnom, Jerusalem's trash dump, a place of ruin, destruction, and judgment in this life, or the next, though not eternal to Jesus' audience.

Hadēs g86
Greek: proper noun, place
Usage: 11 times in 5 books, 9 chapters, and 11 verses
Meaning:
Synonomous with Sheol, though in New Testament usage Hades is the temporal place of punishment for deceased unbelieving mankind, distinct from Paradise for deceased believers.

Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442
Greek: proper noun, place
Usage: Phrase 5 times in the New Testament
Meaning:
Lake of Fire, final punishment for those not named in the Book of Life, prepared for the Devil and his angels, Matthew 25:41.

Sheol h7585
Hebrew: proper noun, place
Usage: 66 times in 17 books, 50 chapters, and 64 verses
Meaning:
The grave or temporal afterlife world of both the righteous and unrighteous, believing and unbelieving, until the general resurrection.

Tartaroō g5020
Greek: proper noun, place
Usage: 1 time in 2 Peter 2:4
Meaning:
Temporary prison for particular fallen angels awaiting final judgment.

Uhlelo lwamagama +

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Glossary references are below. Strong's Hebrew and Greek number notes are added to 64 Old Testament and 200 New Testament verses. Questioned verse translations do not contain Aionian Glossary words and may wrongly imply *eternal* or *Hell*. * The note placement is skipped or adjusted for verses with non-standard numbering.

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Ngokukholwa u-Abhrahama esebizelwe ukuba aye endaweni ayezayamukela muva njengelifa lakhe, walalela wahamba, lanxa wayengakwazi lapho ayesiya khona. - KumaHebheru 11:8

UFaro esebavumele abantu ukuthi bahambe, uNkulunkulu kabakhokhelanga ngendlela edabula elizweni lamaFilistiya loba yona yayiquma. Ngoba uNkulunkulu wathi, "Nxa behlangana lempi mhlawumbe bangethuka babuyele eGibhithe." - U-Eksodusi 13:17

Ngoba leNdodana yoMuntu kayibuyelanga ukuzokhonzwa, kodwa ukuzokhonza lokunikela impilo yayo njengenhlawulo yabanengi. - UMakho 10:45

UPhawuli, inceku kaKhristu uJesu, owabizelwa ukuba ngumpostoli njalo wahlukaniselwa ivangeli likaNkulunkulu, - KwabaseRoma 1:1

Creation 4004 B.C.

Adam and Eve created	4004
Tubal-cain forges metal	3300
Enoch walks with God	3017
Methuselah dies at age 969	2349
God floods the Earth	2349
Tower of Babel thwarted	2247
Abraham sojourns to Canaan	1922
Jacob moves to Egypt	1706
Moses leads Exodus from Egypt	1491
Gideon judges Israel	1245
Ruth embraces the God of Israel	1168
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(The Annals of the World, James Uusher)

Jesus Christ born 4 B.C.

New Heavens and Earth

	Christ returns for his people
1956	Jim Elliot martyrd in Ecuador
1830	John Williams reaches Polynesia
1731	Zinzendorf leads Moravian mission
1614	Japanese kill 40,000 Christians
1572	Jesuits reach Mexico
1517	Martin Luther leads Reformation
1455	Gutenberg prints first Bible
1323	Franciscans reach Sumatra
1276	Ramon Llull trains missionaries
1100	Crusades tarnish the church
1054	The Great Schism
997	Adalbert marytyrd in Prussia
864	Bulgarian Prince Boris converts
716	Boniface reaches Germany
635	Alopen reaches China
569	Longinus reaches Alodia / Sudan
432	Saint Patrick reaches Ireland
397	Carthage ratifies Bible Canon
341	Ulfilas reaches Goth / Romania
325	Niceae proclaims God is Trinity
250	Denis reaches Paris, France
197	Tertullian writes Christian literature
70	Titus destroys the Jewish Temple
61	Paul imprisoned in Rome, Italy
52	Thomas reaches Malabar, India
39	Peter reaches Gentile Cornelius
33	Holy Spirit empowers the Church

(Wikipedia, Timeline of Christian missions)

Resurrected 33 A.D.

What are we?			Genesis 1:26 - 2:3	
How are we sinful?			Romans 5:12-19	
Where are we?			Innocence	
			Eternity Past	Creation 4004 B.C.
Who are we?	God	Father	John 10:30 God's perfect fellowship	Genesis 1:31 God's perfect fellowship with Adam in The Garden of Eden
		Son		
		Holy Spirit		
	Mankind	Living	Genesis 1:1 No Creation No people	
		Deceased believing		
		Deceased unbelieving		
	Angels	Holy		Genesis 1:31 No Fall No unholy Angels
		Imprisoned		
		Fugitive		
		First Beast		
		False Prophet		
		Satan		
Why are we?			Romans 11:25-36, Ephesian 2:7	

Mankind is created in God's image, male and female He created us

Sin entered the world through Adam and then death through sin

When are we?

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For God has bound all over to disobedience in order to show mercy to all

Isiphetho

Ndebele at AionianBible.org/Destiny

The Aionian Bible shows the location of eleven special Greek and Hebrew Aionian Glossary words to help us better understand God's love for individuals and for all mankind, and the nature of after-life destinies. The underlying Hebrew and Greek words typically translated as *Hell* show us that there are not just two after-life destinies, Heaven or Hell. Instead, there are a number of different locations, each with different purposes, different durations, and different inhabitants. Locations include 1) Old Testament *Sheol* and New Testament *Hadēs*, 2) *Geenna*, 3) *Tartaroō*, 4) *Abyssos*, 5) *Limnē Pyr*, 6) *Paradise*, 7) *The New Heaven*, and 8) *The New Earth*. So there is reason to review our conclusions about the destinies of redeemed mankind and fallen angels.

The key observation is that fallen angels will be present at the final judgment, 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6. Traditionally, we understand the separation of the Sheep and the Goats at the final judgment to divide believing from unbelieving mankind, Matthew 25:31-46 and Revelation 20:11-15. However, the presence of fallen angels alternatively suggests that Jesus is separating redeemed mankind from the fallen angels. We do know that Jesus is the helper of mankind and not the helper of the Devil, Hebrews 2. We also know that Jesus has atoned for the sins of all mankind, both believer and unbeliever alike, 1 John 2:1-2. Deceased believers are rewarded in Paradise, Luke 23:43, while unbelievers are punished in Hades as the story of Lazarus makes plain, Luke 16:19-31. Yet less commonly known, the punishment of this selfish man and all unbelievers is before the final judgment, is temporal, and is punctuated when Hades is evacuated, Revelation 20:13. So is there hope beyond Hades for unbelieving mankind? Jesus promised, *"the gates of Hades will not prevail,"* Matthew 16:18. Paul asks, *"Hades where is your victory?"* 1 Corinthians 15:55. John wrote, *"Hades gives up,"* Revelation 20:13.

Jesus comforts us saying, *"Do not be afraid,"* because he holds the keys to *unlock* death and Hades, Revelation 1:18. Yet too often our *Good News* sounds like a warning to *"be afraid"* because Jesus holds the keys to *lock* Hades! Wow, we have it backwards! Hades will be evacuated! And to guarrantee hope, once emptied, Hades is thrown into the Lake of Fire, never needed again, Revelation 20:14.

Finally, we read that anyone whose name is not written in the Book of Life is thrown into the Lake of Fire, the second death, with no exit ever mentioned or promised, Revelation 21:1-8. So are those evacuated from Hades then, *"out of the frying pan, into the fire?"* Certainly, the Lake of Fire is the destiny of the Goats. But, do not be afraid. Instead, read the Bible's explicit mention of the purpose of the Lake of Fire and the identity of the Goats, *"Then he will say also to those on the left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the consummate fire which is prepared for... the devil and his angels,'"* Matthew 25:41. Bad news for the Devil. Good news for all mankind!

Faith is not a pen to write your own name in the Book of Life. Instead, faith is the glasses to see that the love of Christ for all mankind has already written our names in Heaven. *"If the first fruit is holy, so is the lump,"* Romans 11:16. Though unbelievers will suffer regrettable punishment in Hades, redeemed mankind will never enter the Lake of Fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. And as God promised, all mankind will worship Christ together forever, Philippians 2:9-11.

Ngakho hambani lenze abafundi ezizweni zonke, libabhaphathize ebizweni likaBaba, leleNdodana lelikaMoya oNgcwele, - UMathewu 28:19