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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 *aiōdios*, 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 *aiōdios*, 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 wasesithi: Baba, bathethelele; ngoba kabakwazi abakwenzayo.
Njalo babelana izembatho zakhe, benza inkatho yokuphosa.
ULukha 23:34

UMathewu

1 Ugwalo lokuzalwa kukaJesu Kristu, iNdodana kaDavida, indodana kaAbrahama. **2** UAbrahama wazala uIsaka; uIsaka wasezala uJakobe; uJakobe wasezala uJuda labafowabo; **3** uJuda wasezala uFaresi loZara kuTamari; uFaresi wasezala uEsiromu; uEsiromu wasezala uAramu; **4** uAramu wasezala uAminadaba; uAminadaba wasezala uNashoni; uNashoni wasezala uSalimoni; **5** uSalimoni wasezala uBowosi kuRahabi; uBowosi wasezala uObedi kuRuthe; uObedi wasezala uJese; **6** uJese wasezala uDavida inkosi; uDavida inkosi wasezala uSolomoni kowayengumkaUriya; **7** uSolomoni wasezala uRehobhowamu; uRehobhowamu wasezala uAbhiya; uAbhiya wasezala uAsa; **8** uAsa wasezala uJehoshafathi; uJehoshafathi wasezala uJoramu; uJoramu wasezala uOziya; **9** uOziya wasezala uJothamu; uJothamu wasezala uAhazi; uAhazi wasezala uHezekhiya; **10** uHezekhiya wasezala uManase; uManase wasezala uAmoni; uAmoni wasezala uJosiya; **11** uJosiya wasezala uJekoniya labafowabo esikhathini sokuthunjelwa eBhabhiloni. **12** Kwathi emva kokuthunjelwa eBhabhiloni uJekoniya wazala uSalatiyeli; uSalatiyeli wasezala uZerubhabheli; **13** uZerubhabheli wasezala uAbiyudi; uAbiyudi wasezala uEliyakhami; uEliyakhami wasezala uAzori; **14** uAzori wasezala uZadoki; uZadoki wasezala uAkimi; uAkimi wasezala uEliyadi; **15** uEliyadi wasezala uEleyazare; uEleyazare wasezala uMathani; uMathani wasezala uJakobe; **16** uJakobe wasezala uJosefa indoda kaMariya, okwazalwa kuye uJesu othiwa nguKristu. **17** Ngakho izizukulwana zonke ezisukela kuAbrahama zisiya kuDavida ziyizizukulwana ezilitshumi lane; lezisukela kuDavida ziye ekuthunjelweni eBhabhiloni ziyizizukulwana ezilitshumi lane; lezisukela ekuthunjelweni eBhabhiloni ziye kuKristu ziyizizukulwana ezilitshumi lane. **18** Ngakho ukuzalwa kukaJesu Kristu kwaba nje. Ngoba unina uMariya esegane uJosefa, bengakahlangani wabonakala eselesisu ngoMoya oNgcwele. **19** Kodwa uJosefa indoda yakhe engolungileyo, njalo engathandi ukumthela ihlazo, wayefuna ukumala ensitha. **20** Kwathi esanakana lezizinto, khangela, ingilosi yeNkosi yabonakala kuye ephutsheni, esithi: Josefa, ndodana kaDavida, ungesabi ukumthatha uMariya umkakho;

ngoba lokho akukhulelweyo kungoMoya oNgcwele; **21** njalo uzazala indodana, ubize ibizo layo uthi nguJesu; ngoba yena uzasindisa abantu bakhe ezonweni zabo. **22** Konke lokhu-ke kwenzeka ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa yiNkosi ngomprofethi ukuthi: **23** Khangela, intombi izathatha isisu ibelethe indodana, njalo bazabiza ibizo layo ngokuthi nguEmanuweli, okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa, uNkulunkulu ulathi. **24** Kwathi uJosefa esephapheme ebuthongweni wenza njengalokho ingilosi yeNkosi imlayile, wasethatha umkakhe; **25** kodwa kazange amazi waze wabeletha indodana yakhe eyingqabutho; wasebiza ibizo layo wathi nguJesu.

2 Kwathi uJesu esezelwe eBethethehema yeJudiya, ensukwini zikaHerodi inkosi, khangela, kwafika izazi eJerusalema zivela empumalanga, **2** zisithi: Ungaphi ozelwe eyinkosi yamaJuda? Ngoba sibonile inkanyezi yakhe empumalanga, njalo sesize ukumkhonza. **3** Ngakho uHerodi inkosi esezwile wakhathazeka, leJerusalema yonke kanye laye. **4** Esebuthanisile bonke abapristi abakhulu lababhali babantu, wabuza kubo ukuthi uKristu uzazalelwa ngaphi. **5** Basebesithi kuye: EBethethehema yeJudiya; ngoba kulotshiwe ngokunjalo ngumprofethi ukuthi: **6** Lawe, Bethethehema, lizwe lakoJuda, kawusuye omncinyane lakanye phakathi kwababusi bakoJuda; ngoba kuzavela kuwe umbusi, ozakwelusa abantu bami ulsrayeli. **7** Khona uHerodi, esezibizile izazi ensitha, wabuzisisa kuzo isikhathi sokubonakala kwenkanyezi. **8** Wasezithuma eBethethehema wathi: Hambani libuzisise ngomntwana omncinyane; kuzakuthi nxa limtholile, libike kimi, ukuze lami ngiye ngimkhonze. **9** Kwathi sezizwile inkosi zasuka zahamba; njalo khangela, inkanyezi, ezayibona empumalanga, yahamba phambi kwazo, yaze yafika yema phezu kwalapho usane olwalukhona. **10** Zathi ukuyibona inkanyezi zathokoza ngentokozo enkulu kakhulu. **11** Zasezingena endlini, zabona usane kanye loMariya unina, zawela phansi zalukhonza, zavula impahla zazo eziligugu zalukhunga ngeziphu, igolide lempepha lemure. **12** Kwathi sezilaywe nguNkulunkulu ephutsheni ukuthi zingabuyeli kuHerodi, zasuka zabuyela elizweni lakizo ngenye indlela. **13** Kwathi sezisukile, khangela, ingilosi yeNkosi ibonakala kuJosefa ephutsheni, isithi: Vuka uthathe usane lonina, ubusubalekela eGibhithe, ube khona ngize

ngikutshele; ngoba uHerodi uzaludinga usane, ukuze alubulale. **14** Wavuka-ke wathatha usane lonina ebusuku wasuka waya eGibhithe, **15** wasehlala khona kwaze kwaba yikufa kukaHerodi; ukuze kugcwaliswe okwakhulunywa yiNkosi ngomprofethi isithi: Ngiyibizile indodana yami iphume eGibhithe. **16** Kwathi uHerodi, esebonile ukuthi uphicwe yizazi, wathukuthela kakhulu, wathuma wabulala abantwana bonke ababeseBhethlehemema lemingceleni yayo yonke, kusukela eminyakeni emibili langaphansi, njengesikhathi abebuzisise ngaso kuzazi. **17** Kwasekugcwaliseka okwakhulunywa nguJeremiya umprofethi, ukuthi: **18** Kwezwakala ilizwi eRama, ukukhala lokulila lokudabuka okukhulu, uRasheli elilela abantwana bakhe, njalo engavumi ukududuzwa, ngoba bengasekho. **19** Kodwa kwathi esefile uHerodi, khangela, ingilosi yeNkosi yabonakala ephutsheni kuJosefa eGibhithe, **20** isithi: Vuka uthathe umntwana omncinyane lonina, uye elizweni lakolsrayeli; ngoba sebefile ababedinga umphefumulo womntwana omncinyane. **21** Wavuka-ke wathatha umntwana omncinyane lonina wasefika elizweni lakolsrayeli. **22** Kodwa esezwile ukuthi uAkelawu usebusa eJudiya esikhundleni sikaHerodi uyise, wesaba ukuya khona; kodwa esexwayisiwe nguNkulunkulu ephutsheni, wasuka waya kungenye zeGalili, **23** wasefika wahlala emzini othiwa yiNazareth; ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngabaprofethi ukuthi: Uzabizwa ngokuthi ngumNazareth.

3 Ngalezonsuku kwafika uJohane uMbhabhathizi, etshumayela enkangala yeJudiya, **2** esithi: Phendukani; ngoba umbuso wamazulu ususondele. **3** Ngoba nguyeyi okwakhulunywa ngaye ngulsaya umprofethi, esithi: Ilizwi lomemezayo enkangala, lithi: Lungisani indlela yeNkosi; qondisani indledlana zayo. **4** Njalo uJohane lo wayelesembatho sakhe soboya bekamela, lozwezwe lwesikhumba ekhalweni lwakhe; lokudla kwakhe kwakuzintethe loluju lweganga. **5** Kwasekuphumela kuye iJerusema leJudiya yonke elizwe lonke elizingelezele iJordani; **6** basebebhathizwa nguyeyi eJordani bevuma izono zabo. **7** Kwathi ebona abanengi babaFarisi labaSadusi besiza ekubhabhathizeni kwakhe, wathi kubo: Nzalo yezinyoka, ngubani olibonise ukubalekela ulaka oluzayo? **8** Ngakho thelani izithelo ezifanele ukuphenduka; **9** njalo lingacabangi ukutsho phakathi

kwenulithi: SiloAbrahama ongubaba; ngoba ngithi kini: UNkulunkulu ulamandla okumvusela uAbrahama abantwana kula amatshe. **10** Lakhathesi ihloka selibekiwe empandeni yezihlahla; ngakho sonke isihlahla esingatheli isithelo esihle siyaganyulwa siphoselwe emililweni. **11** Mina ngilibhabhathiza ngamanzi kube sekuphendukeni; kodwa yena oza emva kwami ulamandla kulami, engingafanele ukuphatha amanyathela akhe; yena uzalibhabhathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele langomlilo; **12** okhomane lwakhe lokwela lusesandleni sakhe, njalo uzathanyelisa isibuya sakhe, abesebuthelela amabele akhe esiphaleni sakhe, kodwa amakhoba uzawatshisa ngomlilo ongacitshekiyo. **13** Khona uJesu evela eGalili wafika eJordani kuJohane, ukuze abhabhathizwe nguyeyi. **14** Kodwa uJohane wayemalela esithi: Mina ngiswela ukubhabhathizwa nguwe, kanti wena uza kimi? **15** Kodwa uJesu ephendula wathi kuye: Vuma khathesi; ngoba kusifanele ukuthi sigcwalise ngokunjalo ukulunga konke. Wasemvumela. **16** UJesu esebhabhathiziwe wahle wakhuphuka emanzini; njalo khangela, amazulu amvulekela, wasebona uMoya kaNkulunkulu esehla kungathi lijuba esiza phezu kwakhe. **17** Njalo khangela, ilizwi livela emazulwini, lisithi: Lo uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo, engithokoza ngayo.

4 Khona uJesu wakhokhelelwa nguMoya enkangala, ukuze alingwe ngudiyabhola. **2** Esezile ukudla insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, ekucineni walamba. **3** Kwasekusiza kuye umlingi wathi: Uba uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, tshono ukuthi lamatshe abe yizinkwa. **4** Kodwa yena waphendula wathi: Kulotshiwe ukuthi: Umuntu kayikuphila ngesinkwa sodwa, kodwa ngalo lonke ilizwi eliphuma emlonyeni kaNkulunkulu. **5** Udiyabhola wasemthatha wamusa emzini ongcwele, wasemmisa engqongeni yethempeli, **6** wasesithi kuye: Uba uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ziwisele phansi; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uzalaya ingilosi zakhe ngawe, besezikuphatha ngezandla, hlezi loba nini ukhube unyawo lwakho elitsheni. **7** UJesu wathi kuye: Kulotshiwe futhi ukuthi: Ungayilingi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. **8** Udiyabhola wabuya wamusa entabeni ende kakhulu, wamtshengisa imibuso yonke yomhlaba lokukhazimula kwayo, **9** wathi kuye: Zonke lezizinto ngizakunika zona, uba uwela

phansi ungikhonza. 10 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Suka, Sathane! Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uzakhothamela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, njalo uzakhonza yona yodwa. 11 Udiyabhola wasemyekela; njalo khangela, kwafika ingilos zasezimsebenzela. 12 Kwathi uJesu esezwile ukuthi uJohane unikelwe entolongweni, wasuka waya eGalili; 13 wasesuka eNazareth, weza wahlala eKapenawume engaselwandle, emingceleni yakoZebuloni leyakoNafithali; 14 ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi ulsaya, ukuthi: 15 Ilizwe lakoZebuloni lelizwe lakoNafithali, endloleni yaselwandle, ngaphetsheya kweJordani, iGalili labezizwe, 16 abantu ababehlezi emnyameni babonile ukukhanya okukhulu, lababehlezi elizweni lethunzini lokufa ukukhanya kuphumele kubo. 17 Kusukela kulesosikhathi uJesu waqala ukutshumayela lokuthi: Phendukani; ngoba umbuso wamazulu ususondele. 18 Kwathi uJesu ehambahamba elwandle lweGalili wabona izelamani ezimbili, uSimoni othiwa nguPetro, loAndrey, umfowabo, bephosela imbule olwandle; ngoba babengabagoli benhlanzi. 19 Wasesithi kubo: Ngilandelani, njalo ngizalenza libe ngabagoli babantu. 20 Bahle-ke batshiya amambule bamlandela. 21 Eseqhubeke esuka lapho, wabona ezinye izelamani ezimbili, uJakobe okaZebediya loJohane umfowabo, besemkhunjini kanye loZebediya uyise, belungisa amambule abo; wasebabiza. 22 Njalo bahle batshiya umkhumbi loyise bamlandela. 23 UJesu wasebhoda iGalili yonke, efundisa emasinagogeni abo, etshumayela ivangeli lombuso, eselapha sonke isifo lobuthakathaka bonke ebantwini. 24 Indumela yakhe yasiphumela kuyo yonke iSiriya; basebeletha kuye bonke abagulayo, ababephethwe yizifo ngezifo lobuhlungu, lababengenwe ngamadimoni, lababelezithuthwane, lababewome umhlubulo; wasebasilisa. 25 Amaxuku amakhulu asemilandela evela eGalili leDikapolisi leJerusalema leJudiya langaphetsheya kweJordani.

5 Kwathi ebona amaxuku wenyukela entabeni. Esehlezi phansi, abafundi bakhe beza kuye; 2 wasevula umlomo wakhe, wabafundisa, wathi: 3 Babusisiwe abayanga emoyeni; ngoba umbuso wamazulu ungowabo. 4 Babusisiwe abalilayo; ngoba bona bazaduduzwa. 5 Babusisiwe abamnene; ngoba bona bazakudla ilifa lomhlaba. 6 Babusisiwe abalambela labomela ukulunga; ngoba bona

bazasuthiswa. 7 Babusisiwe abalesihawu; ngoba bona bazahawukelwa. 8 Babusisiwe abamhlophe enhliziyweni; ngoba bona bazabona uNkulunkulu. 9 Babusisiwe abalamulayo; ngoba bona bazathiwa ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu. 10 Babusisiwe abazingelwayo ngenxa yokulunga; ngoba umbuso wamazulu ungowabo. 11 Lina libusisiwe, nxa belithuka belizingela, bekhuluma okubi konke bemelana lani beqamba amanga, ngenxa yami; 12 thokozani lithabe kakhulu, ngoba umvuzo wenu mkhulu emazulwini; ngoba ngokunjalo babazingela abaprofethi abalandulelayo. 13 Lina lilitshwayi lomhlaba; kodwa uba itshwayi seliduma lizatshwaywa ngani? Kalisasizi lutho, ngaphandle kokulahlwa phandle beselinyathelwa ngabantu. 14 Lina liyikukhanya komhlaba; umuzi omiswe phezu kwentaba ungesitheke; 15 njalo kabalumathisi isibane basibeke ngaphansi kwesitsha, kodwa phezu kwesiqobane sesibane, besesibakhanyisela bonke abasendlini. 16 Ngokunjalo kakukhanye ukukhanya kwenu phambi kwabantu, ukuze babone imisebenzi yenu emihle, badumise uYihlo osemazulwini. 17 Lingacabangi ukuthi ngize ukuchitha umlayo kumbe abaprofethi; angizanga ukuchitha kodwa ukugcwalisa. 18 Ngoba ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kuze kudlule izulu lomhlaba, kakusozwe kudlule ibadlana libe linye kumbe ichatshana libe linye emlayweni kuze kwenzeke konke. 19 Ngakho owephula owodwa kulimilayo emincinyane, afundise abantu ngokunjalo, uzathiwa ngomncinyane embusweni wamazulu; kodwa oyenzayo ayifundise, lowo uzathiwa mkhulu embusweni wamazulu. 20 Ngoba ngithi kini: Ngaphandle kokuthi ukulunga kwenu kwedlule okwababhali lokwabaFarisi, kalisoze lingene embusweni wamazulu. 21 Lizwile ukuthi kwathiwa kwabasendulo: Ungabulali; laloba ngubani obulalayo, uzakuba lecala lokugwetshwa; 22 kodwa mina ngithi kini: Wonke othukuthelela umfowabo kungelasizatho uzakuba lecala lokugwetshwa; lotshoyo kumfowabo ukuthi: Siphukuphukundini! uzakuba lecala emphakathini; lotshoyo ukuthi: Sithuthandini! uzakuba lecala lokusiwa esihogweni somlilo. (Geenna g1067) 23 Ngakho uba uletha umnikelo wakho elathini, ubusukhumbula ulapho ukuthi umfowenu ulolutho olumelana lawe, 24 tshiya lapho umnikelo wakho phambi kwelathi, uhambe, uqale ubuyisane lomfowenu, ubusuzonikela umnikelo

wakho. 25 Phangisa uzwane laye omangalelane lawe usesendleleni laye, hlezi omangalelane lawe akunikele kumahluleli, futhi umahluleli akunikele epholiseni, ubusuphoselwa entolongweni. 26 Ngqiqinisile ngithi kuwe: Kawusoze uphume khona, uze ubhadale indibilitshi yokucina. 27 Lizwile ukuthi kwathiwa kwabasendulo: Ungafebi. 28 Kodwa mina ngithi kini: Wonke okhangela owesifazana ukumkhanuka usefebile laye enhliziyweni yakhe. 29 Njalo uba ilihlo lakho lokunene likukhubekisa, likhuphe ulilahlele khatshana lawe; ngoba kungcono kuwe ukuthi kubhubhe sibe sinye sezitho zakho, lokuthi umzimba wakho wonke ungaphoselwa esihogweni. (Geenna g1067) 30 Njalo uba isandla sakho sokunene sikukhubekisa, siqume usilahlele khatshana lawe; ngoba kungcono kuwe ukuthi kubhubhe sibe sinye sezitho zakho, lokuthi umzimba wakho wonke ungaphoselwa esihogweni. (Geenna g1067) 31 Kwathiwa-ke: Loba ngubani owala umkakhe, kumele amnike incwadi yesehlukaniso; 32 kodwa mina ngithi kini: Loba ngubani owala umkakhe, ngaphandle kodaba lokufeba, umenza afebe, njalo loba ngubani omthathayo owaliweyo uyafeba. 33 Lizwile futhi ukuthi kwathiwa kwabasendulo: Ungafungi amanga, kodwa gcwalisa izifungo zakho eNkosini. 34 Kodwa mina ngithi kini: Lingafungi lakanye; loba ngezulu, ngoba liyisihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu; 35 loba ngomhlaba, ngoba uyisenabelo senyawo zakhe; loba ngeJerusalema, ngoba ingumuzi weNkosi enkulu; 36 njalo ungafungi ngekhandla lakho, ngoba engelwenze unwele lalunye lube mhlophe kumbe lube mnyama. 37 Kodwa ilizwi lenu kalibe ngelokuthi: Yebo, yebo; hatshi, hatshi. Okudlula lokhu-ke kuvela komubi. 38 Lizwile ukuthi kwathiwa: Ilihlo ngelihlo, lezinyo ngezinyo; 39 kodwa mina ngithi kini: Lingamelani lobubi; kodwa loba ngubani okuwakala esihlathini sokunene, mpendulele lesinye; 40 lalowo ofuna ukukumangalela lokuthatha isigqoko sakho, mtshiyele lesembatho; 41 laloba ngubani okubamba ngamandla ukuthi uhambe imayili libe linye, hamba laye abe mabili. 42 Mnike ocela kuwe; njalo ungamfulatheli ofisa ukweboleka kuwe. 43 Lizwile ukuthi kwathiwa: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho, njalo uzonde isitha sakho; 44 kodwa mina ngithi kini: Thandani izitha zenu, libabusise abaligalekisayo, libaphathe kuhle abalizondayo, libakhulekele abaliphatha

kubi, labalizingelayo; 45 ukuze libe ngabantwana bakaYihlo osemazulwini, ngoba yena uphumisa ilanga lakhe phezu kwababi labahle, anise izulu phezu kwabalungileyo labangalunganga. 46 Ngoba aluba lithanda labo abalithandayo, lilomvuzo bani? Kabenzi njalo labathelisi yini? 47 Futhi uba libengelela abafowenu bodwa, lenzani okukhulu okwedlula okwabanye? Kabenzi njalo labathelisi yini? 48 Ngakho lina banini ngabapheleleyo, njengoba uYihlo osemazulwini ephelele.

6 Qaphelani ukuthi umsebenzi wenu womusa lingawenzi phambi kwabantu ukuze libonwe yibo; nxa kungenjalo, alilamvuzo kuYihlo osemazulwini. 2 Ngakho nxa usenza umsebenzi womusa, ungakhalisi uphondo phambi kwakho, njengokwenza kwabazenzisi emasinagogeni lezindleleni, ukuze badunyiswe ngabantu; ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Sebewemukele umvuzo wabo. 3 Kodwa wena nxa usenza umsebenzi womusa isandla sakho sokhohlo kasingakwazi esikwenzayo esokunene sakho, 4 ukuze umsebenzi wakho womusa ube sekusithekeni; njalo uYihlo obona ekusithekeni, yena uzakuvuza obala. 5 Lalapho likhuleka, lingabi njengabazenzisi, ngoba bathanda ukukhuleka bemi emasinagogeni lemahlanganweni endlela, ukuze babonwe ngabantu; ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Sebewemukele umvuzo wabo. 6 Kodwa wena nxa ukhuleka, ngena endlini yakho yensitha, ubusuvala umnyango wakho, ukhuleke kuYihlo osensitha; njalo uYihlo obona ekusithekeni uzakuvuza obala. 7 Njalo uba likhuleka lingathemelezi njengabezizwe; ngoba bacabanga ukuthi bazakuzwiwa ngokukhuluma kwabo okunengi. 8 Ngakho lingafanani labo; ngoba uYihlo uyakwazi elikuswelayo, lingakaceli kuye. 9 Ngakho lina khulekani ngokunje: Baba wethu osemazulwini, kalihlonitshwe ibizo lakho; 10 umbuso wakho kawuze; intando yakho kayenziwe, lemhlabeni njengezulwini; 11 siphe lamuhla ukudla kwethu kwensuku zonke; 12 njalo usithethelele amacala ethu, njengalokhu lathi sibathethelela abalamacala kithi; 13 njalo ungasingenisi ekulingweni, kodwa usikhulule ebubini. Ngoba umbuso ungowakho lamandla lenkazimulo kuze kube nini lanini. Amen. 14 Ngoba uba lithethelela abantu iziphambeko zabo, uYihlo osezulwini uzalithethelela lani. 15 Kodwa uba lingathetheleli abantu iziphambeko zabo, loYihlo

kayikulithethelela iziphambeko zenu. **16** Futhi nxa lizila ukudla, lingabi lobuso obudanileyo njengabazenzisi; ngoba benyukumalisa ubuso babo, ukuze babonakale ebantwini ukuthi bazilile; ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Sebewemukele umvuzo wabo. **17** Kodwa wena nxa uzila ukudla, gcoba ikhanda lakho, ugeze ubuso bakho, **18** ukuze ungabonakali ebantwini ukuthi uzilile ukudla, kodwa kuYihlo osekusithekeni; njalo uYihlo obona ekusithekeni uzakuvuza obala. **19** Lingazibekeli impahla eziligugu emhlabeni, lapho inundu lokuthomba okona khona, lalapho amasela afohlela khona ebe; **20** kodwa zibekeleni izinto eziligugu ezulwini, lapho inundu lokuthomba okungoni khona, lalapho amasela angafohleli khona ebe. **21** Ngoba lapho okukhona impahla yenu eligugu, lenhliziyo yenu izakuba lapho. **22** Isibane somzimba yilihlo; ngakho uba ilihlo lakho liphilile, umzimba wakho wonke uzagcwala ukukhanya; **23** kodwa uba ilihlo lakho lilibi, umzimba wakho wonke uzakuba lobumnyama. Ngakho uba ukukhanya okuphakathi kwakho kuyibumnyama, umnyama mkhulu kangakanani! **24** Kakho ongakhonza amakhosi amabili; ngoba uzazonda enye, athande enye; kumbe uzabambelela kwenye, adelele enye. Lingekhonze uNkulunkulu loMamona. **25** Ngakho ngithi kini: Lingaphisekeli impilo yenu, ukuthi lizakudlani lokuthi lizanathani; lomzimba wenu, ukuthi lizakwembathani. Impilo kayidluli yini ukudla, lomzimba izembatho? **26** Khangelani inyoni zezulu, ukuthi kazihlanyeli njalo kazivuni, kazibutheli eziphaleni; kanti uYihlo osezulwini uyazondla; lina kalizidluli kakhulu yini? **27** Njalo nguwpuphi kini ngokuphisekela ongengezelela ingalo ibenye ebudeni bakhe? **28** Langezembatho liphisekelani? Qaphelisani imiduze yeganga, ukuthi ikhula njani; kayitshikatshiki, kayiphothi; **29** kodwa ngithi kini: LoSolomoni ebucwazicwazini bakhe bonke wayengembathiswanga njengomunye wayo. **30** Njalo uba uNkulunkulu esembathisa ngokunjalo utshani beganga, obukhona lamuhla, kuthi kusasa buphoswe eziko, kayikulembathisa kakhulu yini, lina abokholo oluncinyane? **31** Ngakho lingaphisekeli lutho, lisithi: Sizakudlani? Kumbe: Sizanathani? Loba: Sizakwembathani? **32** Ngoba zonke lezizinto izizwe ziyazidinga; ngoba uYihlo osezulwini uyazi ukuthi liyaziswela zonke lezizinto. **33** Kodwa dingani kuqala umbuso kaNkulunkulu lokulunga kwakhe, njalo

zonke lezizinto zizakwengezelelwa kini. **34** Ngakho lingaphisekeli ikusasa; ngoba ikusasa izaziphisekela yona; bulwanele usuku obalo ububi.

7 Linge hluleli, ukuze linge hlulelwa, **2** ngoba lizakwahlulelwa ngokwehlulela elehlulela ngakho; langesilinganiso elilinganisa ngaso, lizalinganiselwa ngaso lani. **3** Kanti ukhangelelani ucezwana oluselihlweni lomfowenu, kodwa ungalunanzeleli ugodo olukwelakho ilihlo? **4** Kumbe ungatsho njani kumfowenu ukuthi: Kahle ngikhuphe ucezwana oluselihlweni lakho; khangelani kanti ugodo luselihlweni lakho? **5** Mzenzisi, qala ukhuphe ugodo elihlweni lakho, khona-ke uzabona kuhle ukukhupha ucezwana elihlweni lomfowenu. **6** Linganiki izinja okungcwele; lingaphoseli amapharele enu phambi kwezingulube, hlezi ziwanyathele ngenyawo zazo, besezitshibilika ziliklebhule. **7** Celani, lizaphiwa; dingani, lizathola; qoqodani, lizavulelwa. **8** Ngoba wonke ocelayo uyemukela, lodingayo uyathola, loqoqodayo uzavulelwa. **9** Kumbe nguwpuphi kini ongathi, nxa indodana yakhe icela isinkwa, ayinike ilitshe? **10** Uba-ke icela inhlanzi, ayinike inyoka yini? **11** Ngakho uba lina, elingababi, likwazi ukupha abantwana benu izipho ezinhle, uYihlo osemazulwini uzabapha kakhulu kangakanani izinto ezinhle abacela kuye? **12** Ngakho konke elithanda ukuthi abantu bakwenze kini, kwenzeni lani ngokunjalo kubo; ngoba lokhu kungumlayo labaprofethi. **13** Ngenani ngesango elincinyane; ngoba isango likhulu, lendlela ibanzi eya ekubhujisweni, njalo banengi abangena ngalo; **14** ngoba isango lincinyane, lendlela ilukhonywana eya empilweni, njalo balutshwana abayitholayo. **15** Kodwa nanzelelani abaprofethi bamanga, abeza kini bembathise okwezimvu, kodwa ngaphakathi bazimpisi eziphangayo. **16** Lizabazi ngezithelo zabo; bayazikha yini izithelo zevini emeveni, kumbe imikhiwa ekhuleni oluhlabayo? **17** Ngokunjalo sonke isihlahla esihle siyathela izithelo ezinhle; kodwa isihlahla esibi siyathela izithelo ezimbi; **18** isihlahla esihle singethele izithelo ezimbi, lesihlahla esibi singethele izithelo ezinhle. **19** Sonke isihlahla esingatheli isithelo esihle siyaganyulwa siphoselwe emlilweni. **20** Ngakho-ke lizabazi ngezithelo zabo. **21** Kakusibo bonke abatshoyo kimi ukuthi: Nkosi, Nkosi, abazangena embusweni wamazulu; kodwa lowo oyenzayo intando kaBaba osemazulwini. **22**

Abanengi bazakuthi kimi ngalolosuku: Nkosi, Nkosi, kasiprofethanga yini ngelakho ibizo, sakhupha amadimoni ngelakho ibizo, senza imisebenzi elamandla eminengi ngelakho ibizo? 23 Njalo khona ngizakutsho obala kubo ukuthi: Angizanga ngilazi; sukani kimi lina benzi bobubi. 24 Ngakho wonke owezwayo la amazwi ami njalo awenze, ngizamfananisa lendoda ehlakaniphileyo, eyakha indlu yayo phezu kwedwala; 25 laselisina izulu, kwasekufika impophoma, kwasekuvunguza imimoya, yayitshaya leyondlu; kodwa kayiwanga; ngoba yayisekelwe phezu kwedwala. 26 Njalo wonke owezwayo la amazwi ami njalo angawenzi, uzafananiswa lendoda eyisithutha, eyakha indlu yayo phezu kwetshebetshebe; 27 laselisina izulu, kwasekufika impophoma, kwasekuvunguza imimoya yayitshaya leyondlu; yawa; kwaba kukhulu ukuwa kwayo. 28 Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile lawomazwi, amaxuku ababaza ngemfundiso yakhe; 29 ngoba wabafundisa njengolamandla, njalo kungenjengababhali.

8 Kwathi esehlile entabeni, amlandela amaxuku amakhulu; 2 njalo khangela, olobulephero weza wamkhonza wathi: Nkosi, aluba uthanda ungangihlambulula. 3 UJesu waseselula isandla, wamthinta, wathi: Ngiyathanda, hlambuluka. Njalo ubulephero bakhe bahle bahlanjululwa. 4 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Khangela ungatsheli muntu; kodwa hamba, uziveze kumpusti, unikele umnikelo uMozisi awulayayo, kube yibufakazi kubo. 5 Kwathi uJesu esengenile eKapenawume, kweza kuye induna yekhulu imncenga, 6 yasisithi: Nkosi, inceku yami ilele endlini yome umhlubulo, isebuhlungwini obukhulu. 7 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Mina ngizakuza ngiyisile. 8 Induna yekhulu yasiphendula yathi: Nkosi, kangifanele ukuthi ungene ngaphansi kophahla lwami; kodwa kuphela khuluma ilizwi, njalo inceku yami izasiliswa. 9 Ngoba lami ngingumuntu ongaphansi kwamandla, ngilamabutho ngaphansi kwami; njalo ngithi kuleli: Hamba, beselihamba; lakwelinye: Woza, beselisiza; lencekwini yami: Yenza lokhu, njalo ikwenze. 10 Kwathi uJesu esezwile wamangala, wathi kwabalandelayo: Ngiqinisele ngithi kini: Angitholanga ukholo olungaka ngitsho lakolsrayeli. 11 Njalo ngithi kini: Abanengi bazakuza bevela empumalanga lentshonalanga, bahlale loAbrahama loIsaka loJakobe, embusweni wamazulu; 12 kodwa abantwana bombuso

bazaphoselwa emnyameni ongaphandle; lapha kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo. 13 UJesu wasesithi enduneni yekhulu: Hamba, futhi kakube kuwe njengoba ukholiwe. Inceku yakhe yasisiliswa ngaleloholo. 14 Kwathi uJesu engene endlini kaPetro, wabona uninazala elele njalo ebulawa luququho. 15 Wasebamba isandla sakhe, njalo uququho lwamyekela; wasesukuma, wabancedisa. 16 Kwathi sekuhlwile baletha kuye abanengi ababengenwe ngamadimoni; wasekhupha omoya ngelizwi, wasilisa bonke abagulayo; 17 ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngulsaya umprofethi ukuthi: Yena wathatha ubuthakathaka bethu, wazithwala izifo zethu. 18 Kwathi uJesu ebona amaxuku amakhulu emhlanqile, walaya ukuthi bachaphela ngaphetsheya. 19 Kwasekusondela umbhali othile wathi kuye: Mfundisi, ngizakulandela loba kungaphi lapho oya khona. 20 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Amakhanka alemilindi, lenyoni zezulu izidleke; kodwa iNdodana yomuntu kayila lapho engaqamelisa ikhanda khona. 21 Omunye wabafundi bakhe wasesithi kuye: Nkosi, ngivumela ukuthi ngiqale ngiyengcwaba ubaba. 22 Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Ngilandela, uyekele abafileyo bangcwabe ababo abafileyo. 23 Kwathi esengenile emkhunjini, abafundi bakhe bamlandela. 24 Njalo khangela, kwavuka isiphepho esikhulu olwandle, okungangokuthi umkhumbi wagutshuzelwa ngamagagasi; kodwa yena wayelele. 25 Basebesondela abafundi bakhe bamvusa, besithi: Nkosi, sisindise, siyabhubha! 26 Wasesithi kubo: Lesabelani, lina abokholo oluncinyane? Wasesukuma wakhuza imimoya lolwandle; kwasekusiba khona ukuthula okukhulu. 27 Kodwa abantu bamangala, besithi: Ngonjani lo, ukuthi lemimoya lolwandle kumlalele? 28 Kwathi esefikile ngaphetsheya elizweni lamaGergesi, bamhlangabeza ababili ababengenwe ngamadimoni bephuma emangcwabeni, belolaka kakhulu, okungangokuthi kwakungekho odlula ngaleyondlela; 29 njalo khangela, bamemeza besithi: Silani lawe, Jesu, Ndodana kaNkulunkulu? Uze lapha yini ukusihlupha kungakafiki isikhathi? 30 Kwakukhona khatshana labo umhlambi wengulube ezinengi usidla. 31 Amadimoni asemncenga, esithi: Uba usikhupha, sivumela ukuthi sihambe singene emhlanjini wengulube. 32 Wasesithi kuwo: Hambani. Esepumile angena emhlanjini wengulube; futhi khangela,

umhlambi wonke wengulube waphaphatheka eliweni usiya olwandle, zafela emanzini. **33** Abazelusayo basebebaleka, basebesiya emzini babika konke, lezindaba zababengenwe ngamadimoni. **34** Njalo khangela, umuzi wonke waphuma ukumhlangabeza uJesu; bathi bembona, bancenga ukuthi asuke emikhawulweni yakibo.

9 Wasengena emkhunjini wachapha wafika emzini wakibo. **2** Futhi khangela, baletha kuye umuntu owome umhlubulo elele ehlakeni; uJesu ebonake ukholo lwabo wathi koyisigoga: Mana isibindi, ndodana; uthethelelwe izono zakho. **3** Njalo khangela, abanye bababhali bakhuluma ngaphakathi bathi: Lo uyahlambaza. **4** Njalo uJesu ebona imicabango yabo wathi: Lina linakanelani okubi enhliziyweni zenu? **5** Ngoba yikuphi okulula, ukuthi: Uthethelelwe izono zakho; kumbe ukuthi: Sukuma uhambe? **6** Kodwa ukuze lazi ukuthi iNdodana yomuntu ilamandla emhlabeni okuthethelela izono (wasesithi kowome umhlubulo): Sukuma uthathe uhlaka lwakho, uye endlini yakho. **7** Wasesukuma waya endlini yakhe. **8** Kwathi amaxuku esebonile, amangala, adumisa uNkulunkulu, onike abantu amandla anje. **9** Esedlula lapho uJesu wabona umuntu, othiwa nguMathewu, ehlezi endlini yokuthelisela, wathi kuye: Ngilandela. Wasesukuma wamlandela. **10** Kwasekusithi ehlezi ekudleni endlini, khangela-ke, abathelisi abanengi lezoni beza bahlala ekudleni loJesu labafundi bakhe. **11** AbaFarisi sebebonile bathi kubafundi bakhe: Kungani umfundisi wenu esidla labathelisi lezoni? **12** Kwathi uJesu esizwa wathi kubo: Abaphilileyo kabadingi melaphi, kodwa abagulayo. **13** Kodwa hambani lifunde ukuthi kutshoniukuthi: Ngifuna isihawu, njalo hatshi umhlatshele; ngoba angizanga ukubiza abalungileyo, kodwa izoni zize ekuphendukeni. **14** Khona kwafika kuye abafundi bakaJohane, besithi: Kungani thina labaFarisi sizila ukudla kanengi, kodwa abafundi bakho bengazili ukudla? **15** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Abantwana bendlu yomthimba bangalila yini, selokhu umyeni elabo? Kodwa zizafika insuku lapho umyeni ezasuswa kubo; khona-ke bezazila ukudla. **16** Futhi kakho obekela isichibi selembu elingakafinyeli esembathweni esidala; ngoba lokho okubekelwe kuso kuzadabuka esembathweni, besesiqhela isikhala. **17** Njalo kabatheli iwayini elitsha emigodleni emidala; uba-ke

kungenjalo imigodla iyadabuka, lewayini lichitheke, lemigodla yonakale; kodwa iwayini elitsha balifaka emigodleni emitsha, besekulondolozeka kokubili. **18** Kwathi esakhuluma lezizinto kubo, khangela, kwafika umphathi othile waguqa phambi kwakhe, wathi: Indodakazi yami isanda ukufa; kodwa woza ubeke isandla sakho phezu kwayo, njalo izaphila. **19** Wasesukuma uJesu wamlandela, labafundi bakhe. **20** Njalo khangela, owesifazana owayelomopho okweminyaka elitshumi lambili, weza ngemuva kwakhe, wathinta umphetho wesembatho sakhe. **21** Ngoba wathi ngaphakathi kwakhe: Aluba ngithinta nje isembatho sakhe, ngizasindiswa. **22** Kodwa uJesu etshibilika embona, wathi: Mana isibindi, ndodakazi; ukholo lwakho lukusindisile. Owesifazana wasesila kusukela ngaleloholo. **23** UJesu wafika endlini yomphathi, wabona abakhalisa imihlanga lexuku liphithizela, **24** wathi kubo: Dedani; ngoba intombazana kayifanga, kodwa ilele. Basebemhleka usulu. **25** Kodwa ixuku selikhutshiwe, wangena wabamba isandla sayo, intombazana yasivuka. **26** Indumela yalokho yasiphumela kulelolizwe lonke. **27** Kwathi uJesu esedlula lapho, iziphofu ezimbili zamlandela, zimemeza zisithi: Sihawukele, Ndodana kaDavid! **28** Esengenile endlini, iziphofu zeza kuye; uJesu wasesithi kuzo: Liyakholwa yini ukuthi ngingakwenza lokhu? Zathi kuye: Yebo, Nkosi. **29** Wasethinta amehlo azo, wathi: Akwenzeke kini njengokholo lwenu. **30** Asevuwa amehlo azo; uJesu wasezilayisisa kakhulu wathi: Qaphelani, kakungabi lamuntu okwaziyo. **31** Kodwa zaphuma zafakaza ngaye kulo lonke lelolizwe. **32** Kwathi ekuphumeni kwazo, khangela, baletha kuye umuntu oyisimungulu owayengenwe lidimoni; **33** kwathi idimoni selikhutshiwe, isimungulu sakhuluma; amaxuku asemangala, athi: Kakuzanga kubonwe okunje kolSrayeli. **34** Kodwa abaFarisi bathi: Ukhubha amadimoni ngenkosi yamadimoni. **35** UJesu wasebhoda emizini yonke lemizaneni, efundisa emasinagogeni abo, etshumayela ivangeli lombuso, eselapha sonke isifo lobuthakathaka bonke ebantwini. **36** Kwathi ebona amaxuku, waba lesihelo ngawo, ngoba ayekhathele ehlakazekile njengezimvu ezingelamelusi. **37** Wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Isibili isivuno sikhulu, kodwa izisebenzi zinlutshwana; **38** ngakho ncengani iNkosi yesivuno, ukuze ithume izisebenzi esivunweni sayo.

10 Wasebizela kuye abafundi bakhe abalitshumi lambili, wabanika amandla phezu kwabomoya abangcolileyo, ukuthi babakhuphe, lokuthi belaphe sonke isifo lobuthakathaka bonke. 2 Njalo amabizo abaphostoli abalitshumi lambili yiwo la: Owokuqala nguSimoni othiwa nguPetro, loAndreya umfowabo; uJakobe okaZebediya, loJohane umfowabo; 3 uFiliphu, loBartolomewu; uTomas, loMathewu umthelisi; uJakobe okaAlfewu, loLabewu othiwa njalo nguTadewu; 4 uSimoni umKhanani, loJudasi Iskariyothi laye owamnikelayo. 5 Laba abalitshumi lambili uJesu wabathuma, wabalaya, esithi: Lingahambi ngendlela yabezizwe, lingangeni emzini wamaSamariya; 6 kodwa yanini ikakhulu ezimvini ezilahlekileyo zendlu kalsrayeli. 7 Futhi ekuhambeni kwenu tshumayelani, lisithi: Umbuso wamazulu usondele. 8 Silisani abagulayo, lihlambulule amalephero, livuse abafileyo, likhuphe amadimoni. Lemukelise ngesihle, phanini ngesihle. 9 Lingazithatheli igolide, loba isiliva, loba ithusi emixhakeni yenu, 10 loba isikhwama sendlela, loba izigqoko ezimbili, loba amanyathela, loba udondolo; ngoba isisebenzi sifanele ukudla kwaso. 11 Lakuwuphi umuzi kumbe umzana elingena kuwo, buzani ukuthi ngubani ofaneleyo kuwo; njalo lihlale khona, lize lisuke. 12 Njalo nxa lingena endlini, liyibingelele. 13 Njalo uba indlu ifanele, ukuthula kwenu kakube phezu kwayo; kodwa uba ingafanele, ukuthula kwenu kakubuyele kini. 14 Njalo loba ngubani ongalemukeliyo kumbe ongalaleli amazwi enu, nxa liphuma kuleyondlu kumbe kulowomuzi, thintithani uthuli lwenyawo zenu. 15 Ngqiqinisele ngithi kini: Kuzakuba ngcono kulizwe leSodoma leleGomora ngosuku lwesigwebo, kulakulowomuzi. 16 Khangelani, mina ngiyalithuma njengezimvu phakathi kwezimpisi; ngakho hlakaniphani njengezinyoka, libe msulwa njengamajuba. 17 Kodwa limukani abantu; ngoba bazalinikela emiphakathini, balitshaye ngesiswepu emasinagogeni abo; 18 njalo lizaethwa laphambi kwababusi lamakhosi ngenxa yami, kube yibufakazi kubo lakwabezizwe. 19 Kodwa nxa belinikela, lingakhathaleli ukuthi lizakhuluma njani kumbe into bani; ngoba lizanikwa ngaleloholo lokho elizakukhuluma; 20 ngoba kakusini elikhulumayo, kodwa nguMoya kaYihlo okhuluma phakathi kwenu. 21 Futhi umfowabo uzanikela umfowabo ekufeni, loyise umntwana; labantwana bazavukela abazali, bababulale. 22 Njalo lizazondwa yibo bonke ngenxa yebizo lami; kodwa ophikelelayo kuze kube sekupheleni, nguye ozasindiswa. 23 Kodwa nxa belizingela kulo umuzi, balekelani komunye; ngoba ngiqinisele ngithi kini: Kaliyikuqeda imizi yonke yakolsrayeli, kuze kufike iNdodana yomuntu. 24 Umfundi kaphezu komfundisi, lenceku kayiphezu kwenkosi yayo. 25 Kumanele umfundi ukuthi abe njengomfundisi wakhe, lenceku njengenkosi yayo. Aluba bebizile umninindlu ngokuthi nguBhelezebhule, kakhulu kangakanani labo abendlu yakhe? 26 Ngakho lingabesabi; ngoba kakukho okufihliweyo, okungayikubonakaliswa; lokuthukuziweyo, okungayikwaziwa. 27 Lokho engikutsho kini emnyameni, kukhulumeni ekukhanyeni; lalokho elikuzwa endlebeni, kumemezeleni phezu kwezindlu. 28 Njalo lingabesabi ababulala umzimba, kodwa bengelamandla okubulala umphefumulo; kodwa mesabeni kakhulu olamandla okubhubhisa kokubili umphefumulo lomzimba esihogweni. (Geenna g1067) 29 Kazithengiswa yini intaka ezimbili ngendibiltshi? Kodwa kakuyikuwa emhlabathini lanye yazo, ngaphandle kukaYihlo. 30 Kodwa lezenu inwele zekhanda zibaliwe zonke. 31 Ngakho lingesabi; lina liyazidlula intaka ezinengi. 32 Ngakho ngulowo lalowo ozangivuma phambi kwabantu, lami ngizamvuma phambi kukaBaba osemazulwini. 33 Kodwa loba ngubani ongiphika phambi kwabantu, lami ngizamphika phambi kukaBaba osemazulwini. 34 Lingacabangi ukuthi ngize ukuletha ukuthula emhlabeni; angizanga ukuletha ukuthula, kodwa inkemba. 35 Ngoba ngize ukwehlukanisa umuntu loyise, lendodakazi lonina, lomalokazana loninazala; 36 lezitha zomuntu ngabendlu yakhe. 37 Othanda uyise kumbe unina kulami kangifanele; lothanda indodana kumbe indodakazi kulami kangifanele; 38 longathathi isiphambano sakhe njalo angilandele, kangifanele. 39 Lowo othola impilo yakhe uzalahlekelwa yiyo; lolahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami uzayithola. 40 Owemukela lina wemukela mina; lowemukela mina wemukela ongithumileyo. 41 Owemukela umprofethi ebizweni lomprofethi uzazuza umvuzo womprofethi; lowemukela olungileyo ebizweni lolungileyo uzazuza umvuzo wolungileyo. 42 Njalo loba ngubani ozanathisa omunye walababancinyane

inkezo nje yamanzi aqandayo ebizweni lomfundi, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kasoze alahlekelwa ngumvuzo wakhe.

11 Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile ukulaya abafundi bakhe abalishumi lambili, wasuka lapho ukuyafundisa lokutshumayela emizini yabo. **2** Kwathi uJohane esentolongweni esezwile imisebenzi kaKristu, wathuma ababili babafundi bakhe, **3** wathi kuye: Wena unguye ozayo yini, kumbe silindele omunye? **4** UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Hambani limtshale uJohane izinto elizizwayo lelizibonayo: **5** Iziphofu zibuye zibone, leziqhuli ziyahamba, abalobulephero bayahlanjululwa, lezacuthe ziyezwa, abafileyo bayavuswa, labayanga bayatshunyayezwa ivangeli; **6** njalo ubusisiwe loba ngubani ongakhubekiyo ngami. **7** Kwathi labo sebesuka uJesu waqala ukukhuluma emaxukwini ngoJohane wathi: Laphuma laya enkangala ukuyabonani? Umhlanga onyikinywa ngumoya yini? **8** Kanti laphumela ukuyabonani? Umuntu owembethe izembatho ezibuthakathaka yini? Khangelani, abembethe ezibuthakathaka basezindlini zamakhosi. **9** Pho laphumela ukuyabonani? Umprofethi yini? Yebo, ngithi kini: Loba owedlula umprofethi; **10** ngoba lo nguye okulotshwe ngaye ukuthi: Khangela, mina ngiyathuma isithunywa sami phambi kobuso bakho, esizalungisa indlela yakho phambi kwakho. **11** Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kakuvelanga phakathi kwabazelwe ngabesifazana omkhulu kuloJohane uMbhhabhathizi. Kodwa omncinyane embusweni wamazulu mkhulu kulaye. **12** Njalo kusukela ensukwini zikaJohane uMbhhabhathizi kuze kube khathezi umbuso wamazulu uphathwa ngodlakela, labalodlakela bawuthatha ngamandla. **13** Ngoba abaprofethi bonke lomlayo baprofetha kwaze kwaba nguJohane; **14** njalo uba livuma ukukwemukela, lo unguElija obezakuba. **15** Olendlebe zokuzwa, akezwe. **16** Kodwa ngizasifananisa lani lesisizukulwana? Sifanana labantwana abahlezi emamakethe, bememeza kubangane babo, **17** besithi: Salitshayela umhlanga, kodwa kalisinanga; salililela, kodwa kalikhalanga. **18** Ngoba uJohane wafika engadli enganathi, basebesithi: Uledimoni. **19** INdodana yomuntu yafika isidla inatha, basebesithi: Khangelani, umuntu oligovu lesinathi sewayini, umngane wabathelisi lezoni. Kodwa inhlakanipho ithiwa ilungile ngabantwana

bayo. **20** Waseqala ukusola imizi okwakwenziwe phakathi kwayo ubunengi bemisebenzi yakhe yamandla, ngoba ingaphendukanga, wathi: **21** Maye kuwe, Korazini! Maye kuwe, Bhethisayida! Ngoba uba kwakwenziwe eTire leSidoni imisebenzi yamandla eyenziwe kini, ngabe kade baphenduka emasakeni lemlotheni. **22** Kodwa ngithi kini: Kuzakuba ngcono eTire leSidoni ngosuku lwesigwebo kulakini. **23** Lawe, Kapenawume, ophakanyiselwe ezulwini, uzaphoselwa phansi esihogweni; ngoba uba yayenziwe eSodoma imisebenzi yamandla eyenziwe kuwe, ngabe basekhona kuze kube lamuhla. (Hadēs 986) **24** Kodwa ngithi kini: Kuzakuba ngcono kulizwe leSodoma ngosuku lwesigwebo, kulakuwe. **25** Ngalesosikhathi uJesu waphendula wathi: Ngiyakubonga, Baba, Nkosi yezulu lomhlaba, ngoba uzifihlile lezizinto kwabahlakaniphileyo labaqedisayo, kodwa wazembulela izingane; **26** yebo Baba, ngoba ngokunjalo kwaba kuhle phambi kwakho. **27** Konke kwanikelwa kimi nguBaba; njalo kakho oyaziyo iNdodana, ngaphandle kukaYise; kakho futhi omaziyo uYise ngaphandle kweNdodana, njalo loba ngubani iNdodana ethanda ukumembulela. **28** Wozani kimi lonke elikhatheleyo lelisi diweyo, njalo mina ngizaliphumusa. **29** Thathani ijogwe lami lilibeke phezu kwenu lifunde kimi, ngoba ngimnene ngithobekile enhliziyweni; njalo lizathola ukuphumula emiphefumulweni yenu; **30** ngoba ijogwe lami libutshelazi, lomthwalo wami ulula.

12 Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wadabula emasimini amabele ngesabatha; njalo abafundi bakhe babelambile, baqala ukukha izikhwebu, badla. **2** Kodwa abaFarisi bekubona bathi kuye: Khangela, abafundi bakho benza okungavunyelwanga ukwenziwa ngesabatha. **3** Kodwa wathi kubo: Kalifundanga yini uDavida akwenzayo, mhla elambile yena lababelaye; **4** ukuthi wangena njani endlini kaNkulunkulu, wadla izinkwa zokubukiswa, ayengavunyelwa ukuzidla, ngitsho lababelaye, ngaphandle kwabapristi bodwa? **5** Ingabe kalifundanga yini emlayweni, ukuthi ngamasabatha abapristi bayalona isabatha ethempelini, bangabi lalaca? **6** Kodwa ngithi kini: Kukhona lapha omkhulu kulethempeli. **7** Kodwa aluba belisazi ukuthi kutshoni ukuthi: Ngifisa isihawu hatshi umhlatshele, ngabe kalibalahlanga abangelalaca. **8** Ngoba iNdodana

yomuntu iyiNkosi leyesabatha. **9** Futhi wasuka lapho wangena esinagogeni labo; **10** njalo khangelana kwakukhona umuntu olesandla esitshwabheneyo; basebembuza besithi: Kuvunyelwe yini ukusilisa ngamasabatha? ukuze bambeke icala. **11** Kodwa wathi kubo: Nguwuphi umuntu phakathi kwenu, elemvu eyodwa, futhi uba yona iwele emgodini ngesabatha, ongayikuyibamba ayikhuphule? **12** Umuntu uyedlula-ke kangakanani imvu! Ngakho kuvunyelwe ukwenza okuhle ngamasabatha. **13** Wasesithi kumuntu: Yelula isandla sakho. Waseselula, sasesisiliswa saphila njengesinye. **14** Basebephuma abaFarisi becebisana ngaye, ukuthi bangambulala njani. **15** Kodwa uJesu esekwazi wasuka lapho; amaxuku amakhulu asemandela, wasebasilisa bonke. **16** Wasebalayisisa ukuthi bangamvezi; **17** ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngulsaya umprofethi, ukuthi: **18** Khangelana, inceku yami engiyikhethileyo; othandekayo wami othokoza ngaye umphefumulo wami; ngizabeka uMoya wami phezu kwakhe, njalo uzatshumayela ukwahlulela kwabezizwe. **19** Kayikubangisa, kayikumemeza, njalo kakho ozalizwa ilizwi lakhe ezindleleni. **20** Umhlanga ofcekileyo kayikuwephula, lentambo yesibane ethunqayo kayikuyicitsha, aze aphumelelise ukwahlulela ekunqobeni. **21** Lezizwe zizathemba ebizweni lakhe. **22** Kwasekulethwa kuye ongenwe lidimoni, eyisiphofu lesimungulu; wasemsilisa, kwaze kwathi isiphofu esiyisimungulu sakhuluma njalo sabona. **23** Asemangala amaxuku wonke athi: Lo kayisiyo yini iNdodana kaDavida? **24** Kodwa abaFarisi sebezile bathi: Lumuntu kakhuphi amadimoni, ngaphandle ngoBhelezebhule inkosi yamadimoni. **25** Kodwa uJesu, eseyazi imicabango yabo, wathi kubo: Wonke umbuso owehlukene umelene lawo ngokwawo uyachitheka; lawo wonke umuzi kumbe indlu eyehlukene imelene layo ngokwayo ingeze yema. **26** Njalo uba uSathane ekhupha uSathane, wehlukene emelene laye ngokwakhe; pho umbuso wakhe uzakuma njani? **27** Futhi uba mina ngikhupha amadimoni ngoBhelezebhule, amadodana enu akhupha ngobani? Ngakho wona azakuba ngabagwebi benu. **28** Kodwa uba mina ngikhupha amadimoni ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu, umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile kini. **29** Kumbe umuntu angangena njani endlini yesiqhwaga aphange

impahla yaso, ngaphandle kokuthi asibophe kuqala isiqhwaga? Abesephanga-ke indlu yaso. **30** Ongelami, umelene lami, longabuthi lami, uyachithiza. **31** Ngakho ngithi kini: Abantu bazathethelelwa sonke isono lokuhlambaza; kodwa ukuhlambaza uMoya kakuyikuthethelelwa abantu. **32** Lalowo okhuluma ilizwi elimelana leNdodana yomuntu, uzathethelelwa; kodwa lowo okhuluma emelana loMoya oyiNgcwele, kayikuthethelelwa, kungeyisikho kulesisikhathi loba kwesizayo. (aiōn g165) **33** Loba yenzani isihlahla sibe ngesilungileyo, lesithelo saso sibe ngesilungileyo, kumbe lenze isihlahla sibe sibi, lesithelo saso sibe sibi, ngoba isihlahla saziwa ngesithelo. **34** Nzalo yezinyoka, lingakhuluma njani izinto ezinhle, libabi? Ngoba umlomo ukhuluma ngokugcwala kwenhliziyo. **35** Umuntu olungileyo ukhupha izinto ezilungileyo kokuligugu elilungileyo lenhliziyo; lomuntu omubi ukhupha izinto ezimbi kokuligugu elibi. **36** Kodwa ngithi kini: Lonke ilizwi eliyize abalikhulumayo abantu, bazaziphendulela ngalo ngosuku lokwahlulela. **37** Ngoba ngamazwi akho uzalungisiswa, langamazwi akho uzalahlwa. **38** Abanye bababhali labaFarisi basebephendula, bathi: Mfundisi, sifuna ukubona isibonakaliso esivela kuwe. **39** Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Isizukulwana esibi lesifebayo sidinga isibonakaliso; kodwa kasiyikunikwa isibonakaliso, ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sikaJona umprofethi. **40** Ngoba njengalokhu uJona waba sesiswini sensikabayitshiye insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu, ngokunjalo iNdodana yomuntu izakuba semathunjini omhlaba insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu. **41** Amadoda eNineve azasukuma ekugwetshweni kanye lalesisizukulwana, asilahle; ngoba aphenduka ngokutshumayela kukaJona; njalo khangelani, omkhulu kuloJona ulapha. **42** Indlovukazi yeningizimu izasukuma ekugwetshweni kanye lalesisizukulwana, isilahle; ngoba yavela emikhawulweni yomhlaba ukuzakuzwa inhlakanipho kaSolomoni; njalo khangelani, omkhulu kuloSolomoni ulapha. **43** Kodwa nxa umoya ongcolileyo esephumile emuntwini, uyahamba adabule indawo ezomileyo, edinga ukuphumula, kodwa engakutholi. **44** Abesesithi: Ngizabuyela endlini yami engaphuma kuyo; njalo esefikile ayifice ize, ithanyelwe, njalo ilungisiwe. **45** Abesehamba athathe kanye laye abanye omoya abayisikhombisa ababi kulaye uqobo, besebengena

bahlale khona; njalo ukucina kwalowomuntu kube kubi kulokuqala. Kuzakuba njalo lakulesisizukulwana esibi. **46** Kwathi esakhuluma emaxukwini, khangelana, unina labafowabo bema ngaphandle, bedinga ukukhuluma laye. **47** Omunye wasesithi kuye: Khangelana, unyoko labafowenu bemi phandle, bedinga ukukhuluma lawe. **48** Kodwa waphendula wathi komtshelileyo: Ngubani umama? Labafowethu ngobani? **49** Waseselulela isandla sakhe kubafundi bakhe wathi: Khangelani, umama labafowethu. **50** Ngoba loba ngubani owenza intando kaBaba osemazulwini, nguye ongumfowethu lodadewethu lomama.

13 Kwathi ngalolosuku uJesu waphuma endlini wahlala phansi elwandle. **2** Kwasekubuthana kuye amaxuku amakhulu, waze wangena emkhunjini wahlala phansi; lexuku lonke lema ekhunjini. **3** Wasekhuluma labo izinto ezinengi ngemifanekiso, esithi: Khangelani, kwaphuma umhlanyeli ukuyahlanyela. **4** Kwathi ekuhlanyeleni kwakhe, enye inhlangano yawela eceleni kwendlela; kwasekufika inyani, yayidla yayiqeda. **5** Kodwa enye yawela emhlabathini olamatshe, lapho eyayingelamhlabathi omnengi khona; futhi yahle yamila, ngoba kwakungelakutshona komhlabathi; **6** kwathi ekuphumeni kwelanga yahangulwa; njalo ngoba yayingelampande yabuna. **7** Kodwa enye yawela emeveni; ameva asekhula ayiminyanisa. **8** Kodwa enye yawela emhlabathini omuhle, yathela isithelo, enye ikhulu, lenye amatshumi ayisithupha, lenye amatshumi amathathu. **9** Olendlebe zokuzwa, akeze. **10** Kwasekufika abafundi bathi kuye: Ukhulumelani kubo ngemifanekiso? **11** Wasephendula wathi kubo: Ngoba kuphiwe kini ukwazi imfihlo zombuso wamazulu, kodwa bona kabakunikwanga. **12** Ngoba loba ngubani olakho uzaphiwa, abe lokwengezelelweyo; kodwa lowo ongelakho, uzakwemukwa lalokho alakho. **13** Ngakho ngikhuluma labo ngemifanekiso, ngoba bebona kababoni, njalo besizwa kabezwa, futhi kabaqedisisi. **14** Kubo besekugcwaliseka isiprofetho sikalsaya, esithi: Ukuzwa lizakuzwa, kodwa kalisoze liqedisise; lokubona lizabona, kodwa kalisoze libonise; **15** ngoba inhlizyo yalababantu seyaba lukhuni, njalo bezwa kanzima ngendlebe, lamehlo abo bawacimezile; hlezi loba nini babone ngamehlo, njalo bezwe ngendlebe, futhi baqedisise ngenhliziyo,

njalo baphenduke, besengibasilisa. **16** Kodwa abusisiwe amehlo enu, ngoba ayabona; lendlebe zenu, ngoba ziyezwa. **17** Ngoba ngiqinisele ngithi kini: Abaprofethi labalungileyo abanengi babethanda ukubona izinto elizibonayo, kodwa kabazibonanga; lokuzwa izinto elizizwayo kodwa kabazizwanga. **18** Ngakho lina zwanini umfanekiso womhlanyeli. **19** Kuthi wonke ozwayo ilizwi lombuso kodwa engaqedisisi, omubi afike, ahluthune okuhlanyelwe enhliziyweni yakhe. Lo nguye ohlanyelwe eceleni kwendlela. **20** Kodwa ohlanyelwe emhlabathini olamatshe, nguye olizwayo ilizwi, ahle alemukele ngentokozo; **21** kodwa kalampande phakathi kwakhe, kodwa uhlala isikhathi; kuthi sekufika inkathazo kumbe ukuzingelwa ngenxa yelizwi, ahle akhubeke. **22** Lohlanyelwe emeveni, nguye olizwayo ilizwi, kodwa impisekelo yalumlaba lenkohliso yenotho kuyaliminyanisa ilizwi, futhi lingabi lesithelo. (*aiōn g165*) **23** Kodwa ohlanyelwe emhlabathini omuhle, nguye olizwayo ilizwi aliqedisise; isibili athele izithelo, aveze, omunye ikhulu, lomunye amatshumi ayisithupha, lomunye amatshumi amathathu. **24** Wabeka phambi kwabo omunye umfanekiso, esithi: Umbuso wamazulu ufananiswa lomuntu owahlanyela inhlangano enhle ensimini yakhe. **25** Kodwa abantu besalele, kwafika isitha sakhe sahlanyela umfaba phakathi kwamabele, sahamba. **26** Kodwa kwathi selumilile usungulo lwathela isithelo, lomfaba wasubonakala. **27** Zasezisondele inceku zomninimuzi zathi kuye: Nkosi, kawuhlanyelanga yini inhlangano enhle ensimini yakho? Pho iwuthethe ngaphi umfaba? **28** Wasesithi kuzo: Umuntu oyisitha ukwenzile lokhu. Inceku zasezisithi kuye: Uthanda ukuthi siyewubutha yini? **29** Kodwa wathi: Hatshi, hlezi, ekubutheni kwenu umfaba, lisiphune amabele kanye lawo. **30** Yekelani kukhule kokubili ndawonye kuze kube yisivuno; langesikhathi sokuvuna ngizakuthi kwabavunayo: Buthani kuqala umfaba, liwubophe izinyanda ukuze liwutshise; kodwa amabele liwubuthela esipheleni sami. **31** Wasebabekela omunye umfanekiso, esithi: Umbuso wamazulu unjengohlamvu lwemasitidi, aluthatha umuntu waluhlanyela ensimini yakhe; **32** lona kambe luncinyane kulazo zonke inhlangano; kodwa nxa selukhulile, lukhulu kulezilimo zonke, njalo luba yisihlahla, kuze kufike inyani zezulu, zakhele engatsheni zaso. **33** Wabatshela omunye umfanekiso,

wathi: Umbuso wamazulu unjengemvubelo, ayithathayo owesifazana wayifaka emagokokweni amathathu empuphu, kwaze kwabila konke. **34** Lezizinto zonke uJesu wazikhuluma emaxukwini ngemifanekiso, futhi ngaphandle komfanekiso kakhulumanga kubo; **35** ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi, esithi: Ngizavula umlomo wami ngemifanekiso, ngizaveza izinto ebezifihlakele kusukela ekusekelweni komhlaba. **36** Kwathi uJesu esewayekele amaxuku ahamba wangena endlini; basebesondela kuye abafundi bakhe, besithi: Sichasisele umfanekiso womfaba ensimini. **37** Wasephendula wathi kubo: Ohlanyela inhlanyelo enhle yiNdodana yomuntu; **38** lensimu ngumhlaba; lenhlanyelo enhle, yona ingabantwana bombuso; kodwa umfaba ungabantwana bomubi; **39** lesitha esawuhlanyelayo ngudiyabhola; lesivuno siyikuphela kwesikhathi; labavunayo bazingilosi. (aiōn g165) **40** Ngakho-ke njengalokhu umfaba uyabuthwa utshiswe emlilweni, kuzakuba njalo ekupheleni kwalesisikhathi. (aiōn g165) **41** INdodana yomuntu izathuma ingilosi zayo, besezibutha zikhuphe embusweni wayo konke okukhubekisayo lalabo abenza okubi, **42** besezibaphosela esithandweni somlilo; lapho kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo. **43** Khona abalungileyo bezakhanya njengelanga embusweni kaYise. Olendlebe zokuzwa akezwe. **44** Futhi umbuso wamazulu unjengempahla eligugu efihliweyo ensimini, okuthi umuntu eseyificile wayifihla; entokozweni yakhe uyahamba, athengise konke alakho, athenge leyonsimu. **45** Futhi umbuso wamazulu unjengomuntu ongumthengi odinga amapharele amahle; **46** esethole elinye ipharele eliligugu kakhulu, wasuka wathengisa konke alakho, walithenga. **47** Futhi umbuso wamazulu unjengembule elaphoswa olwandle, laselibutha zonke inhlobo; **48** lona, lithe seligcwele, balidonsela ekhunini, bahlala phansi, babuthela ezilungileyo ezitsheni, kodwa ezimbi bazilahlela ngaphandle. **49** Kuzakuba njalo ekupheleni kwesikhathi; ingilosi zizaphuma, zehlukanise ababi zibasuse phakathi kwabalungileyo, (aiōn g165) **50** besezibaphosela esithandweni somlilo; lapho kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo. **51** UJesu wathi kubo: Seliziqedisile zonke lezizinto yini? Bathi kuye: Yebo, Nkosi. **52** Wasesithi kubo: Ngakho wonke umbhali ofundiselwe umbuso

wamazulu unjengomuntu ongumnimuzi, okhupha empahleni yakhe eligugu okutsha lokudala. **53** Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile limifanekiso, wasuka lapho. **54** Wathi esefikile emzini wakibo wabafundisa esinagogeni labo, baze bamangala bathi: Ivela ngaphi kuyenalo linhlakaniphlo lalimisebenzi yamandla? **55** Lo kayisiyo yini indodana yombazi? Unina kathiwa nguMariya yini, labafowabo oJakobe loJose loSimoni loJudasi? **56** Labodadewabo kabakho yini bonke kithi? Pho, zivela ngaphi zonke lezizinto kuye? **57** Basebekhubeka ngaye. Kodwa uJesu wathi kubo: Umprofethi kasweli ukudunyiswa ngaphandle kwelizweni lakibo lendlini yakwabo. **58** Njalo kenzanga lapho imisebenzi yamandla emineni, ngenxa yokungakholwa kwabo.

14 Ngalesosikhathi uHerodi umtetrarki wezwa indumela kaJesu, 2 wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe: Lo nguJohane uMbhathathi; yena uvukile kwabafileyo, kungakho-ke imisebenzi yamandla isebenza kuye. 3 Ngoba uHerodi wayembambile uJohane wambopha wamfaka entolongweni, ngenxa kaHerodiyasi umkaFiliphu umfowabo; 4 ngoba uJohane wayethe kuye: Kawuvunyelwa ukuba laye. 5 Njalo efuna ukumbulala, wesaba ixuku, ngoba lalimphatha njengomprofethi. 6 Kodwa kwathi kugcinwa usuku lokuzalwa kukaHerodi, indodakazi kaHerodiyasi yagida phakathi kwabo, yamthokozisa uHerodi. 7 Ngakho wathembisa ngesifungo ukuyinika loba yini ezayicela. 8 Kodwa yona, isilayiwe ngunina, yathi: Ngiphe lapha emganwini ikhanda likaJohane uMbhathathi. 9 Inkosi yasisiba losizi, kodwa ngenxa yezifungo langalabo ababehlezi layo ekudleni yalaya ukuthi inikwe. 10 Yasithuma yamquma uJohane ikhanda entolongweni. 11 Ikhanda lakhe laselilethwa ngomganu, lanikwa intombi; njalo yona yalisa kunina. 12 Kwasekusiza abafundi bakhe bathatha isidumbu, basingcwaba; basebesuka bambikela uJesu. 13 UJesu esezwile wasuka lapho ngomkhumbi waya endaweni eyinkangala eyedwa; kodwa amaxuku ekuzwa amlandela ngenyawo evela emizini. 14 UJesu esephumile wabona ixuku elikhulu, waba lesihelo ngabo, wasilisa abagulayo babo. 15 Kwathi sekuhlwile abafundi bakhe beza kuye, bathi: Lindawo iyinkangala, lesikhathi sesihambile; liyekele ixuku lihambe, ukuze baye emizaneni bazithengele ukudla. 16 Kodwa uJesu wathi kubo:

Kakuswelekanga ukuthi bahambe; banikeni lina ukuthi badle. 17 Kodwa bathi kuye: Kasila lapha ngaphandle kwezinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili. 18 Wasesithi: Ziletheni lapha kimi. 19 Waselaya amaxuku ukuthi ahlale phansi etshanini, wathatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili, wakhangela phezu ezulwini, wabusisa, esezihlephule wabanika abafundi izinkwa, labafundi bapha amaxuku. 20 Basebesidla bonke, basutha; badobha imvuthu ezazisele, izitsha ezigcweleyo ezilitshumi lambili. 21 Lalabo abasebedlile babengamadoda angaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu, ngaphandle kwabesifazana labantwana. 22 Njalo uJesu wahle wacindezela abafundi bakhe ukuthi bangene emkhunjini, njalo bamqalele ukuya ngaphetsheya, esayekela amaxuku ahambe. 23 Kwathi eseyekele amaxuku ahamba, wenyukela entabeni eyedwa ukuze akhuleke; kwathi sekuhlwiwe, wayeyedwa lapho. 24 Kodwa umkhumbi wawusuphakathi kolwandle, utshukunyiswa ngamagagasi; ngoba umoya wawuphambene labo. 25 Kwathi ngesikhathi somlindo wesine wobusuku uJesu weza kubo, ehamba phezu kolwandle. 26 Kodwa kwathi abafundi bembona ehamba phezu kolwandle bethuka, bathi: Lithonga. Basebekhala ngokwesaba. 27 Kodwa uJesu wahle wakhuluma labo, wathi: Manini isibindi; yimi; lingesabi. 28 UPetro wasemphendula wathi: Nkosi, uba kunguwe, ngilaya ukuthi ngize kuwe phezu kwamanzi. 29 Wasesithi: Woza. UPetro wasesehla emkhunjini wahamba phezu kwamanzi, ukuze aye kuJesu. 30 Kodwa ebona umoya olamandla wesaba; wathi eseqala ukutshona wakhala, wathi: Nkosi, ngisindisa! 31 Njalo uJesu wahle welula isandla, wambamba, wathi kuye: Wena olokukholwa okuncinyane, uthandabuzelani? 32 Sebengenile emkhunjini, umoya wathula. 33 Abasemkhunjini basebesiza bamkhonza bathi: Ngeqiniso wena uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. 34 Kwathi sebechaphile bafika elizweni leGenesareth. 35 Esemazi amadoda akuleyondawo athumela ilizwi kuso sonke lesosigaba esizingezeleleyo, aletha kuye bonke abagulayo. 36 Basebemncenga, ukuthi bathinte nje umphetho wesembatho sakhe; njalo bonke abathintayo basiliswa.

15 Kwasekufika kuJesu ababhali labaFarisi ababevela eJerusalema, bathi: 2 Kungani abafundi bakho besephula isiko labadala? Ngoba

kabagezi izandla zabo, nxa besidla isinkwa. 3 Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Lani-ke kungani lisephula umlayo kaNkulunkulu ngenxa yesiko lenu? 4 Ngoba uNkulunkulu walaya, wathi: Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko; lokuthi: Othuka uyise kumbe unina kumele afe lokufa; 5 kodwa lina lithi: Loba ngubani othi kuyise kumbe kunina: Kungumnikelo, loba yini evela kimi ingakusiza, 6 njalo engasoze amhloniphe uyise kumbe unina; ngalokho lenza umlayo kaNkulunkulu ube yize ngenxa yesiko lenu. 7 Bazenzisi, utsalaya waprofetha kuhlengani, esithi: 8 Lababantu basondela kimi ngomlomo wabo, langendebe bangidumise; kodwa inhliziyo yabo ikhatshana lami. 9 Kodwa bangikhonza ngeze, befundisa izimfundiso eziyimilayo yabantu. 10 Esebizele kuye ixuku, wathi kilo: Lalelani futhi liqedisise. 11 Kakusikho okungena emlonyeni okungcolisa umuntu; kodwa okuphuma emlonyeni, yikho okungcolisa umuntu. 12 Abafundi bakhe basebesondela bathi kuye: Uyazi yini ukuthi abaFarisi bathe ukulizwa lelilizwi bakhubeka? 13 Kodwa waphendula wathi: Sonke isihlahlakazana, uBaba osezulwini angasihlanyelanga, sizasitshunwa. 14 Bayekeleni; bangabakhokheli beziphofu abayiziphofu; njalo nxa isiphofu sikhokhela isiphofu, zizawela emgodini zombili. 15 UPetro wasephendula wathi kuye: Sichasisele lumfanekiso. 16 UJesu wasesithi: Kanti lani lisengabangelakuqedisisa? 17 Lilokhe lingaqedisisi yini, ukuthi konke okungena emlonyeni kuya esiswini, futhi kuyelahlwela ngaphandle? 18 Kodwa izinto eziphuma emlonyeni zivela enhliziyweni; lezi ziyamngcolisa umuntu. 19 Ngoba enhliziyweni kuvela imicabango emibi, ukubulala, ubufebe, ukuphinga, ukweba, ukufakaza amanga, ukuhlambaza; 20 yizo lezozinto ezimngcolisayo umuntu; kodwa ukudla ngezandla ezingagezwanga kakumngcolisi umuntu. 21 UJesu wasesuka lapho, waya kungxenye zeTire lezeSidoni. 22 Njalo khangela, owesifazana ongumKhanani ovela kuleyomikhawulo, wakhala kuye esithi: Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida, akungihawukele! Indodakazi yami ihlaselwe kubi lidimoni. 23 Kodwa kamphendulanga ngalizwi. Basebesondela kuye abafundi bakhe bamncenga, bathi: Mxotshe, ngoba uyakhala ngemva kwethu. 24 Kodwa waphendula wathi: Kangithunywanga, ngaphandle kuzo izimvu ezilahlekileyo zendlu yakolSrayeli. 25 Kodwa weza wamkhonza wathi: Nkosi, ngisize. 26 Kodwa

waphendula wathi: Kakukuhle ukuthatha isinkwa sabantwana, lokusiphosela izinjana. 27 Kodwa yena wathi: Yebo, Nkosi, kodwa lezinjana ziyadla okwemvuthuluka eziwa etafuleni labaninizo. 28 UJesu wasephendula wathi kuye: O mama, lukhulu ukhohlo lwakho! Kakube kuwe njengokuthanda kwakho. Indodakazi yakhe yasisila kusukela kulelohola. 29 UJesu wasesuka lapho weza eduzane kolwandle lweGalili; wenyukela entabeni wahlala phansi khona. 30 Kwasekusiza kuye amaxuku amakhulu, beleziqhuli, iziphofu, izimungulu, izingini, labanye abanengi, basebebaphosela enyaweni zikaJesu, wasebasilisa; 31 aze amangala amaxuku, ebona izimungulu zikhuluma, izingini ziphilile, iziqhuli zihamba, leziphofu zibona; basebemdumisa uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. 32 UJesu wasebizela kuye abafundi bakhe wathi: Ngilesihelo ngexuku, ngoba sebelami insuku ezintathu, bengelalutho lokudla; njalo kangithandi ukuthi ngibayekele bahambe bengadlanga, hlezi bayathe endleleni. 33 Abafundi bakhe basebesithi kuye: Sizazuza ngaphi enkangala izinkwa ezinengi kangaka, ukuthi zisuthise ixuku elikhulu kangaka? 34 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lilezinkwa ezingaki? Basebesithi: Eziyisikhombisa, lenhlanzana ezinlutshwana. 35 Waselaya amaxuku ukuthi ahlale phansi emhlabathini. 36 Wasethatha izinkwa eziyisikhombisa lenhlanzi, esebongile wazihlephula, wazinika abafundi bakhe, labafundi ixuku. 37 Basebesidla bonke basutha; basebedobha imvuthu ezazisele, izitsha eziyisikhombisa zigcwele. 38 Lalabo abadlayo babengamadoda azinkulungwane ezine, ngaphandle kwabesifazana labantwana. 39 Eseyekele amaxuku ahamba wangena emkhunjini, weza emikhawulweni yeMagadala.

16 AbaFarisi labaSadusi sebezile, bemlinga bamcela ukuthi abatshengise isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini. 2 Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Kusihlwa lithi: Umkhathi muhle; ngoba isibhakabhaka sibomvu; 3 lekuseni lithi: Umkhathi mubi lamuhla; ngoba isibhakabhaka sibomvu sinyukubele. Bazenzisi, liyakwazi ukwehlukanisa umumo wesibhakabhaka; kodwa izibonakaliso zezikhathi lingeke yini? 4 Isizukulwana esibi lesifebayo sidinga isibonakaliso; kodwa kasiyikunikwa isibonakaliso, ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sikaJona umprofethi. Wasebatshiya, wahamba. 5 Sebefikile ngaphetsheya abafundi

bakhe babekhohliwe ukuthatha izinkwa. 6 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Nanzelelani liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi labaSadusi. 7 Basebekhulumisana besithi: Ngoba singathathanga izinkwa. 8 UJesu esekwazi wathi kubo: Lina abokholo oluncinyane, kungani likhulumisana ngokuthi alithathanga izinkwa? 9 Kalikaqedisisi yini, futhi kalikhumbuli izinkwa ezinhlanu zenkulungwane ezinhlanu, lokuthi labutha izitsha ezingaki? 10 Futhi lezinkwa eziyisikhombisa zenkulungwane ezine, lokuthi labutha izitsha ezingaki? 11 Kalikaqedisisi njani, ukuthi bekungemayelana lesinkwa ebengikukhuluma kini ukuthi liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi labaSadusi? 12 Basebeqedisisa ukuthi katshongo ukuthi baqaphele imvubelo yezinkwa, kodwa imfundiso yabaFarisi labaSadusi. 13 Kwathi uJesu esefikile kungxenywe zeKesariya yeFiliphu wababuza abafundi bakhe, esithi: Abantu bathi, mina, iNdodana yomuntu, ngingubani? 14 Basebesithi: Abanye bathi: NguJohane uMbhabhathizi; labanye bathi: NguElija; labanye bathi: NguJeremiya, kumbe ngomunye wabaprofethi. 15 Wathi kubo: Lina-ke lithi ngingubani? 16 USimoni Petro wasephendula wathi: Wena unguKristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu ophilayo. 17 UJesu wasephendula wathi kuye: Ubusisiwe, Simoni ndodana kaJona, ngoba inyama legazi kakukwembulelanga lokhu, kodwa uBaba osemazulwini. 18 Lami-ke ngiyakutshela, ukuthi wena unguPetro; laphezu kwalelidwala ngizalakra ibandla lami, lamasango esihogo kawayikulehlula. (Hades 986) 19 Futhi ngizakunika izihluthulelo zombuso wamazulu; njalo loba yini ozayibopha emhlabeni, izakuba ibotshiwe emazulwini; njalo loba yini ozayithukulula emhlabeni, izakuba ithukululwe emazulwini. 20 Wasebalayisisa abafundi ukuthi bangatsheli muntu ukuthi yena unguJesu unguKristu. 21 Kusukela kulesosikhathi uJesu waqala ukubatshengisa abafundi bakhe ukuthi umele ukuya eJerusalema, njalo ahlupheke okunengi ngabadala labapristi abakhulu lababhali, abulawe, avuswe ngosuku lwesithathu. 22 UPetro wasesiya laye eceleni waqala ukumkhuza esithi: Kakungabi kuwe, Nkosi; lokhu kakusoze kwenziwa kuwe. 23 Kodwa yena watshibilika wathi kuPetro: Suka ngemva kwami, Sathane, uyisikhubekiso kimi; ngoba kawucabangi izinto zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa ezabantu. 24 UJesu wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Uba umuntu ethanda ukuza

ngemva kwami, kazidele, athathe isiphambano sakhe, angilande. 25 Ngoba loba ngubani othanda ukusindisa impilo yakhe izamlahelele; kodwa loba ngubani olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami uzayithola; 26 ngoba kuzamsizani umuntu nxa ezuzumhlaba wonke, kodwa alahlekelwe ngumphefumulo wakhe? Kumbe umuntu uzanikani kube lihlawulo lomphfumulo wakhe? 27 Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu izakuza ngenkazimulo kaYise kanye lengilosi zayo, khona izavuzana ngulowo lalowo njengokwenza kwakhe. 28 Ngigqinisele ngithi kini: Bakhona abanye kwabemiyo lapha, abangasoze bezwe ukufa, baze bayibone iNdodana yomuntu isiza embusweni wayo.

17 Lemva kwensuku eziyisithupha uJesu wathatha uPetro loJakobe loJohane umfowabo, wasekhwela labo entabeni ende bebedwa. 2 Waseguquulwa isimo phambi kwabo, njalo ubuso bakhe bakhanya njengelanga, lezembatho zakhe zaba mhlophe njengokukhanya. 3 Futhi khangela, kwasekubonakala kubo uMozisi loElija, bekhuluma laye. 4 UPetro wasephendula wathi kuJesu: Nkosi, kuhle ukuthi sibe lapha. Uba uthanda, asakhe lapha amadumba amathathu, elinye ngelakho, lelinye ngelikaMozisi, lelinye ngelikaElija. 5 Kwathi esakhuluma, khangela, iyezi elikhanyayo labasibekela; futhi khangela, ilizwi laphuma eyezini, lisithi: Lo uy iNdodana yami ethandekayo, engithokoza ngayo; zwanini yona. 6 Sebezwile abafundi, bawa phansi ngobuso babo, besaba kakhulu. 7 Kodwa uJesu weza wabathinta wathi: Sukumani lingesabi. 8 Sebephakamisile amehlo abo, kababonanga muntu, ngaphandle kukaJesu yedwa. 9 Sebesehla entabeni, uJesu wabalaya, wathi: Lingatsheli muntu lowombono, ize ivuke kwabafileyo iNdodana yomuntu. 10 Abafundi bakhe basebembuza bathi: Pho batsholoni ababhali ukuthi uElija ufanele ukufika kuqala? 11 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: UElija uzafika kuqala isibili, uzabuyisela zonke izinto; 12 kodwa ngitsho kini ukuthi uElija sewafika, kodwa kabamazanga, kodwa benza kuye konke ababekuthanda; ngokunjalo leNdodana yomuntu izahlutshwa yiyo. 13 Abafundi basebeqedisisa ukuthi wakhuluma labo ngoJohane uMbhathathizi. 14 Kwathi sebefikile exukwini, kweza kuye umuntu waguqa phambi kwakhe wathi: 15 Nkosi, akuhawukele indodana yami, ngoba ilesithuthwane iyahlupheka kakhulu; ngoba iwele kanengi emlilweni,

futhi kanengi emanzini. 16 Njalo ngiyilethe kubafundi bakho, kodwa bebengelakho ukuyisilisa. 17 UJesu wasephendula wathi: O sizukulwana esingelakholo lesonakeleyo, koze kube nini ngilani? Koze kube nini ngilibezezelela? Mletheni kimi lapha. 18 UJesu waselikhuza, idimoni laseliphuma kuyo, umntwana wasesila kusukela kulelohola. 19 Abafundi basebesiza kuJesu bebedwa bathi: Kungani thina sehlulekile ukulikhupha? 20 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Kungenxa yokungakholwa kwenu. Ngoba ngigqinisele ngithi kini: Aluba lilokholo olunjengohlamvu lwemasitidi, lizakuthi kulintaba: Suka lapha uye laphaya; njalo izasuka; futhi kaliyikwehlulwa lutho. 21 Kodwa loluhlobo kaluphumi ngaphandle kwangomkhuleko langokuzila ukudla. 22 Besahlezi eGalili, uJesu wathi kubo: INdodana yomuntu isizanikelwa ezandleni zabantu, 23 njalo bazayibulala, kodwa ngosuku lwesithathu izavuswa. Basebedabuka kakhulu. 24 Kwathi sebefikile eKapenawume, abemukela umthelo beza kuPetro bathi: Umfundisi wenu katheli yini? 25 Wathi: Yebo. Esengenile endlini, uJesu wamandulela wathi: Ucabangani, Simoni? Amakhosi omhlaba emukela kubani imfanelo kumbe imithelo? Kumadodana abo yini, kumbe kwabezizwe? 26 UPetro wathi kuye: Kwabezizwe. UJesu wathi kuye: Ngakho-ke amadodana akhululekile. 27 Kodwa-ke ukuze singabakhubekisi, hamba uye elwandle uphose ingwegwe, uthathe inhlanzi ezaphuma kuqala; kuzakuthi usuvule umlomo wayo uzathola imali; uyithathe ubanike ibe ngeyami leyakho.

18 Ngalesosikhathi abafundi beza kuJesu, bathi: Kanti ngubani omkhulu embusweni wamazulu? 2 UJesu wasebizela kuye umntwana omncane wammisa phakathi kwabo, 3 wathi: Ngigqinisele ngithi kini: Ngaphandle kokuthi liphenduke libe njengabantwana abancane, kalisoze lingene embusweni wamazulu. 4 Ngakho lowo ozazithoba njengalumntwana omncane, nguye omkhulu embusweni wamazulu. 5 Njalo loba ngubani owemukela abe munye umntwana omncane onje ebizweni lami, wemukela mina. 6 Kodwa loba ngubani okhubekisa omunye walaba abancinyane abakholwa kimi, kungakuhle kuye ukuthi ilitshe lokuchola elikhulu lilengiswe entanyeni yakhe, abesetshoniswa enzikini yolwandle. 7 Maye kuwo umhlaba ngenxa yezikhubekiso! Ngoba izikhubekiso zimele ukufika; kodwa maye

kulowomuntu, esifika ngaye isikhubekiso! **8** Njalo uba isandla sakho kumbe unyawo lwakho kukukhubekisa, kuqume ukulahlele khatshana lawe; kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni uyingini kumbe uyisiqhwalwa, kulokuthi ulezandla ezimbili kumbe unyawo ezimbili uphoselwe emlilweni olaphakade. (**aiōnios g166**) **9** Futhi uba ilihlo lakho likukhubekisa, likhuphe ulilahlele khatshana lawe; kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni ulelihlo elilodwa, kulokuthi ulamehlo amabili uphoselwe esihogweni somlilo. (**Geenna g1067**) **10** Qaphelani lingadeleli omunye walaba abancinyane, ngoba ngithi kini: Emazulwini ingiloszi zabo zihlala zibona ubuso bukaBaba osemazulwini. **11** Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu ize ukusindisa okwakulahlekile. **12** Licabangani? Uba umuntu othile elezimvu ezilikhulu, besekulahleka enye yazo, kazitshiya yini ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye, ahambe ezintabeni ukuyadinga elahlekileyo? **13** Futhi uba kungenzakala ukuthi ayithole, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Uthokoza ngayo kakhulu kulalezo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye ezingalahlekanga. **14** Ngokunjalo kayisiyo intando kaYihlo osemazulwini ukuthi kubhubhe abe munye walaba abancinyane. **15** Kodwa nxa umfowenu ekona, hamba umsole phakathi kwakho laye lilodwa. Uba ekuzwa, umzuzile umfowenu; **16** kodwa uba engakuzwa, thatha abe munye kumbe babe babili kanye lawe futhi, ukuze lonke ilizwi liqiniswe ngomlomo wabafakazi ababili kumbe abathathu; **17** njalo nxa esala ukubezwa bona, tshela ibandla; uba esala ukuzwa lalo ibandla, kabe njengowezizwe lomthelisi kuwe. **18** Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Konke elizakubopha emhlabeni, kuzakuba kubotshiwe ezulwini; njalo konke elizakukhulula emhlabeni, kuzakuba kukhululiwe ezulwini. **19** Njalo ngithi kini: Uba ababili benu bevumelana emhlabeni loba ngaluphi ulutho abalucelayo, bazalwenzelwa nguBaba osemazulwini. **20** Ngoba lapho ababili kumbe abathathu ababuthene khona ebizweni lami, ngikhona lapho phakathi kwabo. **21** UPetro wasemsondelela wathi: Nkosi, umfowethu uzangona kangaki, njalo ngimthethelela? Kuze kube kasikhombisa yini? **22** UJesu wathi kuye: Kangitsho kuwe ukuthi kuze kube kasikhombisa, kodwa kuze kube ngamatshumi ayisikhombisa aphindwe kasikhombisa. **23** Ngakho umbuso wamazulu ufananiswa lomuntu oyinkosi,

owayethanda ukulandiselana lenceku zakhe. **24** Kwathi eseqalile ukulandisa, kwa lethwa kuye enye elomlandu kuyo wamathalenta azinkulungwane ezilithumi. **25** Kodwa njengoba yayingelalutho lokuhlawula, inkosi yayo yalaya ukuthi ithengiswe, lomkayo labantwana bayo, lakho konke elakho, besekuhlawulwa. **26** Ngakho inceku yawa phansi imkothamela, yathi: Nkosi, ngibekezelela, futhi ngizakuhlawula konke. **27** Inkosi yaleyonceku yasisiba lesihelo yayikhulula, yayixolela umlandu. **28** Kodwa yaphuma leyonceku yathola omunye oyinceku kanye layo, olomlandu kuyo wabodenariyo abalikhulu, yambamba yamkhama, yathi: Ngihlawula okufaneleyo. **29** Ngakho oyinceku kanye layo wawa phansi ezinyaweni zayo wayincenga, wathi: Ungibekezelele, futhi ngizakuhlawula konke. **30** Kodwa yona kayivumanga, kodwa yasuka yayiphosela entolongweni, ize iwuhlawule umlandu. **31** Kwathi abayizinceku kanye layo bebona izinto ezazenzakele badabuka kakhulu; beza babikela inkosi yabo konke okwakwenzekile. **32** Inkosi yayo yasiyibizela kiyo yathi kiyo: Wena nceku embi, ngakuxolela wonke lowomlandu, ngoba wangincenga; **33** ngabe lawe kawumhawukelanga yini omunye oyinceku kanye lawe, njengoba lami ngakuhawukela? **34** Inkosi yayo yasithukuthela yayinikela kubahlukuluzi, ize ihlawule konke okufaneleyo kuyo. **35** Uzakwenza njalo kini laye uBaba osezulwini, uba lingathetheleli lowo lalowo umfowenu iziphambeko zabo ngenhliziyo zenu.

19 Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile lawomazwi, wasuka eGalili, weza emikhawulweni yeJudiya ngaphetsheya kweJordani. **2** Amaxuku amakhulu asemlandela, wasewasilisa lapho. **3** Basebesiza kuye abaFarisi bemlinga, bathi kuye: Kuvunyelwe yini ukuthi indoda yale umkayo ngaso sonke isizatho? **4** Wasephendula wathi kubo: Kalifundanga yini ukuthi owabadabula kusukela ekuqaleni wabenza owesilisa lowesifazana? **5** Wasesithi: Ngenxa yalokhu indoda izatshiya uyise lonina, inamathele kumkayo; labo ababili bazakuba nyamanye. **6** Ngakho kabasebabili, kodwa sebenyamanye. Ngakho lokho uNkulunkulu akuhlanganisileyo kakungabi lamuntu okwehlukanisayo. **7** Bathi kuye: Pho uMozisi walayelani ukunika incwadi yesehlukaniso, lokumala? **8** Wathi kubo: Ngenxa yobulukhuni benhliziyo zenu uMozisi walivumela ukwala omkenu;

kodwa kusukela ekuqaleni kwakungenjalo. **9** Kodwa ngithi kini: Loba ngubani owala umkakhe, ngaphandle kokufeba, abesethatha omunye, uyafeba; futhi othatha owaliweyo uyafeba. **10** Abafundi bathi kuye: Uba udaba lomuntu lomfazi lunjalo, akusizi ukuthatha. **11** Kodwa wathi kubo: Kakusibo bonke abangalemukela lelilizwi, ngaphandle kwabakunikiweyo. **12** Ngoba kukhona abathenwa, abazalwa benjalo kusukela esiswini sikanina; njalo kukhona abathenwa, abathenwa ngabantu; kukhona futhi abathenwa, abazithenileyo ngenxa yombuso wamazulu. Lowo ongakwemukela lokho kakwamukele. **13** Khona kwaletswa kuye abantwana abancane, ukuze abeke izandla zakhe phezu kwabo, akhuleke; kodwa abafundi babakhuza. **14** Kodwa uJesu wathi: Vumelani abantwana abancane, lingabengqabeli ukuza kimi; ngoba umbuso wamazulu ungowabanje. **15** Wasebeka izandla phezu kwabo, wasuka lapho. **16** Njalo khangela, kwasondela omunye wathi kuye: Mfundisi olungileyo, ngizakwenzani okulungileyo, ukuze ngibe lempilo elaphakade? (aiōnios g166) **17** Wasesithi kuye: Ungibizelani ngokuthi olungileyo? Kakho olungileyo, ngaphandle koyedwa, uNkulunkulu. Kodwa uba uthanda ukungena ekuphileni, gcina imilayo. **18** Wathi kuye: Yiyiphi? UJesu wasesithi: Ungabulali; ungafebi; ungebi; ungafakazi amanga; **19** hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko; njalo, wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena. **20** Ijaha lathi kuye: Konke lokhu ngikugcinile kusukela ebutsheni bami; ngisaswelani? **21** UJesu wathi kulo: Uba uthanda ukuphelela, hamba uthengise impahla zakho uphe abayanga, njalo uzakuba lempahla eligugu ezulwini; njalo uze lapha, ungilande. **22** Kodwa selizwile lelilizwi ijaha lasuka lidanile; ngoba lalilempahla ezinengi. **23** UJesu wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Ngqiqinisile ngithi kini: Onothileyo uzangena ngokulukhuni embusweni wamazulu. **24** Njalo futhi ngithi kini: Kulula ukuthi ikamela lingene ngentunja yenalithi, kulokuthi onothileyo angene embusweni wezulu. **25** Sebezwile abafundi bakhe bamangala kakhulu, bathi: Pho kungasindiswa bani? **26** Kodwa uJesu wabakhangela wathi kubo: Kubantu kakulakwenzeka, kodwa kuNkulunkulu zonke izinto zingenzeka. **27** Khona uPetro waphendula wathi kuye: Khangela, thina sitshiye konke sakulandela; pho sizazuzani? **28** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngqiqinisile

ngithi kini: Lina elingilandeleyo, ekuvuselelweni lapho iNdodana yomuntu isihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi senkazimulo yayo, lani lizahlala ezihlalweni zobukhosi ezilithshumi lambili lahlulele izizwe ezilithshumi lambili zakolsrayeli. **29** Laye wonke otshiye izindlu, kumbe abafowabo, kumbe odadewabo, kumbe uyise, kumbe unina, kumbe umkakhe, kumbe abantwana, kumbe amasimu, ngenxa yebizo lami, uzakwemukela ngekholu, adle ilifa lempilo elaphakade. (aiōnios g166) **30** Kodwa abanengi abokuqala bazakuba ngabokucina, labokucina ngabokuqala.

20 Ngoba umbuso wamazulu ufanana lomuntu ongumninindlu, owaphuma ekuseni kakhulu ukuqhatsha izisebenzi ziye esivini sakhe; **2** esevumelene lezisebenzi ngodenariyo ngosuku, wazithuma esivini sakhe. **3** Wasephuma sekungaba lihola lesithathu, wabona abanye bemi emdangeni bengenzi lutho; **4** lakulabo wathi: Yanini lani esivini; njalo loba yini efaneleyo ngizalinika yona. Bahamba-ke. **5** Wabuya waphuma sekungaba lihola lesithupha langelesificamunwemunye, wenza njalo. **6** Kwathi sekungaba lihola letshumi lanye waphuma, wathola abanye bemi bengenzi lutho, wathi kubo: Limeleni lapha usuku lonke lingenzi lutho? **7** Bathi kuye: Ngoba akulamuntu osiqhatshileyo. Wathi kubo: Yanini lani esivini, njalo lizakwemukela loba kuyini okufaneleyo. **8** Kwathi sekuntambama umninisivini wathi enduneni yakhe: Biza izisebenzi, uzibhadale iholo, uqale ngezokucina kuze kube ngezokuqala. **9** Kuthe befika abaqhatshwa ngehola letshumi lanye ngulowo lalowo wemukela udenariyo. **10** Njalo sebezile abokuqala bacabanga ukuthi bazakwemukela okungaphezulu; kodwa labo bemukela udenariyo ngamunye. **11** Kwathi beyemukela bamsola umninindlu, **12** besithi: Labo abokucina basebenze ihola elilodwa, kodwa ubalinganise lathi esithwele ubunzima bosuku lokutshisa. **13** Kodwa ephendula wathi komunye wabo: Mngane, angikoni; kanti kawuvumelananga lami ngodenariyo? **14** Thatha okwakho uhambe; ngiyathanda ukumnika lowokucina njengawe. **15** Kumbe angivunyelwa yini ukwenza engikuthandayo ngezinto zami? Loba ilihlo lakho libi yini, ngoba mina ngilungile? **16** Kunjalo-ke abokucina bazakuba ngabokuqala, labokuqala ngabokucina; ngoba banengi ababiziweyo, kodwa balutshwana abakhethiweyo. **17** Kwathi uJesu esesenyukela

eJerusalema wathatha abalitshumi lambili bebodwa endleleni, wathi kubo: 18 Khangelani, senyukela eJerusalema, njalo iNdodana yomuntu izanikelwa kubapristi abakhulu lakubabhali; besebeyilahlela ukufa, 19 bayinikele kwabezizwe ukuze bayiyangise bayitshaye ngesiswepu bayibethele; njalo ngosuku lwesithathu izabuya ivuke. 20 Kwasekusiza kuye unina wamadodana kaZebediya kanye lamadodana akhe, waguqa wacela ulutho kuye. 21 Wasesithi kuye: Ufunani? Wathi kuye: Tshono ukuthi la amadodana ami amabili ahlale, enye ngakwesokunene sakho, lenye ngakwesokhohlo, embusweni wakho. 22 Kodwa uJesu waphendula wathi: Kalikwazi elikucelayo. Linganatha yini inkezo engizayinatha mina, njalo libhabhathizwe ngobhabhathizo engibhabhathizwa ngalo mina? Bathi kuye: Singakwenza. 23 Wasesithi kubo: Ngeqiniso lizayinatha inkezo yami, libhabhathizwe ngobhabhathizo mina engizabhabhathizwa ngalo; kodwa ukuhlala ngakwesokunene sami langakwesokhohlo sami, kayisikho okwami ukuphana ngakho, kodwa kungokwalabo abakulungiselweyo nguBaba. 24 Kwathi sebezile abalitshumi, bathukuthela ngezalamani ezimbili. 25 Kodwa uJesu wababizela kuye wathi: Liyazi ukuthi ababusi bezizwe bayazibusa ngobulukhuni, lezikhulu zisebenzisa amandla phezu kwazo. 26 Kodwa akuyikuba njalo phakathi kwenu; kodwa loba ngubani othanda ukuba ngomkhulu phakathi kwenu kabe yisisebenzi senu; 27 njalo loba ngubani othanda ukuba ngowokuqala phakathi kwenu kabe yisisebenzi senu; 28 njengalokhu iNdodana yomuntu kayizanga ukukhonza, kodwa ukukhonza, lokunika impilo yayo ibe lihlawulo labanengi. 29 Kwathi bephuma eJeriko, ixuku elikhulu lamlandela. 30 Njalo khangelana, iziphofu ezimbili zihlezi endleleni, sezizwile ukuthi uJesu uyadlula, zamemeza, zathi: Sihawukele, Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida! 31 Ixuku laselizikhuya ukuthi zithule, kodwa zamemeza kakhulu, zisithi: Sihawukele, Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida! 32 UJesu wasesima wazibiza, wathi: Lifuna ukuthi ngilenzeleni? 33 Zathi kuye: Nkosi, ukuthi amehlo ethu avuleke. 34 UJesu esesiba lesihelo wathinta amehlo azo; njalo amehlo azo ahle abuya abona, zasezimlandela.

21 Kwathi-ke sebesondele eJerusalema, sebefikile eBetfage entabeni yeMihlwathi, khona uJesu wathuma abafundi ababili, 2 esithi kubo: Hambani

liye emzaneni okhangelene lani, lizahle libone ubabhemi ekhulekiwe, lethole lilaye; libakhulule, libalethe kimi. 3 Futhi uba umuntu ekhuluma ulutho kini, lizakuthi: INkosi iyabaswela; njalo uzahle abathumele. 4 Njalo konke lokhu kwenzeka, ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi, ukuthi: 5 Tshelani indodakazi yeSiyoni ukuthi: Khangelana, iNkosi yakho iyeza kuwe, imnene igade ubabhemi, lethole inkonyana yenyamazana yokuthwala. 6 Abafundi bahamba-ke, benza njengalokhu uJesu wayebalayile, 7 baletha ubabhemi lethole, babeka izembatho zabo phezu kwabo, bamhlalisa phezu kwazo. 8 Lenengi lexuku lendlala ezalo izembatho endleleni; labanye bagamula ingatsha zezihlahla, bazendlala endleleni. 9 Lamaxuku ayehamba phambili lababelandela bamemeza, besithi: Hosana kuyo iNdodana kaDavida! Ubusiwe ozayo ebizweni leNkosi. Hosana kweliphezulu! 10 Esengenile eJerusalema umuzi wonke wanyakazela usithi: Ngubani lo? 11 Amaxuku asesithi: Lo nguJesu umprofethi, oweNazaretha yeGalili. 12 UJesu wasengena ethempelini likaNkulunkulu, wabaxotsha bonke ababethengisa lababethenga ethempelini, wasegenqula amatafula ababentshintshelana imali, lezihlalo zalabo ababethengisa amajuba. 13 Wasesithi kubo: Kulotshiwe ukuthi: Indlu yami izabizwa ngokuthi yindlu yomkhuleko; kodwa lina liyenze ubhalu lwabaphangi. 14 Kwasekufika kuye iziphofu leziqhuli ethempelini; wasezisilisa. 15 Kodwa abapristi abakhulu lababhali sebezoni izimangaliso azenzayo, labantwana bememeza ethempelini, besithi: Hosana eNdodaneni kaDavida! bathukuthela, 16 basebesithi kuye: Uyakuzwa lokhu yini abakutshoyo laba? UJesu wasesithi kubo: Yebo; alikaze lifunde yini ukuthi: Emlonyeni wezingane lowabamunyayo uphelelise indumiso? 17 Wasebatshiya waphuma phandle komuzi esiya eBethani, walala khona. 18 Kwathi ebuyela emzini ekuseni, walamba; 19 kwathi ebona umkhiwa othile endleleni, wasondela kuwo, kodwa katholanga lutho kuwo ngaphandle kwamahlamvu wodwa; wathi kuwo: Kakungabe kusavela isithelo kuwe lanini. Njalo umkhiwa wahle wabuna. (aiōn g165) 20 Kwathi bebona lokhu abafundi bakhe bamangala, besithi: Umkhiwa uhle wabuna njani? 21 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Ngqiqinisele ngithi kini: Uba lilokholo, lingathandabuzi, kaliyikwenza lokhu

okomkhiwa kuphela, kodwa loba lisithi lakulintaba: Qutshunwa uphoselwe olwandle, kuzakwenzeka. 22 Njalo konke loba kuyini elikucelayo emkhulekweni, likholwa, lizakwemukela. 23 Kwathi esengenile ethempelini, abapristi abakhulu labadala babantu basondela kuye esafundisa, bathi: Izinto lezi uzenza ngaliphi igunya? Njalo ngubani okunike leligunya? 24 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Lami ngizalibuza umbuzo ube munye; uba lingitshela lokhu, lami ngizalitshela ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi igunya: 25 Ubhabhathizo lukaJohane lwavela ngaphi? Ezulwini kumbe ebantwini? Basebekhulumisana, besithi: Uba sisithi: Ezulwini, uzakuthi kithi: Pho kalikholwanga kuye ngani? 26 Kodwa uba sisithi: Ebantwini, siyesaba ixuku; ngoba bonke bamphatha uJohane njengomprofethi. 27 Basebemphephendula uJesu bathi: Kasazi. Wasesithi kubo: Lami kangilitshele ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi igunya. 28 Kanti licabangani? Umuntu wayelamadodana amabili; waya kweyokuqala wathi: Mntanami, hamba, uyesebenza lamuhla esivini sami. 29 Kodwa yaphendula yathi: Angifuni. Kodwa emva kwalokho yaphenduka, yahamba. 30 Wasesiya kweyesibili watsho ngokunjalo. Yona-ke yaphendula yathi: Ngiyahamba, nkosi. Kodwa kayiyanga. 31 Yiyiphi kulawo amabili eyenza intando kayise? Bathi kuye: Eyokuqala. UJesu wathi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Abathelisi lezifebe bayangena embusweni kaNkulunkulu phambi kwenu. 32 Ngoba uJohane wafika kini ngendlela yokulunga, kalikholwanga kuye; kodwa abathelisi lezifebe bakholwa kuye; kodwa lina selikubonile kaliphendukanga emva kwalokho ukuthi likholwe kuye. 33 Zwanini omunye umfanekiso. Kwakukhona umuntu othile ongumninimuzi, owahlanyela isivini, wasibiyela ngothango, wagebha isikhamelo kuso, wakha umphotshongo, wasiqhatshisa kubalimi, waya kwelinye ilizwe. 34 Kwathi sekusondele isikhathi sezithelo, wathuma inceku zakhe kubalimi, ukuze zemukele izithelo zakhe. 35 Abalimi basebezibamba inceku zakhe, enye bayitshaya, lenye bayibulala, lenye bayikhanda ngamatshe. 36 Wabuya wathuma ezinye inceku ezinengi kulezokuqala; basebesenza njalo kulezo. 37 Ekucineni wasethuma indodana yakhe kubo, esithi: Bazayihlonipha indodana yami. 38 Kodwa abalimi sebeyibonile indodana bakhulumisana besithi: Le yindlalifa; wozani, siyibulale, njalo sibambe

ilifa layo. 39 Basebeyibamba bayiphosela ngaphandle kwesivini, bayibulala. 40 Ngakho mhla kufika umninisivini, uzabenzani abalimi labo? 41 Bathi kuye: Uzababhubhisa kakubi labo ababi, njalo uzaqhatshisa isivini kwabanye abalimi, abazamnika izithelo ngezikhathi zazo. 42 UJesu wathi kubo: Alikaze lifunde yini emibhalweni ukuthi: Ilitshe abakhi abalalayo, yilo eseliyinhloko yengonsi; lokhu yikwenza kweNkosi; njalo kuyamangalisa emehlweni ethu? 43 Ngakho ngithi kini: Lizakwemukwa umbuso kaNkulunkulu, unikwe isizwe esithela izithelo zawo. 44 Lalowo owela phezu kwalelilitshe uzaphahlazwa; kodwa loba ngubani eliwela phezu kwakhe lizamchoboza. 45 Kwathi abapristi abakhulu labaFarisi sebezile imifanekiso yakhe bazi ukuthi ubekhuluma ngabo. 46 Kwathi sebedinga ukumbamba besaba amaxuku, ngoba ayemphatha njengomprofethi.

22 UJesu wasephendula wabuya wakhuluma labo ngemifanekiso, wathi: 2 Umbuso wamazulu ufananiswa lomuntu oyinkosi, owenzela indodana yakhe idili lomtshado; 3 wasethuma inceku zakhe ukuthi zibize abanxusiweyo emtshadweni, kodwa kabavumanga ukubuya. 4 Wabuya wathuma ezinye inceku, esithi: Batsheleni abanxusiweyo ukuthi: Khangelani, sengilungisile ukudla kwami kwemini, inkabi zami lokunonileyo sekuhlatsiwe, izinto zonke sezilungile; wozani emtshadweni. 5 Kodwa kabananzanga, bazihambela, omunye ensimini yakhe, omunye ekuthengiselaneni kwakhe; 6 abaseleyo basebezibamba inceku zakhe baziphatha kubi bazibulala. 7 Kodwa kwathi inkosi ikuzwa lokho yathukuthela, yathuma amabutho ayo yabhubhisa labobabulali, yatshisa umuzi wabo. 8 Yasisithi encekweni zayo: Umtshado usulungile, kodwa abanxusiweyo bebengafanelanga. 9 Ngakho yanini emahlanganweni ezindlela, njalo bonke elingabathola, libabizele emtshadweni. 10 Lezonceku zaseziphuma zaya ezindleleni zabutha bonke ezabatholayo, ababi kanye labalungileyo; indlu yomtshado yasigcwa ngabahleziyo. 11 Kwathi inkosi ingena ukukhangela ababehlezi ekudleni yabona khona umuntu owayengembathanga isembatho somtshado; 12 yasisithi kuye: Mngane, ungene njani lapha ungelasembatho somtshado? Kodwa yena waqunywa umlomo. 13 Inkosi yasisithi ezincekwini: Mbopheni inyawo lezandla, limsuse limphosele

emnyameni ongaphandle; lapho kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo. **14** Ngoba banengi ababiziweyo, kodwa balutshwana abakhethiweyo. **15** Khona-ke abaFarisi basuka, bacebisana ngokuthi bangamthiya njani ekukhulumeni. **16** Basebethuma kuye abafundi babo kanye labakaHerodi, besithi: Mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi wena uqotho, ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu ngeqiniso, kawukhathaleli muntu, ngoba kawunanzi isimo sabantu. **17** Ngakho sitshela, wena ucabangani? Kuvunyelwe yini ukuthela kuKesari, kumbe hatshi? **18** Kodwa uJesu ebazi ububi babo wathi: Bazenzisi, lingilingelani? **19** Ngitshengisani imali yokuthela. Basebeletha kuye udenariyo. **20** Wasesithi kubo: Ngokabani lumfanekiso lalumbhalo? **21** Bathi: NgokaKesari. Wasesithi kubo: Ngakho mnikeni uKesari izinto zikaKesari; loNkulunkulu izinto zikaNkulunkulu. **22** Kwathi sebezile bamangala; bamtshiya bahamba. **23** Ngalolosuku kweza kuye abaSadusi, abathi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, basebembuza, **24** besithi: Mfundisi, uMozisi wathi: Uba umuntu esifa engelabantwana, umfowabo uzamthatha umkakhe, amvusele umfowabo inzalo. **25** Kwakukhona phakathi kwethu izelamani eziyisikhombisa; owokuqala wasethatha umfazi wafa; futhi engelanzalo, watshiya umkakhe kumfowabo. **26** Kwaba njalo lowesibili, lowesithathu, kwaze kwaba kowesikhombisa. **27** Kwathi emva kwabo bonke kwafa lomfazi. **28** Ngakho ekuvukeni kwabafileyo, uzakuba ngumkabani kwabayisikhombisa? Ngoba bonke babelaye. **29** Kodwa uJesu waphendula wathi kubo: Liduhile, lingayazi imibhalo, loba amandla kaNkulunkulu; **30** ngoba ekuvukeni kwabafileyo kabathathani, kabendiswa, kodwa banjengengilosi zikaNkulunkulu ezulwini. **31** Kodwa mayelana lokuvuka kwabafileyo, kalifundanga yini okwakhulunywa kini nguNkulunkulu, esithi: **32** Mina nginguNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, loNkulunkulu kalsaka, loNkulunkulu kaJakobe? UNkulunkulu kayisuye uNkulunkulu wabafileyo, kodwa owabaphilayo. **33** Kwathi amaxuku ekuzwa amangala kakhulu ngokufundisa kwakhe. **34** Kwathi abaFarisi, sebezile ukuthi uJesu ubaqume umlomo abaSadusi, babuthana ndawonye. **35** Lomunye wabo, isazumthetho, wambuza, emlinga, esithi: **36** Mfundisi, yiwuphi umlayo omkhulu emthethweni? **37** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Wothanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu

wakho, ngenhliziyo yakho yonke, langomphefumulo wakho wonke, langengqondo yakho yonke; **38** yiwo lowo umlayo owokuqala lomkhulu. **39** Lowesibili ufanana lawo uthi: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena. **40** Kuleyomilayo emibili kweyerme umthetho wonke labaprofethi. **41** Kwathi sebebuthene abaFarisi, uJesu wababuza, **42** esithi: Licabangani ngoKristu? Uyindodana kabani? Bathi kuye: NgekaDavida. **43** Wathi kubo: Pho uDavida wambiza njani ekuMoya ngokuthi yiNkosi, esithi: **44** INkosi yathi eNkosini yami: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami, ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho? **45** Ngakho uba uDavida embiza ngokuthi yiNkosi, uyiNdodana yakhe njani? **46** Njalo kwakungekho owayengamphendula ilizwi; kusukela ngalolosuku kakwabe kusaba khona umuntu olesibindi sokumbuza.

23 Khona uJesu wakhuluma emaxukwini lakubafundi bakhe, **2** esithi: Ababhali labaFarisi bahlezi esihlalweni sikaMozisi; **3** ngakho konke lokhu abalitshele khona ukuthi likugcine, kugcineni likwenze; kodwa lingenzi njengokwemisebenzi yabo, ngoba bayakhuluma bangenzi. **4** Ngoba bayabopha imithwalo enzima njalo elukhuni ukuthwalwa, bayibeke emahlombe abantu, kodwa kabafuni ukuyisusa ngomunwe wabo. **5** Njalo imisebenzi yabo yonke bayenza ukuze babonwe ngabantu; ngoba benza amafilakteriyu abo abe banzi, njalo bakhulisa intshaka zezembatho zabo; **6** bathanda izihlalo zabahloniphekayo ekudleni kwantambama, lezihlalo eziqakathekileyo emasinagogeni, **7** lokubingelelwa emidangeni, lokubizwa ngabantu ngokuthi: Rabi, Rabi. **8** Kodwa lina kalingabizwa ngokuthi Rabi; ngoba munye ongumfundisi wenu, uKristu; njalo lina lonke lingabazalwane. **9** Futhi lingabizi muntu emhlabeni ngokuthi nguyihlo; ngoba munye onguYihlo, osemazulwini; **10** kalingabizwa ngokuthi lingabafundisi; ngoba munye ongumfundisi wenu, uKristu. **11** Kodwa omkhulu kini uzakuba yinceku yenu. **12** Lalowo oziphakamisayo, uzathotshiswa; lalowo ozithobayo, uzaphakanyiswa. **13** Kodwa maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba livalela abantu umbuso wamazulu; ngoba kalingeni lina, labangenayo kalibavumeli ukuthi bangene. **14** Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lidla izindlu zabafelokazi, langokuzenzisa lenza

imikhuleko emide; ngakho lizakwemukela ukulahlwa okukhulu. **15** Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba libhoda ulwandle lomhlaba ukuthi lenze abe munye ophendukela kumaJuda, kuthi nxa esenziwe njalo, limenze umntwana wesihogo ngokuphindwe kabili kulani. (Geenna g1067) **16** Maye kini, bakhokheli abayiziphofu, abathi: Loba ngubani ofunga ngethempeli, akulutho; kodwa loba ngubani ofunga ngegolide lethempeli, ulomlandu. **17** Zithutha leziphofu! Ngoba yikuphi okukhulu, igolide, kumbe ithempeli elenza igolide libe ngcwele? **18** Njalo: Loba ngubani ofunga ngelathi, akulutho; kodwa loba ngubani ofunga ngomnikelo ophezu kwalo, ulomlandu. **19** Zithutha leziphofu! Ngoba yikuphi okukhulu, umnikelo, kumbe ilathi elenza umnikelo ube ngcwele? **20** Ngakho ofunga ngelathi ufunga ngalo langakho konke okuphezu kwalo; **21** lofunga ngethempeli ufunga ngalo langaye ohlala kulo; **22** lofunga ngezulu ufunga ngesihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu langaye ohlala phezu kwaso. **23** Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lithela okwetshumi kwetshwayi leganga ledile lekhumini; liyekele okunzima komlayo, ukwahlulela lesihawu lokholo; belifanele ukwenza lezizinto, lingaziyekeli lalezo. **24** Bakhokheli abayiziphofu, likhetha umiyane, kodwa liginye ikamela. **25** Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lihlabulula ingaphandle yenkezo leyomganu, kodwa ngaphakathi kugcwele ukuphanga lobuhwaba. **26** MFarisi oyisiphofu! Hlabulula kuqala ingaphakathi yenkezo leyomganu, ukuze kuhlambuluke lengaphandle yakho. **27** Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lifanana lamangcwaba aconjwe aba mhlophe, abonakala emahle ngaphandle, kanti ngaphakathi agcwele amathambo abafileyo lokungcola konke. **28** Kunjalo lani ngaphandle libonakala ebantwini lilungile, kanti ngaphakathi ligcwele ukuzenzisa lobubi. **29** Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lakha amangcwaba abaprofethi, licecise amangcwaba abalungileyo, **30** lithi: Uba besikhona ensukwini zabobaba bethu, besingayikuhlanganyela labo egazini labaprofethi. **31** Kunjalo liyazifakazela lina ukuthi lingamadodana alabo ababulala abaprofethi; **32** lina-ke gcwalisani isilinganiso saboyihlo! **33** Zinyoka, nzalo yamabululu, lizaphepha njani ukulahlwa kwesihogo? (Geenna g1067) **34** Ngakho, khangelani,

mina ngithuma kini abaprofethi labahlakaniphileyo lababhali; labanye babo lizababulala libabethele; labanye lizabatshaya ngesiswepu emasinagogeni enu libazingele imizi ngemizi; **35** ukuze kwehlele phezu kwenu igazi lonke elilungileyo elachithwa emhlabeni, kusukela egazini likaAbela olungileyo, kuze kufike egazini likaZakariya indodana kaBarakiya, elambulala phakathi kwethempeli lelathi. **36** Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Zonke lezizinto zizakwehlela phezu kwalesisizukulwana. **37** Jerusalema, Jerusalema, wena obulala abaprofethi njalo obakhanda ngamatshe labo abathunywe kuwe! Bengithanda kangakanani ukubuthela ndawonye abantwana bakho, njengesikhukhukazi sibuthela amatsiyane aso ngaphansi kwempiko, kodwa kalivumanga. **38** Khangelani, indlu yenu itshiyiwe kini ilunxiwa. **39** Ngoba ngithi kini: Kalisoze langibona kusukela khathezi, lize lithi: Ubusisiwe ozayo ebizweni leNkosi.

24 UJesu wasephuma wasuka ethempelini; basebesondela abafundi bakhe ukumtshengisa izakhiwo zethempeli. **2** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Kaliziboni yini zonke lezizinto? Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Akusoze kutshiywe lapha ilitshe elilodwa phezu kwelitshe, elingasozwe lidilizelwe phansi. **3** Kwathi esehlezi entabeni yeMihlwathi, abafundi beza kuye bebodwa, bathi: Sitshele, lezizinto zizakuba nini? Lesibonakaliso sokuza kwakho, lesokuphela kwesikhathi sizakuba yini? (aiōn g165) **4** UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Qaphelani, kungabi khona oliduhisayo; **5** ngoba abanengi bazakuza ngebizo lami, besithi: Mina nginguKristu; futhi baduhise abanengi. **6** Njalo lizakuzwa ngezimpi lamahungahunga ezimpi; nanzelelani, lingethuki; ngoba konke lokhu kufanele kwenzeke; kodwa ukuphela kakukabi khona. **7** Ngoba isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso; njalo kuzakuba khona indlala labomatshayabhuqe bezifo lokuzamazama komhlaba indawo ngendawo; **8** kodwa zonke lezizinto ziyikuqala kwemihelo. **9** Lapho-ke bazalinelakele ekhuluphekeni, balibulale; futhi lizazondwa yizizwe zonke ngenxa yebizo lami. **10** Njalo ngalesosikhathi abanengi bazakhubeka, banikelane, bazondane. **11** Futhi kuzavuka abaprofethi bamanga abanengi, baduhise abanengi. **12** Njalo ngenxa yokwanda kobubi, uthando lwabanengi luzaphola; **13** kodwa ophikelelayo kuze kube sekupheleni, nguyey ozasindiswa. **14** Njalo lelivangeli lombuso

lizatshunyayelwa emhlabeni wonke kube yibufakazi ezizweni zonke; khona-ke kuzafika ukuphela. 15 Ngakho nxa libona amanyala encithakalo, akhulunywa nguDanilyeli umprofethi, emi endaweni engcwele (obalayo kaqedisise), 16 khona labo abaseJudiya kababalekele ezintabeni; 17 ophezu kophahla lwendlu angehli ukuthatha ulutho endlini yakhe; 18 losemasimini angabuyeli emuva ukuyathatha izembatho zakhe. 19 Kodwa maye kwabakhulelweyo labamunyisayo ngalezonsuku! 20 Kodwa khulekani ukuthi ukubaleka kwenu kungabi sebusika, loba ngesabatha. 21 Ngoba ngalesosikhathi kuzakuba khona ukuhlupheka okukhulu, okungazanga kube khona kusukela ekuqaleni komhlaba kuze kube khathesi, njalo okungasayikuba khona. 22 Uba-ke lezonsuku bezingafinyezwanga, bekungesindiswe nyama; kodwa ngenxa yabakhethiweyo lezonsuku zizafinyezwa. 23 Ngalesosikhathi nxa umuntu esithi kini: Khangelani, nangu uKristu, kumbe nanguya, lingakholwa. 24 Ngoba kuzavuka okristu bamanga labaprofethi bamanga, benze izibonakaliso ezinkulu lezimangaliso, ukuze kuthi, nxa kungenzeka, baduhise labakhethiweyo. 25 Khangelani, sengilitshelile ngaphambili. 26 Ngakho uba bengathi kini: Khangelani, usenkangala, lingaphumi; khangelani, usendlini yensitha, lingakholwa. 27 Ngoba njengalokhu umbane ubaneka empumalanga ukhanye lentshonalanga, kuzakuba njalo lokufika kweNdodana yomuntu. 28 Ngoba loba ngaphi lapho okukhona isidumbu, lapho amanye azabuthana khona. 29 Njalo masinyane emva kokuhlupheka kwalezonsuku, ilanga lizafiphazwa, lenyanga kayiyikupha ukukhanya kwayo, lenkanyezi zizakuwa ezulwini, lamandla amazulu azazanyazanyiswa. 30 Khona-ke sizabonakala ezulwini isibonakaliso seNdodana yomuntu; njalo besezikhala zonke izizwe zomhlaba, sezibona iNdodana yomuntu isiza emayezini ezulu ilamandla lenkazimulo enkulu. 31 Njalo izathuma izingilosi zayo lokukhala okukhulu kophondo, beseziquqa abakhethiweyo bayo emimoyeni emine, kusukela emkhawulweni omunye wamazulu kuze kube komunye umkhawulo wawo. 32 Kodwa fundani umfanekiso emkhiweni; nxa khathesi ugatsha lwawo selusiba buthakathaka, njalo luhlume amahlamvu, liyazi ukuthi ihlobo seliseduze; 33 ngokunjalo lani, nxa libona lezizinto zonke, yazini ukuthi

kuseduze kuseminyango. 34 Ngqiqinisile ngithi kini: Lesisizukulwana asisoze sidlule, kuze kwenzeke zonke lezizinto. 35 Kuzadlula izulu lomhlaba, kodwa amazwi ami awasoze adlule. 36 Kodwa lolosuku leholo kakho owaziyo ngalo, ngitsho lezingilosi zemazulwini, ngaphandle kukaBaba kuphela. 37 Kodwa njengensuku zikaNowa, kuzakuba njalo ukufika kweNdodana yomuntu. 38 Ngoba njengakulezonsuku ezaziphambili kukazamcolo babesidla benatha, bethatha besendiswa, kwaze kwafika usuku uNowa angena ngalo emkhunjini, 39 njalo babengazi, kwaze kwafika uzamcolo wasebasusa bonke, kuzakuba njalo lokufika kweNdodana yomuntu. 40 Ngalesosikhathi kuzakuba khona ababili ensimini; omunye athathwe, lomunye atshiywe; 41 kuzakuthi abesifazana ababili bechola elitsheni; omunye athathwe, lomunye atshiywe. 42 Ngakho lindani, ngoba kalazi ukuthi iNkosi yenu izafika ngaliphi ihola. 43 Kodwa yazini lokhu, ukuthi uba umninindlu ebewazi umlindo isela elizafika ngawo, ubezalinda, futhi ubengayikuvuma ukuthi indlu yakhe ifohlelwe. 44 Ngakho lani hlalani lilungile; ngoba ngehola elingalicabangiyo, iNdodana yomuntu izakuza. 45 Pho ngubani inceku ethembekileyo lehlakaniiphileyo, inkosi yayo eyibeke phezu kwabendlu yayo, ukuthi ibanike ukudla ngesikhathi esifaneleyo? 46 Ibusisiwe leyonceku, okuzakuthi inkosi yayo nxa ifika izayifika isenza njalo. 47 Ngqiqinisile ngithi kini: Izayibeka phezu kwakho konke elakho. 48 Kodwa nxa leyonceku embi isithi enhliziyweni yayo: Inkosi yami iphuzile ukubuya, 49 njalo ibisiqala ukutshaya abayizinceku kanye layo, lokudla lokunatha lezidakwa, 50 inkosi yaleyonceku izafika ngosuku engayilindele ngalo, langehola engalaziyo, 51 izayiquma phakathi, izanika isabelo sayo labazenzisi; kuzakuba khona lapho ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo.

25 Ngalesosikhathi umbuso wamazulu uzafananiswa lentombi ezilitshumi ezathatha izibane zazo zaphuma ukuhlangabeza umyeni. 2 Njalo ezinhlanu zazo zazihlakaniiphile, lezinhlanu zaziyizithutha. 3 Ezizizithutha zathatha izibane zazo, kazithathanga amafutha kanye lazo; 4 kodwa ezihlakaniiphileyo zathatha amafutha ezitsheni kanye lezibane zazo. 5 Kwathi umyeni esephuzile, zawozela zonke zalala ubuthongo. 6 Kodwa phakathi kobusuku kwamanyezwa: Khangelani, umyeni uyeza,

phumani liyemhlangabeza! 7 Zasezivuka lezontombi zonke, zalungisa izibane zazo. 8 Ezizizithutha zasezisithi kwezihlakaniphileyo: Sipheni okwamafutha enu, ngoba izibane zethu ziyacitsha. 9 Kodwa ezihlakaniphileyo zaphendula, zathi: Hlezi angaseneli thina lani; kodwa kungcono ukuthi lihambe liye kwabathengisayo lizithengele. 10 Kwathi zisizathenga, weza umyeni. Ezasezilungile zasezingena laye emtshadweni, kwasekuvalwa umnyango. 11 Kwathi emva kwalokho zafika lalezontombi ezinye, zathi: Nkosi, Nkosi, sivulele! 12 Kodwa yena waphendula wathi: Ngqiqinile ngithi kini: Angilazi lina. 13 Ngakho lindani, ngoba kalilwazi usuku leholo iNdodana yomuntu efika ngalo. 14 Ngoba kunjengomuntu owaya kwelinye ilizwe wabiza inceku zakhe, wazinika impahla zakhe; 15 kwathi enye wayinika amathalenta amahlanu, lenye amabili, lenye lalinye, kwaba yileyo laleyo njengamandla ayo; njalo wahle wasuka. 16 Leyo eyayemukele amathalenta amahlanu yasihamba yathengiselana ngawo, yenza amanye amathalenta amahlanu. 17 Ngokunjalo laleyo elamabili, layo yazuza amanye amabili. 18 Kodwa leyo eyayemukele elilodwa yasuka yagebha emhlabathini yayifihla imali yenkosi yayo. 19 Kwathi emva kwesikhathi eside inkosi yalezozinceku yafika, yasilandiselana lazo. 20 Kwasekusiza eyayemukele amathalenta amahlanu yaletha amanye amathalenta amahlanu, yathi: Nkosi, wanginika amathalenta amahlanu; khangela, ngizuzile amanye amathalenta amahlanu phezu kwawo. 21 Inkosi yayo yasisithi kiyo: Kuhle, nceku elungileyo lethembekileyo, ubuthembekile ezintweni ezinlutshwana, ngizakubeka phezu kwezinye; ngena entokozweni yenkosi yakho. 22 Kwasekusiza laleyo eyayemukele amathalenta amabili yathi: Nkosi, wanginika amathalenta amabili; khangela, ngizuzile amanye amathalenta amabili phezu kwawo. 23 Inkosi yayo yathi kiyo: Kuhle, nceku elungileyo lethembekileyo, ubuthembekile ezintweni ezinlutshwana, ngizakubeka phezu kwezinye; ngena entokozweni yenkosi yakho. 24 Kodwa kweza laleyo eyayemukele ithalenta elilodwa yathi: Nkosi, bengikwazi wena ukuthi ungumuntu olukhuni, uvuna lapho ongahlanyelanga khona, njalo ubutha lapho ongahlakazanga khona; 25 ngasengisesaba, ngasuka ngalifihla ithalenta lakho emhlabathini; khangela, ulokwakho. 26 Kodwa inkosi yayo yaphendula yathi kiyo: Nceku embi lelivila, ubusazi ukuthi ngivuna lapho engingahlanyelanga khona, njalo ngibutha lapho engingahlakazanga khona; 27 ngakho ngabe ubekile imali yami ebhanga, njalo ekufikeni kwami ngabe ngemukele okwami lenzuzo. 28 Ngakho mthatheleni ithalenta, lilinike yena olamathalenta alitshumi. 29 Ngoba wonke olakho uzaphiwa, uzakwengezelelwa; kodwa ongelakho uzathathelwa lalokho alakho. 30 Laleyonceku engasizi lutho iphoseleni emnyameni ongaphandle; kuzakuba khona lapho ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo. 31 Njalo nxa isiza iNdodana yomuntu ngobukhosi bayo, lengilos ezingcwele zonke laye, khona izahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sodumo lwayo, 32 kuzabuthelwa phambi kwayo izizwe zonke, njalo izabehlukanisa abanye kwabanye, njengomelusi esehlukanisa izimvu embuzini; 33 ibisibeka izimvu ngakwesokunene sayo, kodwa imbuzi ngakwesokhohlo. 34 Khona-ke iNkosi izakuthi kubo abangakwesokunene sayo: Wozani, lina elibusisiweyo nguBaba, lidle ilifa lombuso eliwulungiselweyo kusukela ekusekelweni komhlaba. 35 Ngoba ngangilambile, langinika ukudla; ngangomile, langinathisa; ngangingowemzini, langemukela; 36 ngangize, langigqokisa; ngangigula, leza ukungibona; ngangisentolongweni, leza kimi. 37 Khona abalungileyo bezayiphendula, besithi: Nkosi, sakubona nini ulambile, njalo sakunika ukudla, kumbe womile, njalo sakunathisa? 38 Njalo sakubona nini ungowemzini, futhi sakwemukela, kumbe uze, futhi sakugqokisa? 39 Njalo sakubona nini ugula, loba usentolongweni, njalo seza kuwe? 40 Futhi iNkosi izaphendula ithi kubo: Ngqiqinile ngithi kini: Njengoba likwenzile komunye walaba abazalwane bami abancinyane, likwenzile kimi. 41 Ngalesosikhathi izakuthi njalo kubo abangakwesokhohlo: Sukani kimi, lina eliqalekisiweyo, liye emilweni olaphakade, olungiselwe udiyabhola lengilos zakhe. (aiōnios g166) 42 Ngoba ngangilambile, kodwa kalinginikanga ukudla; ngangomile, kodwa kalinginathisanga; 43 ngangingowemzini, kodwa kalingemukelanga; ngangize, kodwa kalingigqokisanga; ngangigula, ngangisentolongweni, kodwa kalizanga ukungibona. 44 Khona lalaba bezamphendula, besithi: Nkosi, sakubona nini ulambile, loba womile, loba ungowemzini, loba uze, loba ugula, loba usentolongweni, kodwa

kasakusiza? 45 Isizabaphendula, ithi: Ngqiqinisile ngithi kini: Njengoba lingakwenzanga komunye walaba abancinyane, kalikwenzanga lakimi. 46 Lalaba bazakuya ekujezisweni okulaphakade; kodwa abalungileyo empilweni elaphakade. (aiōnios g166)

26 Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile wonke lamazwi, wathi kubafundi bakhe: 2 Liyazi ukuthi emva kwensuku ezimbili kuzakuba liphasika, leNdodana yomuntu izanikelwa ukuze ibethelwe. 3 Kwasekubuthana abapristi abakhulu lababhali labadala babantu egumeni lompristi omkhulu othiwa nguKayafasi, 4 basebecebisana ukuthi bambambe uJesu ngobuqili bambulale. 5 Kodwa bathi: Kungabi ngomkhosi, ukuthi kungabi khona isiphithiphithi ebantwini. 6 Kwathi uJesu eseBethani endlini kaSimoni umlephero, 7 kwafika kuye owesifazana ephethe umfuma we-alibasta ulamagcobo aligugu elikhulu, wasewuthululela ekhanda lakhe ehlezi ekudleni. 8 Kodwa abafundi bebona lokhu bathukuthela, bathi: Ngokwani ukumotsha lokhu? 9 Ngoba la amagcobo angathengiswa ngokunengi, besekunikwa abayanga. 10 Kodwa uJesu ekwazi wathi kubo: Limhluphelani owesifazana? Ngoba wenzile umsebenzi omuhle kimi; 11 ngoba abayanga lihlala lilabo, kodwa mina kalihlali lilami. 12 Ngoba ngokuthululela la amagcobo emzimbeni wami, ukwenzele umngcwabo wami. 13 Ngqiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngaphi emhlabeni wonke lapho okuzatshunyayelwa khona lelivangeli, lalokho akwenzileyo kuzakhulunywa ngakho, kube yisikhumbuzo ngaye. 14 Omunye wabalitshumi lambili, othiwa nguJudasi Iskariyothi, wasesiya kubapristi abakhulu, 15 wathi: Livuma ukunginikani, mina-ke ngizamnikela kini? Basebevumelana laye ngenhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu. 16 Njalo kusukela lapho wadinga ithuba elihle lokumnikela. 17 Kwathi ngolokuqala lwesinkwa esingelamvubelo abafundi beza kuJesu, besithi kuye: Uthanda ukuthi sikulungisele ngaphi ukuthi udle iphasika? 18 Wasesithi: Hambani liye emzini kumuntu othile, lithi kuye: UMfundisi uthi: Isikhathi sami sesiseduze; ngizakwenza iphasika kwakho kanye labafundi bami. 19 Benza-ke abafundi njengoba uJesu ebalayile, basebelungisa iphasika. 20 Kwathi sekuhlwile wayehlezi labalitshumi lambili. 21 Bathi besidla wathi: Ngqiqinisile ngithi kini: Omunye wenu uzanginikela. 22 Basebedabuka kakhulu baqala

ukuthi kuye ngamunye wabo: Nkosi, ayisimi, akunjalo yini? 23 Wasephendula wathi: Ofaka isandla sakhe kanye lami emganwini, nguye ozanginikela. 24 Sibili iNdodana yomuntu ihamba, njengokulotshiweyo ngayo; kodwa maye kulowomuntu iNdodana yomuntu enikelwa nguye! Bekungakuhle kuye aluba lowomuntu wayengazalwanga. 25 Wasephendula uJudasi owamnikelayo wathi: Rabi, ayisimi, akunjalo yini? Wathi kuye: Utshilo wena. 26 Kwathi besidla, uJesu wathatha isinkwa, wasesibusisa, wasihlephula wabanika abafundi, wathi: Thathani, lidle; lokhu kungumzimba wami. 27 Wasethatha inkezo, wabonga, wabanika, esithi: Nathani lonke kuyo; 28 ngoba lokhu kuligazi lami, elesivumelwano esitsha, elichithelwa abanengi kukho ukuthethelelwa kwezono. 29 Kodwa ngithi kini: Kusukela khathezi kangiyikunatha okwalesisithelo sevini, kuze kufike lolosuku lapho ngizasinatha lani sisitsha embusweni kaBaba. 30 Kwathi sebehlebele ingoma yokudumisa baphuma baya entabeni yeMihlwathi. 31 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lina lonke lizakhubeka ngami ngalobubusuku; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ngizatshaya umelusi, izimvu zomhlambi besezihlakazeka. 32 Kodwa emva kokuvuswa kwami, ngizalandulela ukuya eGalili. 33 Kodwa uPetro waphendula wathi kuye: Lanxa bonke bezakhubeka ngawe, mina angisoze ngikhubeke. 34 UJesu wathi kuye: Ngqiqinisile ngithi kuwe: Ngalobubusuku, lingakakhali iqhude, uzangiphika kathathu. 35 UPetro wathi kuye: Loba kudingeka ngife lawe, angisoze ngikuphike. Basebesitsho njalo bonke abafundi. 36 UJesu wasefika labo endaweni ethiwa yiGetsemane, wasesithi kubafundi: Hlalani phansi lapha, ngisayakhuleka laphaya. 37 Wasethatha kanye laye uPetro lamadodana amabili kaZebediya, waqala ukudabuka lokukhathazeka kakhulu. 38 Wasesithi kubo: Umphfumulo wami udabukile kakhulu kuze kube sekufeni; hlalani lapha lilinde lami. 39 Waseqhubeka ibangana, wawa ngobuso bakhe wakhuleka wathi: Baba, uba kungenzeka, kakudlule kimi linkezo; kodwa kungabi njengoba ngithanda mina, kodwa njengoba uthanda wena. 40 Wasesiza kubafundi, wabafica belele, wathi kuPetro: Kanti belingelinde lami iholo ibenye? 41 Lindani likhuleke, ukuze lingangeni ekulingweni; umoya isibili uyavuma, kodwa inyama ibuthakathaka. 42 Wabuya wasuka ngokwesibili wakhuleka, wathi:

Baba, uba inkezo le ingedlule kimi, ngaphandle kokuthi ngiyinathe, kayenziwe intando yakho. **43** Wasebuya wabafica futhi belele, ngoba amehlo abo ayenzima. **44** Wasebatshiya wahamba futhi wakhuleka ngokwesithathu, esitsho wona lawomazwi. **45** Wasesiza kubafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Qhubekani lilele, liphumule; khangelani, isikhathi sesisondele, futhi iNnodana yomuntu iyanikelwa ezandleni zezoni. **46** Sukumani, sihambe; khangelani, onginikelayo useduze. **47** Kwathi esakhuluma, khangelana, kwafika uJudasi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, lexuku elikhulu lilaye elilezinkemba lezinduku, livela kubapristi abakhulu labadala babantu. **48** Laye omnikelayo wayebanike isiboniso, esithi: Lowo engizamanga, nguye; limbambe. **49** Njalo wahle wasondela kuJesu wathi: Mpilo enhle, Rabi! Wasemanga. **50** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Mngane, ulandeni? Basebesondela bamdumela uJesu ngezandla, bambamba. **51** Futhi khangelana, omunye walabo ababeloJesu welula isandla, wakhokha inkemba yakhe, wagadla inceku yompristi omkhulu waquma indlebe yayo. **52** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Buyisela inkemba yakho endaweni yayo; ngoba bonke abaphatha inkemba bazabhubha ngenkemba. **53** Kumbe ucabanga ukuthi ngingemcele uBaba yini khathesi, futhi anginike amabutho amakhulu ezingilosi edlula itshumi lambili? **54** Pho ingagcwaliseka njani imibhalo, ukuthi kumele ukuthi kube njalo? **55** Ngaleloholo uJesu wathi emaxukwini: Liphume njengokuyamelana lomphangi yini lilezinkemba lezinduku ukuzangibamba? Bengihlezi insuku ngensuku ethempelini ngifundisa, kodwa kalingibambanga. **56** Kodwa konke lokhu kwenzakele, ukuze kugcwaliseke imibhalo yabaprofethi. Basebemtshiya bonke abafundi babaleka. **57** Lababembambile uJesu bamqhuba bamusa kuKayafasi umpristi omkhulu, lapho ababebuthene khona ababhali labadala. **58** Kodwa uPetro wamlandela ekhatshana, kwaze kwaba segumeni lompristi omkhulu, njalo wangena phakathi wahlala phansi lezincedu, ukuze abone isicino. **59** Njalo abapristi abakhulu labadala lomphakathi wonke badinga ubufakazi bamanga obumelana loJesu, ukuze bambulale, **60** kodwa kababutholanga; lanxa kwavela abafakazi abanengi bamanga, ababutholanga. Kwathi emva kwalokho kwavela ababili abafakazi bamanga, **61** bathi: Lo wathi:

Ngilakho ukudiliza ithempeli likaNkulunkulu, njalo ngilakhe ngensuku ezintathu. **62** Kwasekusukuma umpristi omkhulu wathi kuye: Kawuphenduli lutho yini? Bafakazani laba okumelana lawe? **63** Kodwa uJesu wathula. Umpristi omkhulu wasephendula wathi kuye: Ngikufungisa ngoNkulunkulu ophilayo, ukuthi usitshela ukuthi unguKristu, iNnodana kaNkulunkulu. **64** UJesu wathi kuye: Utshilo wena. Kodwa ngithi kini: Kusukela khathesi libabona iNnodana yomuntu ihlezi ngakwesokunene samandla isiza phezu kwamayezi ezulu. **65** Umpristi omkhulu wasedabula izembatho zakhe, wathi: Usehlambazile; sisadingelani abafakazi? Khangelani, khathesi selyizwile inhamba yakhe; **66** licabangani? Basebephendula besithi: Ulecala lokufa. **67** Basebemkhafulela amathe ebusweni bamdutshuza; labanye bamwakala, **68** bathi: Profetha kithi, Kristu, ngubani okutshayileyo? **69** UPetro wayesehlezi ngaphandle egumeni; kwasekusiza kuye incekekazi ethile, yathi: Lawe ubuloJesu weGalili. **70** Kodwa waphika phambi kwabo bonke, wathi: Kangikwazi lokho okutshoyo. **71** Kwathi esephuma esiya esangweni, enye incekekazi yambona, yathi kwababekhona: Laye lo ubeloJesu weNazaretha. **72** Waphika njalo ngesifungo esithi: Kangimazi lumuntu. **73** Kwathi emva kwesikhatshana labo ababemi khona basondela bathi kuPetro: Ngeqiniso lawe ungowabo; ngoba lokukhuluma kwakho kuyakuveza. **74** Waseqala ukuqalekisa lokufunga esithi: Kangimazi lumuntu. Njalo lahle lakhala iqhude. **75** UPetro wasekhumbula ilizwi likaJesu esithi kuye: Lingakakhali iqhude, uzangiphika kathathu. Wasephumela ngaphandle wakhala kabuhlungu.

27 Kwathi sekusile, bonke abapristi abakhulu labadala babantu bacebisana bemelene loJesu ukuthi bambulale; **2** sebebophile bamqhuba bamnikela kuPontiyusi Pilatu umbusi. **3** Kwathi uJudasi owamnikelayo esebonile ukuthi ulahliwe, wazisola wabuyisela inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu kubapristi abakhulu labadala, **4** wathi: Ngonile nginikele igazi elingelacala. Kodwa bona bathi: Kulani lathi? Zibonele wena. **5** Wasephosela inhlamvu zesiliva ethempelini, wasuka; wayaziphanyeka. **6** Abapristi abakhulu basebethatha inhlamvu zesiliva bathi: Kakuvunyelwa ukuzifaka emnikelweni, ngoba ziyintengo yegazi. **7** Basebecebisana bathenga ngazo isiqinti sombumbi, sibe ngesokungcwaba abezizwe.

8 Ngakho lesosiqinti sathiwa yisiqinti segazi, kuze kube lamuhla. 9 Kwasekugcwaliseka okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi uJeremiya, esithi: Basebethatha inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu, intengo yalowo owalinganiswayo, abantwana bakolSrayeli abamlinganisayo; 10 basebebapha zona ngensimu yombumbi, njengoba iNkosi ingilayile. 11 UJesu wasesima phambi kombusi; umbusi wasembuza, wathi: Wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda yini? UJesu wasesithi: Utshilo wena. 12 Kwathi nxa esemangalelwe ngabapristi abakhulu labadala, kaphendulanga lutho. 13 UPilatu wasesithi kuye: Kawuzwa yini izinto ezingaka abazifakaza ngawe? 14 Kodwa kaphendulanga lakwelilodwa ilizwi, waze wamangala kakhulu umbusi. 15 Futhi ngomkhosi umbusi wayejwayele ukukhululela ixuku isibotshwa esisodwa, elisifunayo. 16 Njalo ngalesosikhathi babelesibotshwa esidumileyo, esithiwa nguBarabasi. 17 Ngakho sebebuthene, uPilatu wathi kubo: Lithanda ukuthi ngilikhulele bani, uBarabasi, kumbe uJesu othiwa nguKristu? 18 Ngoba wayekwazi ukuthi bamnikele ngomona. 19 Kwathi esehlezi esihlalweni sokwahlulela, umkakhe wathumela kuye, wathi: Ungabi landaba lalowo olungileyo; ngoba lamuhla ngihluphekile kakhulu ngaye ephutsheni. 20 Kodwa abapristi abakhulu labadala bancengana lamaxuku ukuthi acele uBarabasi, ambhubhise uJesu. 21 Wasephendula umbusi wathi kubo: Lithanda ukuthi ngilikhulele bani kulaba ababili? Basebesithi: UBarabasi. 22 UPilatu wathi kubo: Pho ngimenzeni uJesu othiwa nguKristu? Bonke bathi kuye: Kabethelwe. 23 Umbusi wasesithi: Ngoba wenze bubi bani? Kodwa bamemeza kakhulu, bathi: Kabethelwe! 24 Kwathi uPilatu esebonile ukuthi kakusizi lutho, kodwa ukuthi kwasekuqala kulalokhu ukuba lesiphithiphithi, wathatha amanzi, wageza izandla phambi kwexuku, wathi: Angilacala ngegazi lalumuntu olungileyo; ziboneleni lina. 25 Bonke abantu basebephendula bathi: Igazi lakhe kalibe phezu kwethu laphezu kwabantwana bethu. 26 Wasebakhululela uBarabasi; kodwa esemtshaye ngesiswepu uJesu wamnika ukuthi abethelwe. 27 Abebutho bombusi basebemngenisa uJesu endlini yombusi, baqoqela kuye ibutho lonke; 28 bamhlubula, bamgqokisa isembatho esibomvu, 29 sebelukile umqhele wameva, bamethesa wona ekhanda, bamphathisa lomhlanga esandleni sakhe sokunene; baguqa phambi kwakhe bamklolodela, bathi: Bayethe, Nkosi yamaJuda! 30 Bamkhafulela amathe, bathatha umhlanga, batshaya ikhanda lakhe. 31 Sebemklolodele, bamhlubula isembatho, bamgqokisa izigqoko zakhe, bamqhuba ukuze bambethele. 32 Kwathi sebethuma, bafica umuntu weKurene, uSimoni ngebizo; bambamba ngamandla lowo ukuthi athwale isiphambano sakhe. 33 Sebefikile endaweni ethiwa yiGolgotha, okuyikuthi iNdawo yokhakhayi, 34 bamnika iviniga elixutshaniswe lenyongo ukuze alinathe; kodwa eselizwile kavumanga ukunatha. 35 Futhi sebethethele, baba izembatho zakhe, benza inkatho yokuphosa; ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi ukuthi: Babelana izembatho zami, benza inkatho yokuphosa ngesigqoko sami. 36 Njalo sebehlala phansi bamlinda khona. 37 Babeka ngaphezu kwekhanda lakhe incwadi yecala lakhe ilotshiwe ukuthi: LO NGUJESU INKOSI YAMAJUDA. 38 Kwasekubethelwa abaphangi ababili kanye laye, omunye ngakwesokunene lomunye ngakwesokhohlo. 39 Labadlulayo bamhlambaza, benikina amakhanda abo, 40 besithi: Wena odiliza ithempeli ulakhe ngensuku ezintathu, zisindise; uba uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, yehla esiphambanweni. 41 Langokunjalo labapristi abakhulu labo bekloloda kanye lababhali labadala bathi: 42 Wasindisa abanye, yena angezisindise. Uba eyiNkosi yakolSrayeli, kehle khathesi esiphambanweni, futhi sizamkholwa. 43 Wathemba kuNkulunkulu; kamkhulule khathesi, uba emthanda. Ngoba wathi: NgiyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. 44 Labaphangi ababebethelwe kanye laye bamyangisa ngokufananayo. 45 Njalo kusukela ngeholo lesithupha kwaba lobumnyama emhlabeni wonke kwaze kwaba liholo lesificamunwemunye; 46 sekungaba liholo lesificamunwemunye uJesu wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, wathi: "Eli, Eli, lama sabaktani?" Okuyikuthi: Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu wami, ungitshiyeleni? 47 Njalo abanye kwababemi khona besizwa bathi: Lo ubiza uElija. 48 Njalo omunye wabo wahle wagijima, wathatha uzipho, walugcwalisa ngevininga, waluhloma emhlangeni, wamnika ukuthi anathe. 49 Kodwa abanye bathi: Yekelani sibone ukuthi uElija uzakuza amsindise. 50 UJesu wasebuya ememeza ngelizwi elikhulu wanikela umoya. 51 Futhi khangela, iveyili lethempeli ladatshulwa incezu ezimbili laqala phezulula

lisiya phansi; lomhlaba wamazama; lamadwala
 aqhekezeka; 52 lamangcwaba avuleka; lezidumbu
 eziningi zabangcwele abasebelele zavuswa; 53
 sebhophumile emangcwabeni emva kokuvuka kwakhe
 bangena emzini ongwele, babonakala kwabanengi.
 54 Kwathi induna yekhulu lalabo ababelayo belinde
 uJesu, sebhophile ukuzamazama komhlaba lezinto
 ezenzekileyo, besaba kakhulu, bathi: Ngeqiniso
 lo ubeyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. 55 Kwakukhona
 laphe abesifazana abanengi bebukele bekhathshana,
 ababemlandele uJesu bevela eGalili, bemncedisa; 56
 okwakukhona phakathi kwabo oMariya Magadalena,
 loMariya uninina kaJakobe loJose, lonina wamadodana
 kaZebediye. 57 Kwathi sekuhlwile, kwafika umuntu
 onothileyo evela eArimathiya, ibizo lakhe linguJosefa,
 owayengumfundi kaJesu laye; 58 yena waya kuPilatu,
 wacela isidumbu sikaJesu. UPilatu waselaya ukuthi
 isidumbu asinikwe. 59 UJosefa wasethatha isidumbu
 wasigoqela ngelemu elicolekileyo elihlambulukileyo,
 60 wasibeka engcwabeni lakhe elitsha, elaligujwe
 edwaleni; wasegiqela ilitshe elikhulu emnyango
 wengcwaba, wahamba. 61 Futhi kwakukhona laphe
 uMariya Magadalena, lomunye uMariya, behlezi
 maqondana lengcwaba. 62 Langosuku olulandelayo,
 olulandela olwamalungiselelo, abapristi abakhulu
 labaFarisi babuthana kuPilatu, 63 besithi: Nkosi,
 siyakhumbula ukuthi lowomkhohlisi esaphila wathi:
 Emva kwensuku ezintathu ngizavuka. 64 Ngakho
 laya ukuthi ingcwaba liqiniswe kuze kube lusuku
 lwesithathu; hlezi abafundi bakhe bafike ebusuku
 bamebe, besebesithi ebantwini: Uvukile kwabafileyo;
 kuthi inkohliso yokucina ibembi kuleyokuqala. 65
 UPilatu wasesithi kubo: Lilabalindi; hambani, liliqinise
 njengokubona kwenu. 66 Bahamba-ke baliqinisa
 ingcwaba, beliphawula ilitshe, belabalindi.

28 Kwathi ekupheleni kwesabatha,
 emadabukakusa kusiya osukwini lokuqala
 lweviki, kwafika uMariya Magadalena, lomunye
 uMariya, ukuzabona ingcwaba. 2 Futhi khangelani,
 kwaba khona ukuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu;
 ngoba ingilosi yeNkosi yehla ivela ezulwini, yasondela
 yagiqela ilitshe yalisusa emnyango, yahlala phezu
 kwalo. 3 Lokubonakala kwayo kwakunjengombane,
 lesembatho sayo sasimhlophe njengeliqhwa
 elikhithikileyo. 4 Abalindi basebethuthumela
 ngokuyesaba, baba njengabafileyo. 5 Kodwa ingilosi

yaphendula yathi kwabesifazana: Lingesabi lina;
 ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi lidinga uJesu obebethelwe;
 6 kakho lapha; ngoba uvukile, njengokutsho
 kwakhe; wozani libone indawo lapho iNkosi
 ebilele khona. 7 Hambani masinyane litshela
 abafundi bakhe ukuthi uvukile kwabafileyo; njalo
 khangelani, uzalandulela ukuya eGalili; lizambona
 khona; khangelani, sengilitshelile. 8 Basebhophuma
 engcwabeni ngokuphangisa belokwesaba lentokozo
 enkulu, bagijima baya ukubikela abafundi bakhe.
 9 Kwathi besiyatshela abafundi bakhe, futhi
 khangelani, uJesu wabahlalangeza, wathi: Mpilo
 enhle! Basebesondela babamba inyawo zakhe,
 bamkhonza. 10 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lingesabi;
 hambani, libikele abafowethu ukuthi baye eGalili, njalo
 bazangibona khona. 11 Kwathi sebehamba, khangelani,
 abanye kubalindi baya emzini babikela abapristi
 abakhulu konke okwenzakeleyo. 12 Sebebuthene
 labadala, benza icebo, banika abebutho imali
 enengi, 13 besithi: Kalibokuthi: Abafundi bakhe beze
 ebusuku bameba silele thina. 14 Futhi uba lokhu
 kuzwakala kumbusi, thina sizamncenga, silenze
 lingabi senkathazweni. 15 Basebethatha imali benza
 njengalokhu ababekufundisiwe; lalilizwi landa
 phakathi kwamaJuda kuze kube lamuhla. 16 Kwathi
 abafundi abalitshumi lanye baya eGalili, entabeni
 uJesu ayebalaye yona; 17 sebhophile bamkhonza;
 kodwa abanye bathandabuza. 18 UJesu wasesondela
 wakhuluma labo, esithi: Wonke amandla aphiwe mina
 ezulwini lemhlabeni; 19 ngakho hambani lenze izizwe
 zonke zibe ngabafundi, libabhabhathiza ebizweni
 likaYise leleNdodana lelukaMoya oNgcwele; 20
 libafundisa ukugcina konke engililaye khona; futhi
 khangelani, mina ngilani insuku zonke kuze kube
 sekupheleni kwesikhathi. Amen. (aiōn g165)

UMakho

1 Ukuqala kwevangeli likaJesu Kristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu; **2** njengokulotshiweyo kubaprofethiukuthi: Khangela, mina ngiyathuma isithunywa sami phambi kobuso bakho, esizalungisa indlela yakho phambi kwakho. **3** Ilizwi lomemezayo enkangala, lithi: Lungisani indlela yeNkosi; qondisani izindledlana zayo. **4** Kweza uJohane ebhabhathiza enkangala, etshumayela ubhabhathizo lokuphenduka kukho ukuthethelelwa kwezono, **5** njalo kwaphumela kuye ilizwe lonke leJudiya, labo abeJerusalem, basebebhabhathizwa bonke nguye emfuleni iJordani, bevuma izono zabo. **6** Futhi uJohane wayembethe uboya bekamela, elozwezwe lwesikhumba ekhalweni lwakhe, wayesidla intethe loluju lweganga. **7** Watshumayela, esithi: Olamandla kulami uyeza emva kwami, engingafanele ukukhothama ngithukulule umchilo wamanyathela akhe. **8** Mina isibili ngilibhabhathize ngamanzi; kodwa yena uzalibhabhathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele. **9** Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku kwafika uJesu evela eNazaretha yeGalili, wabhabhathizwa nguJohane eJordani. **10** Wenela ukukhuphuka emanzini, wabona amazulu eqhekezeka, loMoya kungathi lijuba esehlela phezu kwakhe; **11** kwasekusiza ilizwi livela emazulwini, lathi: Wena uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo, engithokoza ngayo. **12** Njalo uMoya wahle wamqhubela enkangala. **13** Wayekhona-ke lapho enkangala insuku ezingamatshumi amane elingwa nguSathane, wayelezilo, ingilosi zasezimnceda. **14** Kwathi emva kokunikelwa kukaJohane, uJesu wafika eGalili, etshumayela ivangeli lombuso kaNkulunkulu, **15** njalo esithi: Isikhathi sigcwalisekile, njalo umbuso kaNkulunkulu ususondele; phendukani, likholwe ivangeli. **16** Kwathi ehambahamba elwandle lweGalili wabona uSimoni loAndreya umfowabo, bephosela imbule olwandle; ngoba babengabagoli benhlanzi. **17** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngilandelani, ngizalenza libe ngabagoli babantu. **18** Njalo bahle batshiya amambule abo, bamlandela. **19** Eseqhubeke ibangana esuka lapho, wabona uJakobe okaZebediya, loJohane umfowabo, labo babesemkhunjini belungisa amambule abo. **20** Njalo wahle wababiza; basebetshiya uyise uZebediya emkhunjini leziqhatshwa, basuka

bamlandela. **21** Basebengena eKapenawume; kwathi ngesabatha wahle wangena esinagogeni, wafundisa. **22** Basebebabaza ngemfundiso yakhe; ngoba wabafundisa njengolamandla, njalo kungenjengababhali. **23** Futhi kwakukhona esinagogeni labo umuntu owayelomoya ongcolileyo, wasememeza, **24** wathi: Yekela, silani lawe, Jesu weNazareth? Uze ukusibhubhisa yini? Ngiyakwazi wena ukuthi ungubani: ONgcwele kaNkulunkulu. **25** UJesu wasemkhuza, wathi: Thula, uphume kuye. **26** Futhi umoya ongcolileyo emhlukuluza ekhala ngelizwi elikhulu, waphuma kuye. **27** Basebemangala bonke, baze babuzana, bathi: Kuyini lokhu? Yimfundiso bani entsha le, ukuthi ngamandla uyalaya labomoya abangcolileyo, futhi bamlalele. **28** Njalo yahle yaphuma indumela yakhe esigabeni sonke seGalili esizingelezeleyo. **29** Njalo bahle baphuma esinagogeni, bangena endlini kaSimoni loAndreya, kanye loJakobe loJohane. **30** Futhi uninazala kaSimoni wayelele eloqhuqho, njalo bahle bamtshela ngaye; **31** wasesondela, wabamba isandla sakhe wamvusa; futhi uqhuqho lwahle lwamyekela, wabasebenzela. **32** Kwathi sekuhlwile, ilanga selitshona, baletha kuye bonke abagulayo lababengenwe ngamadimoni; **33** njalo umuzi wonke wawubuthene emnyango. **34** Wasesilisa abanengi ababegula izifo ezitshiyeneyo, wakhupha amadimoni amanengi, kodwa kavumelanga amadimoni ukuthi akhulume, ngoba ayemazi. **35** Njalo ekuseni kusesemnyama kakhulu wavuka waphuma, waya endaweni eyinkangala, wakhuleka khona. **36** USimoni lababelaye basebemdingisisa; **37** sebemtholile bathi kuye: Bonke bayakudinga. **38** Wasesithi kubo: Asiyemizini eseduze, ukuze ngitshumaye lekhona; ngoba ngiphumele lokhu. **39** Wasetshumayela emasinagogeni abo kulo lonke eleGalili, ekhupha amadimoni. **40** Kwasekufika kuye umlephero, emncenga eguqa ngamadolo phambi kwakhe, esithi kuye: Aluba uthanda, ungangihlambulula. **41** UJesu wasesiba lesihelo, welula isandla, wamthinta, wathi kuye: Ngiyathanda, hlambuluka; **42** esekhulumile bahle basuka ubulephero kuye, wahlanjululwa. **43** Wasemlayisisa, wahle wamyekela wahamba, **44** esithi kuye: Khangela ungatsheli muntu ulutho; kodwa hamba, uziveze kumpristi, unikele ngokuhlanjululwa kwakho lokho uMozisi akulayayo, kube yibufakazi

kubo. 45 Kodwa yena esephumile waqala ukumemezela kakhulu walwandisa udaba, kwaze kwathi wayengaselakho ukungena emzini obala, kodwa wayengaphandle ezindaweni ezizinkangala; beza kuye bevela enhlangothini zonke.

2 Njalo wabuya wangena eKapenawume emva kwezinsuku; kwasekuzwakala ukuthi usendlini. 2 Njalo kwahle kwabuthana abanengi, akwazabe kusaba lendawo yabo, ngitsho langasemnyango; wasekhuluma ilizwi kubo. 3 Basebesiza kuye, beletha owome umhlubulo, ethwelwe ngabane. 4 Babengelakusondela kuye ngenxa yexuku, bavula uphahla lapho ayekhona, bathi sebelubhobozile behlisa ithala alele kulo owome umhlubulo. 5 Njalo uJesu ebona ukholo lwabo wathi kowome umhlubulo: Ndodana, izono zakho uzithethelelwe. 6 Kodwa abanye bababhali ababehlezi lapho, banakana enhliziyweni zabo, bathi: 7 Ukhulumelani inhlamba enje lo? Ngubani ongathethelela izono ngaphandle koyedwa, uNkulunkulu? 8 Njalo khonokho uJesu ekwazi emoyeni wakhe ukuthi babenakana njalo phakathi kwabo, wathi kubo: Linakanelani izinto lezi enhliziyweni zenu? 9 Yikuphi okulula, ukuthi kowome umhlubulo: Izono zakho uzithethelelwe, kumbe ukuthi: Sukuma, uthathe icansi lakho, uhambe? 10 Kodwa ukuze lazi ukuthi iNdodana yomuntu ilamandla okuthethelela izono emhlabeni (wathi kowome umhlubulo): 11 Ngithi kuwe: Sukuma uthathe icansi lakho, uye endlini yakho. 12 Njalo wahle wasukuma, wathatha icansi, waphuma phambi kwabo bonke; baze bamangala bonke, bamdumisa uNkulunkulu, besithi: Kasizange sikubone okunje. 13 Wasebuya esiya elwandle, ixuku lonke laselisiza kuye, wasebafundisa. 14 Wathi esedlula wabona uLevi okaAlfewu ehlezi endlini yokuthelisela, wasesithi kuye: Ngilandela. Wasesukuma wamlandela. 15 Kwasekusithi ehlezi endlini yakhe, labathelisi abanengi lezoni bahlala ekudleni loJesu labafundi bakhe; ngoba babebanengi, njalo bemlandela. 16 Kwathi ababhali labaFarisi, bembona esidla labathelisi lezoni, bathi kubafundi bakhe: Kungani esidla enatha labathelisi lezoni? 17 Kwathi uJesu esezwile wathi kubo: Abaphilileyo kabadingi melaphi, kodwa labo abagulayo. Kangizanga ukubiza abalungileyo, kodwa izoni zize ekuphendukeni. 18 Njalo abafundi bakaJohane lababaFarisi babezila

ukudla; basebesiza bathi kuye: Kungani abafundi bakaJohane lababaFarisi bezila ukudla, kodwa abafundi bakho bengazili ukudla? 19 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Amadodana endlu yomthimba angazila yini ukudla, umyeni eselawo? Angezile, ingqe ngesikhathi umyeni eselawo; 20 kodwa zizafika insuku lapho umyeni azasuswa kuwo, njalo khona azazila ukudla ngalezonsuku. 21 Futhi kakho othungela isichibi selembu elingakafinyeli esembathweni esidala; uba-ke kungenjalo okubekelweyo kudabuke kiso, okutsha kwesidala, kuqhele ukudabuka. 22 Futhi kakho othela iwayini elitsha emigodleni emidala; uba-ke kungenjalo iwayini elitsha lidabula imigodla, lichitheke iwayini lemigodla yonakale; kodwa iwayini elitsha limele lifakwe emigodleni emitsha. 23 Kwasekusithi edabula emasimini amabele ngesabatha, abafundi bakhe basebeqala ukukha izikhwebu behamba. 24 AbaFarisi basebesithi kuye: Khangela, kungani besenza lokho okungavunyelwayo ngesabatha? 25 Yena wasesithi kubo: Kalizange libale yini uDavida akwenzayo, mhla eswele, elambile, yena lababelaye? 26 Ukuthi wayangena njani endlini kaNkulunkulu esikhathini uAbhiyatha engumpristi omkhulu, wadla izinkwa zokubukiswa ezingavunyelwa ukudliwa ngaphandle kwabapristi, wabanika lababelaye? 27 Wasesithi kubo: Isabatha lenziwa ngenxa yomuntu, njalo umuntu kenziwanga ngenxa yesabatha; 28 ngakho iNdodana yomuntu iyiNkosi leyesabatha.

3 Wasebuya engena esinagogeni, njalo kwakukhona lapho umuntu olesandla esitshwabheneyo. 2 Basebemqaphela ukuthi uzamsilisa ngesabatha, ukuze bambeke icala. 3 Wasesithi kumuntu olesandla esitshwabheneyo: Sukuma uye phakathi. 4 Wathi kubo: Kuvunyelwe yini ngamasabatha ukwenza okulungileyo, kumbe ukwenza okubi? Ukusindisa impilo, kumbe ukubulala? Kodwa bathula. 5 Wasebathalaza ngokuthukuthela, edabukile ngobulukhuni benhliziyo yabo, wathi kumuntu: Yelula isandla sakho. Waselula, isandla sakhe sasesiliswa saphila njengesinye. 6 Basebephuma abaFarisi bahle bacebisana labakaHerodi bemelane laye, ukuthi bangambulala njani. 7 Kodwa uJesu wasuka wahamba labafundi bakhe ngaselwandle; ixuku elikhulu laselimlandela livela eGalili, leJudiya; 8 leJerusalema, leIdumiya, langaphetsheya kweJordani, labemimangweni yeTire leSidoni, ixuku elikhulu,

selizwile izinto ezinkulu abezenza, leza kuye. 9 Ngubani umama kumbe abafowethu? 34 Wasethalaza labo ababehlezi bemphahlile, wathi: Khangelani umama labafowethu. 35 Ngoba loba ngubani owenza intando kaNkulunkulu, nguye ongumfowethu lodadewethu lomama.

4 Wasebuya waqala ukufundisa ngaselwandle; kwasekubuthana kuye ixuku elikhulu, waze wangena emkhunjini wahlala olwandle; njalo ixuku lonke lalisemhlabathini ngaselwandle. 2 Wasebafundisa izinto ezinengi ngemifanekiso, lekufundiseni kwakhe wathi kubo: 3 Lalelani; khangelani, kwaphuma umhlanyeli ukuyahlanyela. 4 Kwasekusithi ekuhlanyeleni, enye yawela eceleni kwendlela, kwasekufika inyoni zezulu zayidla zayiqeda. 5 Njalo enye yawela emhlabathini olamatshe, lapho eyayingelamhlabathi omnengi khona; futhi yahle yamila, ngoba yayingelakutshona komhlabathi; 6 kwathi ekuphumeni kwelanga yahangulwa yabuna ngoba yayingelampande. 7 Enye yasiwela emeveni, ameva asekhula, ayiminyanisa, futhi ayithelanga isithelo. 8 Njalo enye yawela emhlabathini omuhle; yathela isithelo esakhulayo sanda, yazala enye amatshumi amathathu, lenye amatshumi ayisithupha, lenye ikhulu. 9 Wasesithi kubo: Olendlebe zokuzwa, akezw. 10 Kwathi eseyedwa, labo ababemphahlile kanye labalitshumi lambili bambuza ngomfanekiso. 11 Wasesithi kubo: Kuphiwe kini ukwazi imfihlo yombuso kaNkulunkulu; kodwa labo abangaphandle benzela izinto zonke ngemifanekiso; 12 ukuze bebona babone, bangabonisisi; njalo besizwa bezwe, bangaqedisisi; hlezi loba nini baphenduke, bathethelelwe izono zabo. 13 Wasesithi kubo: Kaliwazi lumfanekiso yini? Pho lizayazi njani imifanekiso yonke? 14 Umhlanyeli uhlanyela ilizwi. 15 Njalo abaseceleni kwendlela, yilabo lapho okuhlanyelwa khona ilizwi, futhi nxa belizwa, uSathane ahle afike alisuse ilizwi elihlanyelwe enhliziyweni zabo. 16 Lalabo ngokunjalo abahlanyelwe emhlabathini olamatshe, abathi, lapho besizwa ilizwi, bahle balemukele ngentokozo, 17 njalo kabalampande phakathi kwabo, kodwa bahlala okwesikhathi; kuthi sekufika inkathazo kumbe ukuzingelwa ngenxa yelizwi, bahle bakhubeke. 18 Lalaba yilabo abahlanyelwe emeveni, abalizwayo ilizwi, 19 kodwa impisekelo yalumhlaba, lenkohliso yenotho, lenkanuko yezinye izinto kungene

kuminyanise ilizwi, futhi ibe ingasatheli. (aiōn g165) 20 Lalaba yilabo abahlanyelwe emhlabathini omuhle, abathi belizwile ilizwi, balemukele, bathele, enye amatshumi amathathu, lenye amatshumi ayisithupha, lenye ikhulu. 21 Wasesithi kubo: Kanti isibane silethwa ukuze sibekwe ngaphansi kwesitsha kumbe ngaphansi kombhedha? Angithi ukuze sibekwe esiqobaneni sesibane? 22 Ngoba kakukho okufihliweyo okungayikubonakaliswa; akukho okwenzeka kube yimfihlo, kodwa ukuze kube sobala. 23 Nxa umuntu elendlebe zokuzwa akeзве. 24 Wasesithi kubo: Qaphelisani elikuzwayo. Ngesilinganiso elilinganisa ngaso lizalanganiselwa ngaso, njalo lina elizwayo lizaphiwa ngokwengezelelweyo. 25 Ngoba loba ngubani olakho, uzaphiwa; kodwa loba ngubani ongelakho, uzakwemukwa lalokho alakho. 26 Wasesithi: Unjalo umbuso kaNkulunkulu, njengokuba nxa umuntu ephosa inhlanyelo emhlabathini, 27 njalo alale abesevuka ebusuku lemini, lenhlanyelo imile njalo ikhule, yena kakwazi ukuthi njani. 28 Ngoba umhlabathi uyathela ngokwawo, kuqala usungulo, kulandele isikhwebu, kulandele amabele apheleleyo esikhwetshini. 29 Kodwa nxa sesivuthiwe isithelo, uhle athumeze isikela, ngoba ukuvuna sekufikile. 30 Wathi futhi: Sizawufananisa lani umbuso kaNkulunkulu? Kumbе sizawufananisa ngomfanekiso bani? 31 Unjengohlamvu lwemasitidi, oluthi nxa seluhlanyelwe emhlabathini, luncinyane kulazo zonke inhlamvu ezisemhlabeni; 32 njalo nxa seluhlanyelwe, lukhule, lube lukhulu lwedlule izilimo zonke, lwenze ingatsha ezinkulu, kuze kuthi inyoni zezulu zingakhela ngaphansi komthunzi wazo. 33 Waselikhuluma kubo ilizwi ngemifanekiso eminengi enjalo, njengamandla abo okuzwa; 34 kodwa ngaphandle komfanekiso kakhulumanga kubo; kodwa sebebodwa wabachasisela abafundi bakhe izinto zonke. 35 Ngalolosuku sekuhlwile, wasesithi kubo: Asichapheleni ngaphetsheya. 36 Sebeyekele ixuku lahamba, bamthatha bahamba laye njengoba enjalo emkhunjini. Futhi leminyе imikolo yayilaye. 37 Kwasekuvuka isiphepho esikhulu somoya; lamagagasi aphoseka emkhunjini, waze wagcwala khathesi. 38 Njalo yena wayengemuva emkhunjini elele emqamelweni; basebemvusa, bathi kuye: Mfundisi, kawukhathali yini ukuthi siyabhubha? 39 Wasevuka wakhuya umoya, wathi kulo ulwandle:

Thula, uthi zwi! Umoya wasuqamuka, kwasekusiba khona ukuthula okukhulu. 40 Wasesithi kubo: Kungani lisesaba kangaka? Kalilakholo ngani? 41 Basebesesaba ngokwesaba okukhulu, bathi omunye komunye: Kanti ungubani lo, ukuthi lomoya lolwandle kumlalele?

5 Basebefika ngaphetsheya kolwandle, elizweni lamaGadarene. 2 Esepumile emkhunjini, wahle wamhlangabeza umuntu ovela emangcwabeni elomoya ongcolileyo, 3 owayehlala emangcwabeni; njalo kwakungelamuntu owayengambopha ngitsho langamaketane, 4 ngoba wayebotshiwe kanengi ngezibopho langamaketane, kodwa amaketane ayeqanyulwa nguye, lezibopho zaqanyuqanyulwa; njalo kwakungekho owayengamthambisa; 5 langezikhathi zonke, ebusuku lemini, wayesezintabeni lemangcwabeni eklabalala ezisika ngamatshe. 6 Kwathi ebona uJesu ekhatshana, wagijima wamkhonza, 7 wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Ngilani lawe, Jesu, Ndodana kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke? Ngikufungisa ngoNkulunkulu, ungangihluphi. 8 Ngoba wathi kuye: Phuma emuntwini, moya ongcolileyo. 9 Wasembuza wathi: Ibizo lakho ungubani? Wasephendula, wathi: Ibizo lami nginguLegiyoni, ngoba sibanengi. 10 Wasemncenga kakhulu, ukuthi angabaxotsheli ngaphandle kwelizwe. 11 Kwakukhona lapho ngasezintabeni umhlambi omkhulu wengulube usidla; 12 lamadimoni wonke amncenga, athi: Sithume engulubeni, singene kuzo. 13 Njalo uJesu wahle wawavumela. Omoya abangcolileyo basebephuma bangena ezingulubeni; umhlambi wasuphaphatheka eliweni usiya olwandle; njalo zazingaba zinkulungwane ezimbili; zaminzwa olwandle. 14 Abazelusayo ingulube basebebaleka, bayabika emzini lemaphandleni. Basebephuma ukubona ukuthi kuyini okwenzakeleyo; 15 bafika kuJesu, bambona obengenwe ngamadimoni ehlezi egqokile eqondile, yena owayelegiyoni; basebesesaba. 16 Labo ababekubonile babatshela ukuthi kwenzeke njani kowayengenwe ngamadimoni, langengulube. 17 Basebeqala ukumncenga ukuthi asuke elizweni lakibo. 18 Wathi engena emkhunjini, owayengenwe ngamadimoni wamncenga, ukuthi abe laye. 19 Kodwa uJesu kamvumelanga, kodwa wathi kuye: Hamba uye ekhaya kwabakini, ubatshela ukuthi iNkosi ikwenzele okungakanani, ikuhawukele.

20 Wasesuka ehamba waqala ukutshumayela eDikapolisi ukuthi uJesu umenzele okungakanani; basebemangala bonke. 21 UJesu esebuye wachaphela ngaphetsheya ngomkhumbi, kwabuthana kuye ixuku elikhulu, futhi wayengaselwandle. 22 Njalo khangela, kwafika omunye wabaphathi besinagoge, uJayirosi ngebizo; embona, wawa phansi enyaweni zakhe, 23 wamncenga kakhulu, esithi: Indodakazi yami encane isiphela; ake uze ubeke izandla phezu kwayo, ukuze isindiswe, njalo izaphila. 24 Wasehamba laye; ixuku elikhulu laselilandela, lamminyezela. 25 Njalo owesifazana othile owayelomopho wegazi okweminyaka elitshumi lambili, 26 ehlupekile kakhulu kubelaphi abanengi, echithile konke ayelakho, engasizakalanga, kodwa kulokhu kumqinela, 27 esezwile ngoJesu, weza exukwini ngemuva, wathinta isembatho sakhe; 28 ngoba wathi: Aluba ngithinta izembatho zakhe nje, ngizasindiswa. 29 Futhi wahle woma umthombo wegazi lakhe, wasesizwa emzimbeni ukuthi usilile esifweni. 30 Njalo uJesu wahle wazi phakathi kwakhe ukuthi amandla aphumile kuye, watshibilika esexukwini, wathi: Ngubani othinte izembatho zami? 31 Abafundi bakhe basebesithi kuye: Uyabona ixuku likuminyezela, kodwa uthi: Ngubani ongithintileyo? 32 Wasethalaza ukuthi ambone owenze lokhu. 33 Kodwa owesifazana esesaba ethuthumela, ekwazi okwenzekileyo kuye, weza wawa phambi kwakhe, wamtshela iqiniso lonke. 34 Wasesithi kuye: Ndodakazi, ukholo lwakho lukusindisile; hamba ngokuthula, siliswa esifweni sakho. 35 Esakhuluma, kwafika abanye bomphathi wesinagoge, bathi: Indodakazi yakho isifile; usamkhathezalani uMfundisi? 36 Kwahle kwathi uJesu esizwa ilizwi elikhulunywayo wathi kumphathi wesinagoge: Ungesabi, kholwa kuphela. 37 Futhi kavumelanga muntu ukuthi amlandele, ngaphandle kukaPetro loJakobe loJohane umfowabo kaJakobe. 38 Wafika-ke endlini yomphathi wesinagoge, wabona isiphithiphithi, labakhalayo labalilayo kakhulu, 39 esengenile wathi kubo: Liphithizelelani, likhala? Umntwana kafanga, kodwa ulele. 40 Basebembheka usulu. Kodwa yena, esebakhuphile bonke, wathatha uyise womntwana omncane lonina lalabo ababelaye, wangena lapho okwakulele khona umntwana omncane. 41 Wabamba isandla somntwana omncane, wathi kuye: "Thalitha, kumi"; okuyikuthi

ngokuphendulelwa: Wena ntombazana encane, ngithi kuwe, vuka. 42 Njalo yahle yavuka intombazana encane, yahamba, ngoba yayileminyaka elitshumi lambili; basebesanganiseka ngokusanganiseka okukhulu. 43 Wasebalayisisa kakhulu ukuthi lokhu kungaziwa muntu; wathi kayinikwe ukudla.

6 Wasesuka lapho, waya emzini wakibo; abafundi bakhe basebemandela. 2 Sekufike isabatha, waqala ukufundisa esinagogeni; labanengi abamuzwayo bamangala, bathi: Zivela ngaphi lezizinto kuye? Njalo yinhlikanipho bani ayinikiweyo, ukuthi lalimisebenzi yamandla enje yenziwe ngezandla zakhe? 3 Lo kayisuye umbazi yini, indodana kaMariya, lomfowabo kaJakobe loJose loJudasi loSimoni? Labodadewabo kabakho yini lapha kithi? Basebekhubeka ngaye. 4 Kodwa uJesu wathi kubo: Umprofethi kasweli ukudunyiswa, ngaphandle kwelizweni lakibo, lezihlotsheni zakhe lendlini yakwabo. 5 Futhi wayengelakho ukwenza lowodwa umsebenzi wamandla lapho, ngaphandle kokubeka izandla phezu kwabagulayo abalutshwana, wabasilisa. 6 Wasemangala ngokungakholwa kwabo. Wabhodabhoda imizana efundisa. 7 Wasebizela kuye abalitshumi lambili, waqala ukubathuma ngababili ngababili, wabanika amandla phezu kwabomoya abangcolileyo. 8 Wabalaya ukuthi bangaphathi lutho lwendlela, ngaphandle kodondolo kuphela; lasikhwama, lasinkwa, lamali ezwezwani; 9 kodwa bafake amanyathela; futhi bangembathi izembatho ezimbili. 10 Wasesithi kubo: Lapho elingena khona endlini, hlalani kiyo lize liphume khona. 11 Njalo loba ngobani abangayikulemukela, kumbe balizwe, nxa liphuma lapho, thintithani uthuli olungaphansi kwenyawo zenu kube yibufakazi kubo. Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kuzakuba lula eSodoma kumbe laseGomora ngosuku lwesigwebo, kulakulowomuzi. 12 Sebephumile batshumayela ukuthi baphenduke; 13 bakhupha amadimoni amanengi, bagcoba abanengi abagulayo ngamagcobo babasilisa. 14 Inkosi uHerodi wasesizwa ngakho, ngoba ibizo lakhe laba sobala, wasesithi: UJohane owabhabhathizayo uvukile kwabafuleyo, futhi kungakho lamandla esebenza kuye. 15 Abanye bathi: UnguElija; labanye bathi: Ungumprofethi, kumbe unjengomunye wabaprofethi. 16 Kodwa uHerodi esezwile wathi: Lo nguJohane, mina engamquma ikhanda; yena uvukile

kwabafileyo. 17 Ngoba yena uHerodi wayethumele wambamba uJohane, wambopha entolongweni, ngenxa kaHerodiyasi umkaFiliphu umfowabo, ngoba wayemthethe. 18 Ngoba uJohane wayethe kuHerodi: Kawuvunyelwa ukuba lomkamfowenu. 19 UHerodiyasi wasembambela inhliziyo, wafuna ukumbulala; kodwa kenelisanga; 20 ngoba uHerodi wayemesaba uJohane, esazi ukuthi uyindoda elungileyo lengcwele, wamlondoloza; lalapho emuzwa, wenza izinto ezinengi, wamuzwa ngokuthokoza. 21 Kwathi selufikile usuku oluhle, uHerodi ngelanga lakhe lokuzalwa wenzela izikhulu zakhe lenduna zenkulungwane labalisa beGalili ukudla kwantambama, 22 kwathi indodakazi kaHerodiyasi lo isingenile yagida, yamkholisa uHerodi lalabo ababehlezi ekudleni laye, inkosi yathi entombini: Cela kimi loba kuyini okuthandayo, njalo ngizakupha; 23 wafunga kuyo esithi: Loba kuyini ongakucela kimi, ngizakunika, kuze kube yingxeny yombuso wami. 24 Yasiphuma isithi kunina: Ngizacelani? Yena wasesithi: Ikhanda likaJohane uMbhabhathizi. 25 Njalo yahle yangena enkosini ngokuphangisa, yacela, yathi: Ngifuna ukuthi unginike khathesinje emganwini ikhanda likaJohane uMbhabhathizi. 26 Inkosi yasidabuka kakhulu, kodwa ngenxa yezifungo langalabo ababehlezi layo ekudleni kayithandanga ukuyilandulela. 27 Njalo inkosi yahle yathuma ibutho yalaya ukuthi kulethwe ikhanda lakhe. Wasehamba wamquma ikhanda entolongweni, 28 waletha ikhanda lakhe ngomganu, walinika intombi; intombi yasilika unina. 29 Kwathi abafundi bakhe sebezile beza, bathatha isidumbu sakhe, basibeka engcwabeni. 30 Abaphostoli basebebuthana kuJesu, bambikela konke, lababekwenzile kanye lababekufundisile. 31 Wasesithi kubo: Wozani lina lodwa endaweni eyinkangala, liphumule kancinyane. Ngoba babebanengi abafikayo labahambayo, futhi bengelathuba lokudla. 32 Bakhuphuka ngomkhumbi baya endaweni eyinkangala bebodwa. 33 Amaxuku asebabona besuka, labanengi bamazi, bagijimela khona kanyekanye ngenyawo bevela emizini yonke, basebebandulela, bahlangana kuye. 34 Kwathi uJesu esephuma wabona ixuku elikhulu, waba lesihelo ngabo, ngoba babenjengezimvu ezingamelus; waseqala ukubafundisa izinto ezinengi. 35 Kwathi isikhathi sesihambile, abafundi bakhe beza kuye bathi: Lindawo iyinkangala, lesikhathi sesihambile; 36 bayekele, ukuze baye ezigabeni ezizingezeleleyo lemizaneni bazithengele izinkwa; ngoba bengelalutho abangaludla. 37 Wasephendula wathi kubo: Banikeni lina ukuthi badle. Basebesithi kuye: Sihambe yini siyethenga izinkwa ngabodenariyo abangamakhulu amabili, sibaphe badle? 38 Wasesithi kubo: Lilezinkwa ezingaki? Hambani liyebona. Sebesazi bathi: Zinhlano, lenhlanzi ezimbili. 39 Wasebalaya ukuthi babahlalise bonke phansi ngezigaba ngezigaba etshanani obuluhlaza. 40 Basebehlala phansi ngamaviyo ngamaviyo, ngamakhulu langamatshumi amahlanu. 41 Wasethatha izinkwa ezinhlano lenhlanzi ezimbili, ekhangela phezu ezulwini, wabonga, wazihlephula izinkwa, wazinika abafundi bakhe ukuthi bazibeke phambi kwabo; lenhlanzi ezimbili wazabela bonke. 42 Basebesidla bonke, basutha. 43 Basebedobha izitsha ezilithumi lambili ezagcwala imvuthu ezazisele, lokuseleyo kwenhlanzi. 44 Lalabo abadlayo izinkwa, babengaba ngamadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlano. 45 Njalo wahle wacindezela abafundi bakhe ukuthi bangene emkhunjini, njalo bamqalele ukuya ngaphetsheya eBethisayida, yena esayekela ixuku lihamba. 46 Esebavalelisile, wasuka waya entabeni ukuyakhuleka. 47 Sekuhlwile, umkhumbi wawuphakathi kolwandle, futhi yena wayeyedwa emhlabathini. 48 Wababona behlupheka kakhulu ekugwedleni, ngoba umoya wawuphambene labo, wasesiza kubo sokungaba yisikhathi somlindo wesine wobusuku, ehamba phezu kolwandle; wasefuna ukubadlula. 49 Sebembonile ehamba phezu kolwandle, basebecabanga ukuthi lithonga, bakhala kakhulu; 50 ngoba bambona bonke, bethuka. Kodwa wahle wakhuluma labo, wathi kubo: Manini isibindi; yimi, lingesabi. 51 Wasesenyukela kubo emkhunjini, umoya wasuthula; basebesanganiseka kakhulu okwedlula amalawulo ngaphakathi, bamangala. 52 Ngoba babengaqedisisa ngezinkwa; ngoba inhliziyo yabo yayilukhuni. 53 Kwathi sebecaphile bafika elizweni leGenesaretha, babophela umkhumbi ekhunjini. 54 Bathi sebebhumile emkhunjini, bahle bamazi, 55 njalo bagijimela kuso sonke lesosigaba esizingezeleleyo, baqala ukubhoda bethwala abagulayo ngamathala bebasa lapho abebesizwa ukuthi ukhona. 56 Njalo loba ngaphi angena khona emizaneni loba emizini, loba emaphandleni, babeka abagulayo emidangeni,

bamncenga ukuthi bathinte umphetho wesembatho sakhe nje; njalo bonke abamthintayo basindiswa.

7 Kwasekubuthana kuye abaFarisi, labanye bababhali, ababevela eJerusalema; 2 sebebonyile ukuthi abanye babafundi bakhe badla izinkwa ngezandla ezingcolileyo, okuyikuthi ezingagezwanga, basola. 3 Ngoba abaFarisi lamaJuda bonke kabadli, ngaphandle kokuthi bagezisise izandla zabo, belondoloza isiko labadala. 4 Nxa bevela emdangeni, kabadli, ngaphandle kokuthi bageze; futhi zikhona ezinye izinto ezinengi abazemukelayo ukuzilondoloza, ukugezisa inkezo lembiza lezitsha zethusi lemibheda. 5 Emva kwalokhu abaFarisi lababhali bambuza bathi: Kungani abafundi bakho bengahambi ngesiko labadala, kodwa badla isinkwa ngezandla ezingahlanjwanga? 6 Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Ulsaya waprofetha kuhle ngani lina bazenzisi, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Lesisizwe singidumisa ngezindebe, kodwa inhliziyo yabo ikhatshana lami. 7 Kodwa zingikhonza ngeze, zifundisa izimfundiso eziyimilayo yabantu. 8 Ngoba liyekela umlayo kaNkulunkulu, ligcine isiko labantu, ukugezisa imbiza lenkezo; lezinye izinto ezinengi ezinjalo liyazenza. 9 Wasesithi kubo: Liyachitha kuhle umlayo kaNkulunkulu, ukuze lilondoloze isiko lenu. 10 Ngoba uMozisi wathi: Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko; lokuthi: Othuka uyise kumbe unina kumele afe ukufa; 11 kodwa lina lithi: Aluba umuntu esithi kuyise kumbe kunina: Lokho obungasizwa yimi ngakho, "liKhobane", okuyikuthi umnikelo kuNkulunkulu; 12 kalisamvumeli ukwenzela uyise kumbe unina ulutho, 13 lilenza ize ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ngesiko lenu eliliqhubayo; lezinto ezinengi ezinjalo liyazenza. 14 Esebizile kuye ixuku lonke, wathi kilo: Ngilalelani lonke, liqedisise. 15 Kalukho ulutho olungaphandle komuntu olungamngcolisa lungena kuye; kodwa izinto eziphuma kuye, yizo lezo ezingcolisa umuntu. 16 Uba ekhona olendlebe zokuzwa akezwe. 17 Esengenile endlini evela exukwini, abafundi bakhe bambuza ngomfanekiso. 18 Wasesithi kubo: Ngokunjalo lani lingabangelakuqedisisa yini? Kaliqedisisa yini ukuthi konke okungaphandle okungena emuntwini kungemngcolise? 19 Ngoba kakungeni enhliziyweni yakhe, kodwa esiswini, kuphumele ngaphandle, kuhlambulula ukudla konke. 20 Wasesithi: Okuphumayo emuntwini,

yikho okungcolisa umuntu. 21 Ngoba kuphuma ngaphakathi enhliziyweni yabantu imicabango emibi, ukuphinga, ukufeba, ukubulala, 22 ukweba, ubuhwaba, ukuxhwala, inkohliso, amanyala, ilihlo elibi, inhlamba, ukuzigqaja, ubuthutha; 23 zonke lezizinto ezimbi zivela ngaphakathi, zimngcolise umuntu. 24 Wasesukuma lapho waya emikhawulweni yeTire leSidoni. Wangena endlini, engathandi ukuthi kwaziwe muntu, kodwa wayengelakufihlakala. 25 Ngoba owesifazana, olentombazana yakhe elomoya ongcolileyo, esezwile ngaye, weza wawa phansi enyaweni zakhe; 26 njalo owesifazana wayengumGriki, engumSirofenike ngokuzalwa; wasemncenga ukuthi akhuphe idimoni endodakazini yakhe. 27 Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Ake kusuthe abantwana kuqala; ngoba kakukuhle ukuthatha isinkwa sabantwana sisiphosele izinjana. 28 Kodwa waphendula wathi kuye: Yebo, Nkosi; kodwa lezinjana ezingaphansi kwetafula ziyadla imvuthuluka yabantwana. 29 Wasesithi kuye: Ngenxa yalokhukutsho hamba-ke; idimoni liphumile endodakazini yakho. 30 Wasesuka waya endlini yakhe, wafika idimoni seliphumile, lendodakazi ilele embhedeni. 31 Wasebuya wasuka emikhawulweni yeTire leSidoni, weza elwandle lweGalili, phakathi kwemikhawulo yeDikapolis. 32 Basebeletha kuye isacuthe esigagasayo, bamncenga ukuthi abeke isandla sakhe phezu kwaso. 33 Wasesikhupha exukwini sabasodwa, wafaka iminwe yakhe endlebeni zaso, wakhafula wathinta ulimi lwaso, 34 ekhangela phezulu ezulwini, wabubula, wathi kuso: "Efatha"; okuyikuthi: Vulwa! 35 Njalo zahle zavulwa indlebe zaso; yasithukululwa intambo yolimi lwaso, sasesikhuluma saqonda. 36 Wasebalaya ukuthi bangatsheli muntu; kodwa lanxa wayebalayile kakhulu, kwang'khona bekumemezela ngamandla. 37 Basebemangala kakhulukazi sibili, bathi: Uzenzile kuhle izinto zonke; wenza kokubili izacuthe ukuthi zizwe, lezimungulu ukuthi zikhulume.

8 Ngalezonsuku kwakukhona ixuku elikhulu kakhulu, njalo lalingelakho okokudla, uJesu wabizela kuye abafundi bakhe wathi kubo: 2 Ngilesihelo ngexuku; ngoba sebehlezi lami insuku ezintathu, bengelalutho lokudla; 3 njalo uba ngibayekela baye emakhaya abo bengadlanga, bazayatha endleleni; ngoba abanye babo bavela khatshana. 4 Abafundi bakhe basebemphendula

bathi: Zingavela ngaphi izinkwa umuntu angasuthisa ngazo laba lapha enkangala? 5 Wasebabuza wathi: Lilezinkwa ezingaki? Basebesithi: Eziyisikhombisa. 6 Waselaya ixuku ukuthi lihlale phansi emhlabathini; wasethatha izinkwa eziyisikhombisa, esebongile wazihlephula wazinika abafundi bakhe, ukuthi babeke phambi kwabo; basebebeka phambi kwexuku. 7 Njalo babelenhlanzana ezinlutshwana; esebusisile wathi bazibeke lazo phambi kwabo. 8 Basebesidla, basutha; basebedobha imvuthu ezazisele, izitsha eziyisikhombisa. 9 Lababedlile babengaba zinkulungwane ezine; wasebayekela bahamba. 10 Njalo wahle wangena emkhunjini labafundi bakhe, weza kungxenywe zeDalmanutha. 11 AbaFarisi basebephuma, baqala ukuphikisana laye, befunisisa kuye isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini, bemlinga. 12 Wasebubula kakhulu emoyeni wakhe wathi: Lesisizukulwana sidingelani isibonakaliso? Ngqiqinile ngithi kini: Kakulasibonakaliso esizanikwa kulesisizukulwana. 13 Wasebatshiya, wangena emkhunjini futhi, wasuka waya ngaphetsheya. 14 Kodwa abafundi babekholliwe ukuthatha izinkwa, njalo bengelalutho emkhunjini ngaphandle kwesinkwa esisodwa. 15 Wasebalaya, wathi: Nanzelelani, liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi lemvubelo kaHerodi. 16 Basebekhulumisana, besithi: Ngoba kasilazinkwa. 17 UJesu esekwazi wathi kubo: Kungani likhulumisana ngokuthi kalilazinkwa? Kalikaboni, njalo kaliqedisisi yini? Lokhe lilenhliziyo ezilukhuni yini? 18 Lilamehlo kaliboni yini? Futhi lilendlebe kalizwa yini? Njalo kalikhumbuli yini? 19 Mhla ngahlephulela abazinkulungwane ezinhlanu izinkwa ezinhlanu, ladobha izitsha ezingaki ezigcwele imvuthu? Bathi kuye: Ezilitshumi lambili. 20 Njalo mhla ziyisikhombisa kwabazinkulungwane ezine, ladobha izitsha ezingaki ezigcwele imvuthu? Basebesithi: Eziyisikhombisa. 21 Wasesithi kubo: Yinindaba lingaqedisisi? 22 Wasefika eBhethisayida. Basebeletha kuye isiphofu, bamncenga ukuthi asithinte. 23 Wasebamba isandla sesiphofu, wasikhuphela ngaphandle komzana; esekhafulele emehlweni aso, wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwaso, wasibuza ukuthi ngabe sibona ulutho. 24 Sasesikhangela phezulu sathi: Ngibona abantu behambahamba kungathi yizihlahla. 25 Emva kwalokhu wabuya wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwamehlo aso, wasenza sakhangela phezulu;

sasesisiliswa, sabona bonke ngokucacileyo. 26 Wasesithuma endlini yaso, wathi: Ungangeni emzaneni, njalo ungatsheli muntu loyedwa emzaneni. 27 UJesu wasephuma labafundi bakhe baya emizaneni yeKesariya yeFiliphu; besendleleni wababuza abafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Abantu bathi ngingubani? 28 Basebephendula bathi: UJohane uMbhathazi; labanye: UElija; labanye: Omunye wabaprofethi. 29 Yena wasesithi kubo: Lina-ke lithi ngingubani? UPetro wasephendula wathi kuye: Wena unguKristu. 30 Wasebalayisisa ukuthi bangatsheli muntu ngaye. 31 Waseqala ukubafundisa, ukuthi iNdodana yomuntu imele ukuhlupheka izinto ezinengi, ilahlwe ngabadala labapristi abakhulu lababhali, ibulawe, ibuye ivuke emva kwensuku ezintathu. 32 Waselikhuluma lelilizwi obala. UPetro wasemthatha waqala ukumkhuza. 33 Kodwa etshibilika, wabona abafundi bakhe, wamkhuza uPetro, wathi: Suka ngemva kwami, Sathane; ngoba kawucabangi ngezinto zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa ngezabantu. 34 Kwathi esebizele kuye ixuku kanye labafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Uba umuntu ethanda ukuza ngemva kwami, kazidele, athathe isiphambano sakhe, angilandele. 35 Ngoba loba ngubani othanda ukusindisa impilo yakhe, izamlahelele; kodwa loba ngubani olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami levangeli, yena uzayisindisa. 36 Ngoba kuzamsizani umuntu, nxa ezuya umhlaba wonke, kodwa alahlekelwe ngumphefumulo wakhe? 37 Kumbe umuntu uzanikani kube lihlawulo lomphfumulo wakhe? 38 Ngoba loba ngubani olenhloni ngami langamazwi ami kulesisizukulwana esifebayo lesonakeleyo, iNdodana yomuntu layo izakuba lenhloni ngaye, nxa isiza enkazimulweni kaYise kanye lengilosi ezingcwele.

9 Wasesithi kubo: Ngqiqinile ngithi kini: Bakhona abanye kwabemiyo lapha, abangasoze bezwe ukufa, baze babone umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile ngamandla. 2 Emva kwensuku eziyisithupha uJesu wasethatha uPetro loJakobe loJohane, wasebakhuphulela entabeni ende ebehlukanisa bodwa; waseguqulwa isimo phambi kwabo; 3 lezembatho zakhe zacwazimula, zaba mhlophe nke njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo, kakulamcoli welembu emhlabeni ongazenza zibe mhlophe kangako. 4 Kwasekubonakala kubo uElija eloMozisi, njalo bekhuluma loJesu. 5 UPetro wasephendula wathi

kuJesu: Rabi, kuhle ukuthi sibe lapha; futhi asakhe amadumba amathathu, elinye ngelakho, lelinye ngelikaMozisi, lelinye ngelikaElija. 6 Ngoba wayengakwazi angakutsho; ngoba babesesaba kakhulu. 7 Kwasekufika iyezi labasibekela; kwaba lelizwi elivela eyezini, lisithi: Lo uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo; zwanini yona. 8 Njalo bahle bathalaza, kababe besabona muntu, kodwa uJesu yedwa elabo. 9 Kwathi besehla entabeni, wabalaya ukuthi bangatsheli muntu izinto abazibonileyo, ize ivuke kwabafileyo iNdodana yomuntu. 10 Njalo bazigcinela lelilizwi, bebuzana ukuthi kutshoni ukuvuka kwabafileyo. 11 Basebembuza, besithi: Batsholoni ababhali ukuthi uElija ufanele ukufika kuqala? 12 Wasephendula, wathi kubo: UElija ufika kuqala isibili, abuyisele zonke izinto; njalo kubhalwe njani ngeNdodana yomuntu, ukuthi izahlupheka izinto ezinengi njalo idelelwe. 13 Kodwa ngitsho kini ukuthi uElija laye sewafika, basebesenza kuye konke abakuthandayo, njengokulotshiweyo ngaye. 14 Kwathi efika kubafundi, wabona ixuku elikhulu libahanqile, lababhali bephikisana labo. 15 Lahle lathi ukumbona ixuku lonke laselimangala, lagijimela kuye lambingelela. 16 Wasebabuza ababhali wathi: Liphikisana ngani labo? 17 Omunye wexuku wasephendula wathi: Mfundisi, ngilethe kuwe indodana yami, elomoya oyisimungulu; 18 kuthi loba ngaphi oyibamba khona, uyidabule; ikhihlize amagwebu, igedle amazinyo ayo, yome qha; njalo ngikhulume labafundi bakho ukuthi bawukhuphe, kodwa behluleka. 19 Wasemphendula wathi: O sizukulwana esingelakholo, koze kube nini ngilani? Koze kube nini ngilibekezelela? Iletheni kimi. 20 Basebeyiletha kuye; kwathi umbona, umoya wahle wayihlukuza; yawela emhlabathini, yazigiqagiqqa ikhihliza amagwebu. 21 Wasebuza uyise wathi: Kulesikhathi esingakanani, lokhu kwenzeka kiyo? Wasesithi: Kusukela ebuntwaneni. 22 Futhi uyiphosele kanengi emlilweni lemanzini, ukuze uyibhubhise; kodwa nxa kukhona ongakwenza, sihawukele, usisize. 23 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Nxa usenelisa ukukholwa, zonke izinto ziyenzeka kokholwayo. 24 Njalo uyise womntwana wahle wamemeza ngezinyembezi wathi: Ngiyakholwa, Nkosi, siza ukungakholwa kwami. 25 Kwathi uJesu esebona ukuthi ixuku ligijima kanyekanye ndawonye, wakhuya umoya ongcolileyo, esithi kuwo: Wena moya oyisimungulu loyisacuthe, mina ngiyakulaya: Phuma kuye, ungabe usangena kuye. 26 Usumemezile, wayihlukuza kakhulu, waphuma; yasisiba njengofileyo, kwaze kwathi abanengi bathi isifile. 27 Kodwa uJesu wayibamba ngesandla, wayiphakamisa; yasisukuma. 28 Wathi esengenile endlini, abafundi bakhe bambuza bebdwa bathi: Kungani thina sehlulekile ukuwukhupha? 29 Wasesithi kubo: Loluhlobo lungeke luphume ngalutho, ngaphandle komkhuleko lokuzila ukudla. 30 Basebesuka lapho badabula eGalili; wayengathandi ukuthi loba ngubani akwazi, 31 ngoba wayefundisa abafundi bakhe, esithi kubo: INdodana yomuntu inikelwa ezandleni zabantu, njalo bazayibulala; kuthi isibulelwe, izavuka ngosuku lwesithathu. 32 Kodwa kabaqedisisanga lumutsho, basebesesaba ukumbuza. 33 Wasefika eKapenawume. Kwathi esendlini wababuza wathi: Beliphikisana ngani endleleni? 34 Kodwa bathula; ngoba endleleni babephikisene ngokuthi ngubani omkhulu. 35 Wasehlala phansi wabiza abalithumi lambili, wathi kubo: Uba umuntu ethanda ukuba ngowokuqala, uzakuba ngowokucina kubo bonke, lesisebenzi sabo bonke. 36 Wasehatha umntwana omncane, wammisa phakathi kwabo; wamgona, wathi kubo: 37 Loba ngubani owemukela omunye wabantwana abancane abanje ebizweni lami, wemukela mina; njalo loba ngubani owemukela mina, kemukeli mina, kodwa yena ongithumileyo. 38 UJohane wasemphendula, wathi: Mfundisi, sabona omunye ongasilandeliyo ekhupha amadimoni ngebizo lakho; sasesimenqabela, ngoba engasilandeli. 39 Kodwa uJesu wathi: Lingamenqabeli; ngoba kakho owenza umsebenzi wamandla ebizweni lami, njalo olamandla okukhuluma kubi ngami masinyane; 40 ngoba ongamelani lathi, ungowethu. 41 Ngoba loba ngubani ozalinathisa inkezo yamanzi ngebizo lami, ngoba lingabakaKristu, ngiqinisele ngithi kini: Kasoze alahlekela ngumvuzo wakhe. 42 Futhi loba ngubani okhubekisa omunye walaba abancinyane abakhulwa kimi, kungcono kuye ukuthi ilitshe lokuchola ligaxwe entanyeni yakhe, abesephoselwa olwandle. 43 Njalo uba isandla sakho sikukhubekisa, siqume; kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni uyingini, kulokuthi ulezandla ezimbili usuke uye esihogweni, emlilweni ongacitshekiyo, (Geenna g1067) 44 lapho impethu yabo engafi khona, lomlilo ongacitshi khona. 45 Njalo uba unyawo lwakho lukukhubekisa, luqume;

kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni uyisiqhwala, kulokuthi ulenyawo ezimbili uphoselwe esihogweni, emlilweni ongacitshekiyo, (Geenna g1067) 46 lapho impethu yabo engafi khona, lomlilo ongacitshi khona. 47 Njalo uba ilihlo lakho likukhubekisa, likhuphe; kungcono kuwe ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu ulelihlo elilodwa, kulokuthi ulamehlo amabili uphoselwe esihogweni somlilo, (Geenna g1067) 48 lapho impethu yabo engafi khona, lomlilo ongacitshi khona. 49 Ngoba wonke uzatshwaywa ngomlilo; njalo wonke umhlatshelelo uzatshwaywa ngetshwayi. 50 Itshwayi lihle; kodwa uba itshwayi lingelabutshwayi, lizalivuselela ngani? Banini letshwayi phakathi kwenu, njalo lihlahisane ngokuthula.

10 Wasesukuma lapho weza emingceleni yeJudiya edabula ngaphetsheya kweJordan; amaxuku asebuya abuthana kuye; wasephinda ukubafundisa, njengokweywayela kwakhe. 2 Kwasekusiza kuye abaFarisi bambuza ukuthi: Kuvunyelwe yini ukuthi indoda yale umkayo? bemlinga. 3 Wasephendula wathi kubo: UMOzisi walilayani? 4 Basebesithi: UMOzisi wavuma ukubhala incwadi yesehlukaniso, lokumala. 5 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Ngenxa yobulukhuni benhliziyo yenu walibhalela lumlayo; 6 kodwa kusukela ekuqaleni kokudaliweyo, uNkulunkulu wabenza owesilisa lowesifazana. 7 Ngenxa yalokhu indoda izatshiya uyise lonina, inamathele kumkayo, 8 njalo labo ababili bazakuba nyamanye. Ngakho kabasebabili, kodwa banyamanye. 9 Ngakho lokho uNkulunkulu akuhlanganisileyo, kakungabi lamuntu okwehlukanisayo. 10 Endlini abafundi bakhe basebebuya bembuza ngalokhu. 11 Wasesithi kubo: Loba ngubani owala umkakhe athathe omunye, uyafeba kuye; 12 lomfazi uba esala indoda yakhe endeke kwenye, uyafeba. 13 Basebeletha abantwana abancane kuye ukuze ababambe; kodwa abafundi bakhe babakhuza ababalethayo. 14 Kodwa uJesu ekubona wathukuthela, wathi kubo: Vumelani abantwana abancane beze kimi, lingabengqabeli. Ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu ungowabanje. 15 Ngqiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngubani ongemukeli umbuso kaNkulunkulu njengomntwana omncane, kasoze angene kuwo. 16 Njalo ebagona, ebeka izandla zakhe phezu kwabo, wababusisa. 17 Esephumele endleleni, omunye wamgijimela, eguqa phambi kwakhe wambuza wathi: Mfundisi

olungileyo, ngingenzani ukuze ngidle ilifa lempilo elaphakade? (aiōnios g166) 18 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Ungibizelani ngokuthi olungileyo? Kakho olungileyo, ngaphandle koyedwa, uNkulunkulu. 19 Uyayazi imilayo ethi: Ungafebi, ungabulali, ungebi, ungafakazi amanga, ungadlelezeli, hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko. 20 Wasephendula wathi kuye: Mfundisi, lezizinto zonke ngizigcinile kusukela ebutsheni bami. 21 Njalo uJesu emkhangela wamthanda, wathi kuye: Kunye okusweleyo; hamba, uthengise konke olakho, uphe abayanga, njalo uzakuba lokuligugu ezulwini; njalo uze, uthathe isiphambano, ungilandele. 22 Kodwa edanile ngalelilizwi wasuka wahamba edabukile; ngoba wayelempahla ezinengi. 23 UJesu wasethalaza wathi kubafundi bakhe: Kuzakuba lukhuni kangakanani kwabalenotho ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu. 24 Abafundi basebemangala ngamazwi akhe. Kodwa uJesu ephendula futhi wathi kubo: Bantwana, kulukhuni kangakanani kwabathembela enothweni ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu; 25 kulula ukuthi ikamela lithutshwe entunjini yenalithi, kulokuthi umuntu onothileyo angene embusweni kaNkulunkulu. 26 Basebemangala kakhulukazi, bekhulumisana bathi: Pho kungasindiswa bani? 27 UJesu wasebakhangela wathi: Kubantu kakulakwenzeka, kodwa kakunjalo kuNkulunkulu; ngoba zonke izinto ziyenzeka kuNkulunkulu. 28 UPetro waseqala ukuthi kuye: Khangelani, thina sitshiye konke, sakulandela. 29 UJesu wasephendula wathi: Ngqiqinisile ngithi kini: Kakukho muntu otshiye indlu, kumbe abafowabo, kumbe odadewabo, kumbe uyise, kumbe unina, kumbe umkakhe, kumbe abantwana, kumbe amasimu, ngenxa yami levangeli, 30 angayikwemukela ngokwekhulu khathezi ngalesisikhathi, izindlu labafowabo labodadewabo labonina labantwana lamasimu, kanye lokuzingelwa, lempilo elaphakade esikhathini esizayo. (aiōn g165, aiōnios g166) 31 Kodwa abanengi abokuqala bazakuba ngabokucina, labokucina ngabokuqala. 32 Njalo babesendleleni besenyukela eJerusalema; uJesu wayesehamba phambi kwabo, njalo babemangele, belandela babesesaba. Wasethatha futhi abalishumi lambili, waqala ukubatshelela izinto ezazizakwenzakala kuye 33 ukuthi: Khangelani, senyukela eJerusalema, futhi iNdodana yomuntu izanikelwa kubapristi abakhulu lakubabhali, njalo bazayigwebela ukufa,

bayinikele kwabezizwe, **34** bazayiyangisa, bayitshaye ngesiswepu, bayikhafulele amathe, bayibulale; njalo ngosuku lwesithathu izabuya ivuke ekufeni. **35** Kwasekusiza kuye uJakobe loJohane, amadodana kaZebediya, besithi: Mfundisi, sithanda ukuthi usenzele loba yini esizayicela. **36** Wasesithi kubo: Lithanda ukuthi ngilenzeleni? **37** Basebesithi kuye: Siphe ukuthi sihlale omunye ngakwesokunene sakho lomunye ngakwesokhohlo sakho ebukhosini bakho. **38** Kodwa uJesu wathi kubo: Kalikwazi elikucelayo. Linganatha yini inkezo engiyinathayo mina, njalo libhabhathizwe ngobhabhathizo engibhabhathizwa ngalo mina? **39** Basebesithi kuye: Singakwenza. Kodwa uJesu wathi kubo: Isibili inkezo engiyinathayo mina lizayinatha; lizabhabhathizwa ngobhabhathizo engibhabhathizwa ngalo mina; **40** kodwa ukuhlala ngakwesokunene sami langakwesokhohlo sami kayisikho okwami ukukupha, kodwa kungokwalabo abakulungiselweyo. **41** Kwathi sebezile abalitshumi baqala ukuthukuthela ngoJakobe loJohane. **42** Kodwa uJesu wababizela kuye wathi kubo: Liyazi ukuthi labo okuthiwa babusa izizwe bazibusa ngobulukhuni; lezikhulu zazo zisebenzisa amandla phezu kwazo. **43** Kodwa akuyikuba njalo phakathi kwenu; kodwa loba ngubani othanda ukuba ngomkhulu phakathi kwenu, kabe yisisebenzi senu; **44** njalo loba ngubani othanda ukuba ngowokuqala phakathi kwenu, kabe yisisebenzi sabo bonke. **45** Ngoba leNdodana yomuntu kayizanga ukukhonzwa, kodwa ukukhonza, lokunika impilo yayo ibe lihlawulo labanengi. **46** Basebefika eJeriko; kwathi esephuma eJeriko, labafundi bakhe, lexuku elikhulu, indodana kaTimewu, uBartimewu oyisiphofu wayehlezi endleleni ephanza. **47** Kwathi esezwile ukuthi nguJesu weNazareth, waqala ukumemeza lokuthi: Jesu Ndodana kaDavida, akungihawukele! **48** Abanengi basebemkhuza ukuthi athule; kodwa wamemeza kakhulukazi, esithi: Ndodana kaDavida, akungihawukele! **49** UJesu esima wasesithi kabizwe; basebesibiza isiphofu, besithi kuso: Mana isibindi; sukuma, uyakubiza. **50** Sasesilahla isembatho saso sasukuma seza kuJesu. **51** UJesu wasephendula wathi kuso: Ufuna ukuthi ngikwenzeleni? Isiphofu sasesisithi kuye: Raboni, ukuthi ngibuye ngibone. **52** UJesu wasesithi kuso: Hamba; ukholo lwakho lukusindisile. Njalo sahle sabuye sabona, salandela uJesu endleleni.

11 Kwathi besondela eJerusalema, eBetfage leBethani, entabeni yeMihlwathi, wathuma ababili kubafundi bakhe, **2** wathi kubo: Hambani liye emzaneni okhangelene lani; lizahle lithi lingena kuwo lifice ithole likababhemi likhulekiwe, okungazange kuhlale kulo umuntu; lilikhulule lililethe. **3** Njalo uba umuntu esithi kini: Likwenzelani lokhu? Lithi: INkosi iyaliswela; njalo uzahle alithumele lapha. **4** Bahamba-ke bafica ithole likhulekiwe lisesangweni ngaphandle, endleleni; basebelikhulula. **5** Labanye kwababemi khona bathi kubo: Lenzani likhulula ithole? **6** Basebesitsho kubo njengoba uJesu elayile; basebeyekela bahamba. **7** Basebeliletha ithole kuJesu, baphosela izembatho zabo phezu kwalo, wasehlala phezu kwalo. **8** Labanengi bendlala izembatho zabo endleleni; labanye bagamula izingatsha lamahlamvu ezihlahleni, bakwendlala endleleni. **9** Lababo ababehamba phambili lababelandela bamemeza, besithi: Hosana! Ubusisiwe ozayo ebizweni leNkosi; **10** ubusisiwe umbuso kababa wethu uDavida, ozayo ebizweni leNkosi. Hosana kweliphezulu! **11** UJesu wasengena eJerusalema, lethempelini; wathi esekhangele izinto zonke jikelele, sekuhlwile, waphuma waya eBethani labalitshumi lambili. **12** Lakusisa bephuma eBethani, walamba. **13** Ebona umkhiwa ukhatshana, ulamahlamvu, wasondela ukuthi mhlawumbe angathola ulutho kuwo; njalo efika kuwo, katholanga lutho ngaphandle kwamahlamvu; ngoba kwakungesiso isikhathi somkhiwa. **14** UJesu ekhuluma wathi kuwo: Kakungabi kusadla muntu isithelo kuwe kuze kube nininini. Labafundi bakhe bakuzwa. (**aiōn g165**) **15** Basebefika eJerusalema; uJesu wasengena ethempelini waqala ukuxotsha labo ababethengisa lababethenga ethempelini; wasegenqula amatafula ababentshintshelana imali, lezihlalo zalabo ababethengisa amajuba; **16** wayengavumeli ukuthi umuntu athwale impahla adabule ethempelini. **17** Wasefundisa, wathi kubo: Kakulotshiwe yini ukuthi: Indlu yami izabizwa ngokuthi yindlu yomkhuleko yezizwe zonke? Kodwa lina seliyenze ubhalu lwabaphangi. **18** Ababhali labapristi abakhulu basebekuzwa, badinga ukuthi bangambulala njani; ngoba babemesaba, ngoba lonke ixuku lamangala kakhulu ngokufundisa kwakhe. **19** Sekusihlwa, waphuma phandle

komuzi. 20 Ekuseni kakhulu besedlula, babona umkhiwa womile kusukela empandeni. 21 UPetro wasekhumbula wathi kuye: Rabi, khangela, umkhiwa owuqalekisileyo womile. 22 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Banini lokholo kuNkulunkulu. 23 Ngoba ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngubani ozakuthi kulintaba: Phakanyiswa, uphoselwe olwandle; njalo engathandabuzi enhliziyweni yakhe, kodwa ekholwa ukuthi akutshoyo kuyenzeka, kuzakuba kuye loba yikuphi akutshoyo. 24 Ngakho ngithi kini: Konke loba yikuphi elikucelayo likhuleka, kholwani ukuthi liyakwemukela, njalo lizakuba lakho. 25 Njalo nxa limi likhuleka, thethelelani uba lilolutho olumelana lomuntu; ukuze uYihlo osemazulwini laye alithethelele iziphambeko zenu. 26 Kodwa uba lina lingathetheleli, loYihlo osemazulwini kayikuliithethelela iziphambeko zenu. 27 Basebebuya bafika eJerusema; kwathi ehambahamba ethempelini, abapristi abakhulu lababhali labadala beza kuye, 28 bathi kuye: Izinto lezi uzenza ngaliphi igunya; njalo ngubani okunike leligunya lokuthi wenze lezizinto? 29 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Lami ngizalibuza umbuzo ube munye, njalo lingiphendule, khona ngizalitshela ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi igunya. 30 Ubhabhathizo lukaJohane lwavela ezulwini, kumbe ebantwini? Ngiphendulani. 31 Basebekhulumisana, besithi: Uba sisithi: Ezulwini, uzakuthi: Pho kalikholwanga kuye ngani? 32 Kodwa uba sisithi: Ebantwini; besaba abantu; ngoba bonke babemphatha uJohane, ngokuthi ungumprofethi ngeqiniso. 33 Basebephendula bathi kuJesu: Kasazi. UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Lami kangilitsheli ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi igunya.

12 Waseqala ukukhuluma labo ngemifanekiso wathi: Umuntu wahlanyela isivini, wasibiyela ngothango, wagebha isikhamelo, wakha umphotshongo, wasiqhatshisa kubalimi, waya kwelinye ilizwe. 2 Kwathi sekuyisikhathi esifaneleyo wathuma inceku kubalimi, ukuze yemukele kubalimi okwesithelo sesivini. 3 Kodwa bayibamba bayitshaya, bayimukisa ize. 4 Wasebuya ethuma kubo enye inceku; laleyo bayitshaya ngamatshe bayilimaza ekhanda, bayixotsha isithelwe inhloni. 5 Wasebuya ethuma enye; yona basebeyibulala; lezinye ezinengi, ezinye bazitshaya, lezinye bazibulala. 6 Ngakho eseselendodana eyodwa ethandekayo kuye,

ekucineni wayithuma kubo layo, esithi: Bazayihlonipha indodana yami. 7 Kodwa labobalimi bakhulumisana besithi: Le yindlalifa; wozani, siyibulale, lelifa lizakuba ngelethu. 8 Basebeyibamba bayibulala, bayiphosela ngaphandle kwesivini. 9 Ngakho uzakwenzani umnininisivini? Uzakuza ababhubhise abalimi, anikele isivini kwabanye. 10 Kalibalanga yini lumbhalo othi: Ilitshe abakhi abalalayo, yilo eseliyinhloko yengonsi; 11 lokhu kwenziwe yiNkosi, njalo kuyisimanga emehlweni ethu? 12 Basebedinga ukumbamba, kodwa besaba ixuku; ngoba babesazi ukuthi wayekhulume lumfanekiso emelane labo. Basebemtsiya bahamba. 13 Basebethuma kuye abanye babaFarisi labakaHerodi, ukuze bamthiye ekukhulumeni. 14 Basebesiza bathi kuye: Mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi wena uqotho, njalo kawukhathali ngomuntu; ngoba kawunanzi isimo somuntu, kodwa ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu ngeqiniso: Kuvunyelwe yini ukuthela kuKesari kumbe hatshi? 15 Sithele, kumbe singatheli? Kodwa ekwazi ukuzenzisa kwabo wathi kubo: Lingilingelani? Lethani kimi udenariyo, ukuze ngibone. 16 Basebeletha. Wasesithi kubo: Ngokabani lumfanekiso lalumbhalo? Basebesithi kuye: NgokaKesari. 17 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Mnikeni uKesari okukaKesari, loNkulunkulu okukaNkulunkulu. Basebemangala ngaye. 18 Basebesiza kuye abaSadusi, abathi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo; basebembuza, besithi: 19 Mfundisi, uMozisi wasibhalela, ukuthi: Uba umfowabo womuntu esifa, atshiye umkakhe, engatshiyi bantwana, umfowabo kamthathe umkakhe, amvusele umfowabo inzalo; 20 kwakulezelamani eziyisikhombisa; owokuqala wasethatha umfazi, wafa engatshiyanga inzalo; 21 lowesibili wamthatha, wafa, laye engatshiyanga inzalo; lowesithathu kwaba njalo; 22 lalaba boyisikhombisa bamthatha, kabatshiyanga inzalo. Ekucineni kwabo bonke kwafa lomfazi. 23 Ngakho ekuvukeni kwabafileyo, mhla bevukayo, uzakuba ngumkabani kubo; lokhu abayisikhombisa babelaye engumkabo? 24 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Kaliduhanga yini ngalokhu, ngoba lingayazi imibhalo, loba amandla kaNkulunkulu? 25 Ngoba mhla bevukayo ekufeni, kabathathani, njalo kabendiswa, kodwa banjengengilosizisemazulwini. 26 Kodwa mayelana labafileyo, ukuthi bayavuswa, kalifundanga yini egwalweni lukaMozisi, ukuthi

uNkulunkulu esihlahleni wakhuluma njani kuye, esithi: NginguNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, loNkulunkulu kalsaka, loNkulunkulu kaJakobe? 27 Kayisuye uNkulunkulu wabafileyo, kodwa uNkulunkulu wabaphilayo; ngakho lina liduhile kakhulu. 28 Wasefika omunye wababhali, esezwile bebuzana, esebonile ukuthi ubaphendule kuhle, wambuza wathi: Yiwuphi umlayo wokuqala kuyo yonke? 29 UJesu wasemphendula wathi: Owokuqala kuyo yonke imilayo ngowokuthi: Zwana, Israyeli: INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, iNkosi yinye; 30 njalo wothanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke, langomphefumulo wakho wonke, langengqondo yakho yonke, langamandla akho wonke. Yilo umlayo owokuqala. 31 Lowesibili uyafanana, yilo: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena. Kawukho omunye umlayo omkhulu kulale. 32 Umbhali wasesithi kuye: Kuhle, Mfundisi, utsho okuqotho ukuthi kuloNkulunkulu oyedwa, langaphandle kwakhe kakhho omunye; 33 lokumthanda ngenhliziyo yonke, langokuqedisisa konke, langomphefumulo wonke, langamandla wonke, lokuthanda umakhelwane njengawe, kuyedlula yonke iminikelo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo. 34 UJesu esembona ukuthi uphendule ngenhlakanipho, wathi kuye: Kawukhatshana lombuso kaNkulunkulu. Njalo kakwabe kusaba khona umuntu olesibindi sokumbuza. 35 UJesu, efundisa ethempelini, wasephendula wathi: Batsho njani ababhali ukuthi uKristu uyindodana kaDavida? 36 Ngoba uDavida uqobo lwakhe ngoMoya oyiNgcwele wathi: INkosi yathi eNkosini yami: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami, ngize ngibeke izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho. 37 Ngakho uDavida uqobo lwakhe umbiza ngokuthi yiNkosi; pho uyindodana yakhe njani? Lexuku elikhulu lamuzwa ngokuthokoza. 38 Wasesithi kubo ekufundiseni kwakhe: Qaphelani ababhali, abathanda ukuhamba bembethe izembatho ezinde, lokubingelelwa emidangeni, 39 lezihlalo eziqakathekileyo emasinagogeni, lezihlalo zabahloniphekayo ekudleni kwantambama; 40 abadla izindlu zabafelokazi, bekhuleka isikhathi eside ngokuzenzisa; laba bazakwemukela ukulahlwa okukhulu. 41 UJesu wasehlala phansi maqondana lesitsha somnikelo wabona ukuthi ixuku liphosela njani imali esitsheni somnikelo; labanothileyo abanengi baphosela okunengi. 42 Kwasekufika umfelokazi

othile ongumyanga waphosela inhlamvana ezimbili ezincane zemali, eziyindibilitshi. 43 Wasebizela kuye abafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Lumfelokazi ongumyanga uphosele okwedlula bonke laba abaphoseleyo esitsheni somnikelo; 44 ngoba bonke baphosele kokunengi kwabo; kodwa yena ebuyangeni bakhe uphosele konke alakho, konke okwempilo yakhe.

13 Kwathi ephuma ethempelini, omunye wabafundi bakhe wathi kuye: Mfundisi, khangela, amatshe anjani lezakhiwo ezinjani! 2 UJesu wasephendula wathi kuye: Uyabona lezizakhiwo ezinkulu yini? Akusoze kutshiywe ilitshe phezu kwelitshe, elingasozelidilizelwe phansi. 3 Esehlezi entabeni yeMihlwathi maqondana lethempeli, uPetro loJakobe loJohane loAndreyu bambuza bebodwa, 4 bathi: Sitshele, lezizinto zizakuba nini? Lesibonakalisosi yini lapho sezizaphelaliswa lezizinto zonke? 5 UJesu ebaphendula waseqala ukuthi: Qaphelani kungabi khona oliduhisayo. 6 Ngoba abanengi bazakuza ngebizo lami, besithi: Mina nginguye; futhi baduhise abanengi. 7 Kodwa nxa lisizwa ngezimpi lamahungahunga ezimpi, lingethuki; ngoba kufanele kwenzeke; kodwa ukuphela kakukabi khona. 8 Ngoba isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso; njalo kuzakuba khona ukuzamazama komhlaba indawo ngendawo, njalo kuzakuba khona indlala lezinhlupheko; lezizinto ziyikuqala kwemihelo. 9 Kodwa ziqapheleni lina; ngoba bazalunikela emiphakathini, lemasinagogeni lizatshaywa, lizalethwa laphambi kwababusi lamakhosi ngenxa yami, kube yibufakazi kubo. 10 Kodwa ivangeli limele ukutshunyayelwa kuqala kuzo zonke izizwe. 11 Kodwa nxa belidonsa belinikela, lingakhathaleli ngaphambili elizakukhuluma, linganakani; kodwa loba yini elizayinikwa ngaleloholo, ikhulumeni; ngoba kakusini elikhulumayo, kodwa uMoya oyiNgcwele. 12 Futhi umfowabo uzanikela umfowabo ekufeni, loyise umntwana; labantwana bazavukela abazali, besebebabulala; 13 njalo lizazondwa yiyo bonke ngenxa yebizo lami; kodwa ophikelelayo kuze kube sekupheleni, nguye ozasindiswa. 14 Kodwa nxa libona amanyala encithakalo, akhulunywa nguDaniyele umprofethi, emi lapho angafanele khona (ofundayo kaqedisise), khona labo abaseJudiya kababalekele ezintabeni; 15 lophezu kophahla

lwendlu angeheli endlini, angangeni ukuthatha ulutho endlini yakhe; 16 loseamasimini angabuyeli emuva, ukuyathatha isembatho sakhe. 17 Kodwa maye kwabakhulelweyo labamunyisayo ngalezonsuku! 18 Kodwa khulekani ukuthi ukubaleka kwenu kungabi sebusika. 19 Ngoba ngalezonsuku kuzakuba khona ukuhlupheka, okungazanga kube khona kusukela ekuqaleni kokudaliweyo uNkulunkulu akudalayo kuze kube khathezi, lokungasoze kwaba khona. 20 Njalo uba iNkosi ibingazifinyezanga lezonsuku, bekungesindiswe nyama; kodwa ngenxa yabakhethiweyo, ebakhethileyo, izifinyezile insuku. 21 Langalesosikhathi nxa umuntu esithi kini: Khangelani, nangu uKristu; kumbe: Khangelani, ulaphayana; lingakholwa; 22 ngoba kuzavuka okristu bamanga labaprofethi bamanga, besebesenza izibonakaliso lezimangaliso, ukuduhisa, nxa kungenzeka, labakhethiweyo. 23 Kodwa qaphelani lina; khangelani, sengilitshelile konke ngaphambili. 24 Kodwa ngalezonsuku, emva kwalokhokuhlupheka, ilanga lizafiphazwa, lenyanga kayiyikupha ukukhanya kwayo, 25 lenkanyezi zezulu zizabe zisiwa, lamandla asemazulwini azazanyazanyiswa. 26 Khona-ke bezabona iNdodana yomuntu isiza emayezini ilamandla amakhulu lenkazimulo, 27 khona-ke izathuma ingilosu zayo, ibisiqoqa abakhethiweyo bayo emimoyeni yomine, kusukela emkhawulweni womhlaba kuze kube semkhawulweni wezulu. 28 Fundani-ke umfanekiso emkhiweni; nxa ugatsha lwawo selusiba buthakatshaka, luhlume amahlamvu, liyazi ukuthi ihlobo seliseduze; 29 ngokunjalo lani, nxa libona lezizinto zisenzeke, yazini ukuthi kuseduze kuseminyango. 30 Ngqiqinisile ngithi kini: Lesisizukulwana asisoze sidlule, zize zenzeke izinto zonke lezi. 31 Kuzadlula izulu lomhlaba; kodwa amazwi ami awasoze adlule. 32 Kodwa lolosuku lalelohola kakho owaziyo ngakho, ngitsho lengilosu ezisezulwini, ngitsho leNdodana, ngaphandle kukaBaba. 33 Qaphelani, lilinde likhuleke; ngoba kalazi ukuthi isikhathi sinini. 34 Njengomuntu owasuka elizweni lakibo watshiya indlu yakhe, wanika inceku zakhe amandla, kuleyo laleyo umsebenzi wayo, walaya umlindisango ukuthi alinde. 35 Ngakho lindani; ngoba kalazi ukuthi inkosi yendlu izafika nini, kusihlwa, loba phakathi kobusuku, loba ekukhaleni kweqhude, loba emadabukakusa; 36 hlezi ifike ilijume, ilifice lilele.

37 Lalokhu engikutsho kini ngikutsho kubo bonke: Lindani.

14 Kwathi emva kwensuku ezimbili kwaba khona iphasika lomkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo; abapristi abakhulu lababhali basebedinga ukuthi bangambamba njani ngobuqili bambulale; 2 kodwa bathi: Kungabi ngomkhosi, hlezi kube lesiphithiphithi sabantu. 3 Kwathi eseBethani, endlini kaSimoni umlephero, ehlezi ekudleni, kwafika owesifazana ephethe umfuma we-alibasta wamagcobo awenadi uqobo aligugu elikhulu; wasephahlaza umfuma we-alibasta, wawathela ekhanda lakhe. 4 Kwakukhona abanye abathukuthelayo ngaphakathi kwabo, besithi: Kwenzelwani ukumotshwa kwalamagcobo? 5 Ngoba la abengathengiswa ngemali edlula odenariyo abangamakhulu amathathu, besekunikwa abayanga. Basebemsola. 6 Kodwa uJesu wathi: Myekeleni; limhluphelani? Wenze umsebenzi omuhle kimi. 7 Ngoba abayanga lihlala lilabo, futhi uba lithanda lingabenzela okuhle; kodwa mina kalihlali lilami. 8 Yena wenzile abengakwenza; uqalile ngaphambili ukuwugcabela ukungcwatshwa umzimba wami. 9 Ngqiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngaphi emhlabeni wonke lapho okuzatshunyayelwa khona lelivangeli, lalokhu akwenzileyo kuzakhulunywa ngakho kube yisikhumbuzo ngaye. 10 UJudas Iskariyothi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, wasesiya kubapristi abakhulu, ukuze amnikele kubo. 11 Futhi sebezile bathokoza, bathembisa ukumnika imali; wasedinga ukuthi angamnikela njani kuhle. 12 Kwathi ngosuku lokuqala lwesinkwa esingelamvubelo, ababehlaba ngalo iphasika, abafundi bakhe bathi kuye: Uthanda ukuthi siyelungisa ngaphi ukuze udle iphasika? 13 Wasethuma ababili kubafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Hambani liye emzini, njalo umuntu uzahlangana lani ethwele imbiza yamanzi; limlandele, 14 njalo loba kungaphi azangena khona, kalibokuthi kumninindlu: UMfundisi uthi: Ingaphi indlu yezihambi, lapho engingadlela khona iphasika labafundi bami? 15 Futhi yena uzalitshengisa indlu enkulu ephezulu eyendlelweyo elungisiweyo; silungiseleni khona. 16 Abafundi bakhe basebephuma, bangena emzini, bathola kunjengokutsho kwakhe kubo; basebelungisa iphasika. 17 Kwathi sekukusihlwa wafika labalitshumi lambili. 18 Sebehlezi besidla, uJesu wathi: Ngqiqinisile ngithi kini: Omunye wenu, odla lami, uzanginikela.

19 Basebeqala ukudabuka, bathi kuye ngamunye Wasebuya wabafica futhi belele; ngoba amehlo abo ngamunye: Ayisimi, akunjalo yini? Lomunye: Ayisimi, ayenzima, kodwa babengazi ukuthi bazamphendula akunjalo yini? 20 Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: bathini. 41 Wasesiza ngokwesithathu, wathi kubo: Ngomunye wabalitshumi lambili, otsheba kanye lami Qhubekani-ke lilele, liphumule. Kwanele; iholo emganwini. 21 Sibili iNdodana yomuntu ihamba, selifikile; khangelani, iNdodana yomuntu iyanikelwa njengokulotshiweyo ngayo; kodwa maye kulowomuntu ezandleni zezoni. 42 Sukumani, sihambe; khangelani, enikelwa nguye iNdodana yomuntu! Bekungakuhle onginikelayo useduze. 43 Kwathi esakhuluma, kuye aluba lowomuntu wayengazalwanga. 22 wahle wafika uJudasi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, Kwathi besidla, uJesu wathatha isinkwa, wasibusisa njalo elexuku elikhulu elilezinkemba lezinduku, wasihlephula, wabanika, wathi: Thathani, lidle; livela kubapristi abakhulu lababhali labadala. 44 lokhu kungumzimba wami. 23 Wasethatha inkezo, Lomnikelayo wayebanike isiboniso, esithi: Lowo esebongile wabanika; basebenatha kuyo bonke. 24 engizamanga, nguye; limbambe, limqhube limqinise. 45 Esefikile, wahle wasondela kuye wathi: Rabi, Wasesithi kubo: Leli ligazi lami, elesivumelwano Rabi! Wasemanga. 46 Basebemdumela, bambamba. esitsha, elichithelwa abanengi. 25 Ngqiqinisile ngithi 47 Lomunye kwababemi khona wakhokha inkemba kini: Angisayikunatha okwesithelo sevini, kuze kufike wagadla inceku yompristi omkhulu, waquma lolosuku engizasinatha ngalo sisitsha embusweni indlebe yayo. 48 UJesu wasephendula wathi kaNkulunkulu. 26 Kwathi sebehlebele ingoma yokudumisa baphuma baya entabeni yeMihlwathi. kubo: Liphume njengokuyamelana lomphangi yini 27 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lonke lizakhubeka ngami lilezinkemba lezinduku ukuzangibamba? 49 Bengilani ngalobubusuku; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ngizatsheya insuku ngensuku ethempelini ngifundisa, kodwa umelusi, izimvu besezihlakazeka. 28 Kodwa emva kalingibambanga - kodwa ukuze kugcwaliseke kokuvuswa kwami, ngizalandulela ukuya eGalili. 29 imibhalo. 50 Bonke basebemtshiya babaleka. 51 Lejaha elithile lamlandela, lembethe ilembu kodwa uPetro wathi kuye: Lanxa bonke bezakhubeka, elicolekileyo emzimbeni onqunu. Aselibamba kodwa hatshi mina. 30 UJesu wasesithi kuye: amajaha; 52 laselitshiya ilembu elicolekileyo Ngqiqinisile ngithi kuwe: Lamuhla ngalobubusuku, lababalekela linqunu. 53 Basebemqhuba uJesu lingakakhali kabili iqhude, uzangiphika kathathu. 31 bamusa kumpristi omkhulu; basebubuthana kuye kodwa waqinisa ngamandla esithi: Loba kudingeka abapristi abakhulu bonke labadala lababhali. 54 ngife lawe, angisoze ngikuphike. Basebesitsho njalo UPetro wasemlandela ekhatshana waze waba labo bonke. 32 Basebefika endaweni ebizo layo phakathi kweguma lompristi omkhulu; wayehlezi yiGetsemane; wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Hlalani kanye lezinceku, esotha umlilo. 55 Labapristi phansi lapha, ngisayakhuleka. 33 Wasethatha abakhulu lomphakathi wonke badinga ubufakazi laye uPetro loJakobe loJohane, waseqala ngoJesu, ukuze bambulale; kodwa kababutholanga. ukudatshulwa sibili lokukhathazeka kakhulu. 34 56 Ngoba abanengi bafakaza amanga ngaye, kodwa Wasesithi kubo: Umphefumulo wami udabukile lobubufakazi kabuvumelananga. 57 Kwasekusukuma kakhulu kuze kube sekufeni; hlalani lapha lilinde. abanye bafakaza amanga amelana laye besithi: 35 Waseqhubeka ibangana, wawela emhlabathini, wakhuleka ukuthi, uba kungenzeka, kudlule kuye 58 Thina samuzwa esithi: Mina ngizadiliza lelihola. 36 Wasesithi: Abha, Baba, zonke izinto lelitheleli elenziwe ngezandla, njalo ngakhe elinye ziyenzeka kuwe. Susa linkezo kimi; kodwa kungabi elingenziwanga ngezandla ngensuku ezintathu. 59 yikuthi ngithandani mina, kodwa kube yikuthi Loba kunjalo ubufakazi babo kabuvumelananga. 60 uthandani wena. 37 Wasesiza, wabafica belele, Kwasekusukuma umpristi omkhulu phakathi kwabo wathi kuPetro: Simoni, ulele yini? Ubungelinde wambuza uJesu, esithi: Kawuphenduli lutho yini? yini iholo libe linye? 38 Lindani likhuleke, Bafakazani laba okumelana lawe? 61 Kodwa ukuze lingangeni ekulingweni. Umoya uyavuma- wathula, kaphendulanga lutho. Umpristi omkhulu ke, kodwa inyama ibuthakathaka. 39 Wasebuya wabuya wambuza, wathi kuye: Wena unguKristu, wahamba wayakhuleka, esitsho wona lawomazwi. 40 iNdodana yoBusisiweyo yini? 62 UJesu wasesithi:

Mina nginguye. Njalo lizabona iNdodana yomuntu ihlezi ngakwesokunene samandla, isiza ngamayezi ezulu. **63** Umpristi omkhulu wasedabula izembatho zakhe wathi: Sisaswelelani abafakazi? **64** Liyizwile inhlanga; licabangani? Bonke basebemlahla ukuthi ulecala lokufa. **65** Abanye basebeqala ukumkhafulela amathe, lokumgubuzela ubuso, lokumdutshuza, lokuthi kuye: Profetha! Izinceku zasezimwakala. **66** UPetro esegumeni ngaphansi, kwafika enye yezincekukazi zompristi omkhulu; **67** isibona uPetro esotha, yamkhangela yathi: Lawe ubulomNazareth, uJesu. **68** Kodwa waphika, wathi: Kangikwazi, futhi kangikuqedisisi okutshoyo. Wasephuma phandle, waya entubeni; laselikhala iqhude. **69** Njalo incekekazi encane yabuya yambona, yaqala ukutsho kwababemi khona ukuthi: Lo ungomunye wabo. **70** Kodwa wabuya waphika. Kwathi emva kwesikhatshana futhi labo ababemi khona bathi kuPetro: Ngeqiniso ungomunye wabo; ngoba lawe ungumGalili, lolimi lwakho luyavumelana. **71** Waseqala ukuqalekisa lokufunga esithi: Kangimazi lumuntu elimtshoyo. **72** Iqhude laselikhala ngokwesibili. UPetro wasekhumbula ilizwi uJesu ayelitshilo kuye lokuthi: Lingakakhali kabili iqhude, uzangiphika kathathu. Esenakane ngalokhu wakhala.

15 Kwathi khonokho ekuseni kakhulu abapristi abakhulu benza umhlangano kanye labadala lababhali, lomphakathi wonke, bambopha uJesu bamqhuba bamnikela kuPilatu. **2** UPilatu wasembuza wathi: Wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda yini? Wasemphendula wathi kuye: Uyatsho wena. **3** Abapristi abakhulu basebemmangalela ngezinto ezinengi; kodwa yena kaphendulanga lutho. **4** UPilatu wasebuya embuza, wathi: Kawuphenduli lutho yini? Khangela, zingaki izinto abazifakazayo ezimelana lawe. **5** Kodwa uJesu kabesaphendula lutho, waze wamangala uPilatu. **6** Langomkhosi wayebakhululela isibotshwa esisodwa, loba yisiphi abasicelayo. **7** Kwakukhona umuntu othiwa nguBarabasi, owayebotshiwe lalabo ababevukele umbuso laye, ababebulele ekuvukeleni umbuso. **8** Ixuku laselimemeza laqala ukucela ukuthi enze njengalokho ayehezi ekwenza kubo. **9** UPilatu wasebaphendula, wathi: Lithanda ukuthi ngilikhululele iNkosi yamaJuda yini? **10** Ngoba wayekwazi ukuthi ngomona abapristi abakhulu

bamnikela. **11** Kodwa abapristi abakhulu bavusa ixuku, ukuthi kungcono alikhululele uBarabasi. **12** UPilatu wasephendula wathi futhi kubo: Pho lifuna ngimenzeni lo elithi uyiNkosi yamaJuda? **13** Basebememeza futhi bathi: Mbethele! **14** Kodwa uPilatu wathi kubo: Ngoba wenze ububi bani? Kodwa bamemeza kakhulu bathi: Mbethele! **15** Khona uPilatu ethanda ukukholisa ixuku, wabakhululela uBarabasi; kodwa wamnikela uJesu, esemtshaye ngesiswepu, ukuthi abethelwe. **16** Abebutho basebemngenisa phakathi, egumeni, eliyindlu yombusi, basebebizela ibutho lonke ndawonye, **17** bamgqokisa okuyibubende, sebeluke umqhele wameva bamethesa, **18** baqala ukumbingelela besithi: Bayethe, Nkosi yamaJuda! **19** Batshaya ikhanda lakhe ngomhlango, bamkhafulela amathe, baguqa ngamadolo bamkhonza. **20** Sebeklodele, bamhlubula okuyibubende, bamgqokisa ezakhe izembatho. Basebemusa phandle ukuze bambethele. **21** Babamba ngamandla omunye owayesedlula othiwa nguSimoni umKurene, evela emaphandleni, uyise kaAleksandro loRufusi, ukuthi athwale isiphambano sakhe. **22** Basebemusa endaweniethiwa yiGolgotha, okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa, iNdawo yokhakhayi. **23** Basebemnika iwayini lixutshaniswe lenhlaka ukuthi alinathe; kodwa kalemukelanga. **24** Sebembethele, babelana izembatho zakhe, benza inkatho yokuphosa ngazo, ukuthi ngamunye uzathathani. **25** Kwakulihola lesithathu, njalo bambethela. **26** Futhi kwakulombhalo wecala lakhe elalibhalwe phezulu usithi: INKOSI YAMAJUDA. **27** Njalo babethela kanye laye abaphangi ababili, omunye ngakwesokunene lomunye ngakwesokhohlo sakhe. **28** Wasugcwaliseka umbhalo othi: Futhi wabalwa kanye lezoni. **29** Labedlulayo bamhlambaza, benikina amakhanda abo, besithi: Hiya, wena odiliza ithempeli, ulakhe ngensuku ezintathu, **30** zisindise, wehle esiphambanweni. **31** Langokunjalo abapristi abakhulu labo bakloloda kanye lababhali bathi omunye komunye: Wasindisa abanye, angezisindise yena. **32** UKristu iNkosi yakolsrayeli kehle khathezi esiphambanweni, ukuze sibone sikhohle. Lababebethelwe kanye laye bamklolodela. **33** Kwathi sekufike ihola lesithupha, kwaba khona ubumnyama phezu komhlaba wonke kwaze kwaba lihola lesificamunwemunye. **34** Ngeholi lesificamunwemunye uJesu wamemeza ngelizwi

elikhulu, wathi, "Eloyi, Eloyi, lama sabaktani?" Okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa: Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu wami, ungitshiyeleni? 35 Labanye kwababemi khona besizwa bathi: Khangelani, ubiza uElija. 36 Wasegijima omunye, wagcwalisa uzipho ngeviniga, waluhloma emhlangeni, wamnika ukuthi anathe, esithi: Yekelani, sibone uba uElija uzakuza amethule. 37 UJesu wasememeza ngelizwi elikhulu waphefumula okokucina. 38 Leveyili lethempeli ladatshulwa laba zincedu ezimbili laqala phezulu lisiya phansi. 39 Kwathi induna yekhulu eyayimi maqondana laye ibona ukuthi ukhale njalo, waphefumula okokucina, yathi: Ngeqiniso lumuntu ubeyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. 40 Kwakukhona labesifazana bebukele bekhathshana, okwakukhona phakathi kwabo loMariya Magadalena, loMariya unina kaJakobe omncinyane lokaJose, loSalome, 41 (labo abamlandela, eseseGalili, bamsebenzela), labanye abesifazana abanengi abenyukela eJerusalema laye. 42 Kwathi sekukhulile, ngoba kwakungamalungiselelo, okuyikuthi usuku phambi kwesabatha, 43 wafika uJosefa owayevela eArimathiya, ilunga elihloniphekayo lomphakathi, owayelindele laye umbuso kaNkulunkulu; wangena ngesibindi kuPilatu, wacela isidumbu sikaJesu. 44 UPilatu wasemangala ngokuthi usefile; wabizela kuye induna yekhulu, wayibuza ukuthi kambe sekuyisikhathi efile. 45 Esazisiwe yinduna yekhulu, wamnika uJosefa isidumbu. 46 Wasethenga ilembu elicolekileyo, wamethula, wamgoqela ngelembu elicolekileyo, wambeka engcwabeni elaligujwe edwaleni; wagiqela ilitshe emnyango wengcwaba. 47 Futhi uMariya Magadalena loMariya unina kaJose babona lapho abekwe khona.

16 Isabatha selidlulile, uMariya Magadalena loMariya unina kaJakobe loSalome bathenga amakha, ukuze bahambe bayemgcoba. 2 Kwathi ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku lokuqala lweviki beza engcwabeni, ekuphumeni kwelanga. 3 Basebekhulumisana besithi: Ngubani ozasigiqela ilitshe lisuke emnyango wengcwaba? 4 Futhi bathi ukukhangela babona ilitshe seligiqwe lasuswa; ngoba lalilikhulu kakhulu. 5 Kuthe bengena engcwabeni, babona ijaha lihlezi ngakwesokunene, lembethe isembatho eside esimhlophe; besaba. 6 Kodwa lathi kubo: Lingesabi; lidinga uJesu umNazaretha obebethelwe; uvukile, kakho lapha; khangelani,

indawo lapho abebembeke khona. 7 Kodwa hambani, litshela abafundi bakhe loPetro ukuthi uzalandulela ukuya eGalili; lizambona khona, njengalokho ayekutshilo kini. 8 Basebephuma ngokuphangisa babaleka engcwabeni; futhi ukuqhuqua lokwethuka kwababamba; futhi kabakhulumanga lutho emuntwini, ngoba babesesaba. 9 (note: The most reliable and earliest manuscripts do not include Mark 16:9-20.) Kwathi uJesu esevukile ekuseni kakhulu ngolokuqala lweviki, wabonakala kuqala kuMariya Magadalena, ayekhuphe kuye amadimoni ayisikhombisa. 10 Yena wasuka wababikela labo ababelaye, belila bekhala. 11 Labo sebezile ukuthi uyaphila lokuthi ubonwe nguye, kabakholwanga. 12 Njalo emva kwalezizinto wabonakala ngesinye isimo kwababili babo behamba, besiya emaphandleni. 13 Labo bahamba babikela abanye; lalabo kabakholwanga. 14 Emva kwalokhu wabonakala kwabaliitshumi lanye behlezi ekudleni, wasola ukungakholwa kwabo lobulukhuni benhliziyo, ngoba bengakholwanga labo abambonayo esevukile. 15 Wasesithi kubo: Hambani liye emhlabeni wonke, litshumayele ivangeli kuso sonke isidalwa. 16 Lowo okholwayo abhabhathizwe uzasindiswa; kodwa ongakholwayo uzalahlwa. 17 Lalezizibonakaliso zizabalandela abakholwayo: Ebizweni lami bazakhupha amadimoni; bakhulume ngendimi ezintsha; 18 bazadobha izinyoka; uba benatha loba yikuphi okubulalayo, kakusozwe kubalimaze; bazabeka izandla phezu kwabagulayo, futhi bazaphila. 19 Ngakho iNkosi, emva kokuthi isikhulumile labo, yakhutshulelwa ezulwini, yahlala ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu. 20 Bona basebephuma batshumayela endaweni zonke, iNkosi isebenza labo, iqinisa ilizwi ngezibonakaliso ezazilandela. Amen.

ULukha

1 Njengoba abanengi sebebeke izandla ukubeka ngendlela efaneleyo ukulandiswa kwezinto eziqiniseke ngokupheleleyo phakathi kwethu, **2** njengalokhu basinika labo ababonayo ngamehlo ekuqaleni njalo bezinceku zelizwi, **3** kukhanye kukuhle lakimi, sengizihlolisile zonke izinto kusukela ekuqaleni, ukuthi ngikubhalele ngokulandelana, mhlekazi Teyofilu, **4** ukuze wazi iqiniso ngalezozinto ozifundisiweyo. **5** Ensukwini zikaHerodi inkosi yeJudiya kwakukhona umprii othile othiwa nguZakariya, oweqembu likaAbhiya; lomkakhe wayevela kumadodakazi kaAroni, lebizu lakhe linguElizabethi. **6** Njalo babelungile bobabili phambi kukaNkulunkulu, behamba ngayo yonke imilayo lezimiso zeNkosi, bengasoleki. **7** Njalo babangelamntwana, ngoba uElizabethi wayeyinyumba, basebeleminyaka eminengi bobabili. **8** Kwasekusithi esenza inkonzo yobupristi phambi kukaNkulunkulu esesimisweni seqembu lakibo, **9** ngomkhuba wenkonzo yobupristi, nguye owadliwa yinkatho yokutshisa impepha esengene ethempelini leNkosi. **10** Njalo ixuku lonke labantu lalikhuleka ngaphandle ngesikhathi sokutshisa impepha. **11** Ingilosi yeNkosi yasibonakala kuye, imi ngakwesokunene selathi lempepha. **12** Kwathi uZakariya eyibona waqhutha, lokwesaba kwawela phezu kwakhe. **13** Kodwa ingilosi yathi kuye: Ungesabi Zakariya; ngoba umkhuleko wakho uzwakele, lomkakho uElizabethi uzakuzalela indodana, njalo uzakuthi ibizo layo nguJohane. **14** Futhi uzakuba lenjabulo lentokozo, labanengi bazakujabulela ukuzalwa kwakhe. **15** Ngoba uzakuba mkhulu phambi kweNkosi, iwayini kanye lokunathwayo okulamandla kasoze akunathe, futhi uzagcwaliswa ngoMoya oNgcwele kusukela esesesiswini sikanina. **16** Labanengi kubantwana bakolsrayeli uzabaphendulela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wabo; **17** njalo yena uzahamba phambi kwayo emoyeni lemandleni kaElija, ukuphendulela inhliziyo zaboyise kubantwana, labangalaleliyo ekuhlakanipheni kwabalungileyo, ukulungiselela iNkosi isizwe esilungisiweyo. **18** UZakariya wasesithi kuyo ingilosi: Ngizakwazi ngani lokhu? Ngoba mina ngilixhegu, lomkami useleminyaka eminengi. **19** Ingilosi yasiphendula

yathi kuye: NginguGabriyeli mina, omayo phambi kukaNkulunkulu; njalo ngithunyiwe ukukhuluma lawe, lokukubikela lezizindaba ezinhle. **20** Njalo khangelana, uzakuba yisimungulu njalo wehluleke ukukhuluma, kuze kube lusuku okuzakwenzeka ngalo lezizinto, ngenxa yokuthi ungakhohlwanga amazwi ami, azagcwaliseka ngesikhathi sawo. **21** Labantu babemlindele uZakariya; bamangala ngokuphuza kwakhe ethempelini. **22** Kuthe esephuma wehluleka ukukhuluma labo; njalo bazi ukuthi ubone umbono ethempelini; njalo yena wayesebaqhweba, wahlala eyisimungulu. **23** Kwasekusithi seziphelile insuku zokukhonza kwakhe, waya endlini yakhe. **24** Kwathi emva kwalezonsuku uElizabethi umkakhe wathatha isisu, wazifihla okwezinyanga ezinhlanu, esithi: **25** Yenze kanje kimi iNkosi ensukwini eyangikhangela ngazo ukususa ihlazo lami phakathi kwabantu. **26** Kwathi ngenyanga yesithupha ingilosi uGabriyeli yathunywa nguNkulunkulu emzini weGalili othiwa yiNazareth, **27** entombini eyayigane indoda, ebizo layo lalinguJosefa, eyendlu kaDavida; lebizu lentombi linguMariya. **28** Ingilosi yasingena kuye yathi: Ekuhle, wena othandiweyo! INkosi ilawe, ubusisiwe wena phakathi kwabesifazana. **29** Kwathi eseyibonile wethuswa kakhulu yilizwi layo, wanakana ukuthi yikubingelela okunjani lokhu. **30** Ingilosi yasisithi kuye: Ungesabi, Mariya; ngoba uthole uthando kuNkulunkulu. **31** Njalo khangelana, uzathatha isisu, uzale indodana, uzakuthi ibizo layo nguJesu. **32** Yena uzakuba mkhulu, uzabizwa ngokuthi yiNdodana yoPhezukonke; futhi iNkosi uNkulunkulu izamnika isihlalo sobukhosi sikayise uDavida, **33** njalo uzabusa phezu kwendlu kaJakobe kuze kube ninini, langombuso wakhe kawuzukuba lokuphela. (aiōn g165) **34** UMariya wasesithi kuyo ingilosi: Lokhu kungenzeka njani, njengoba ngingazi indoda? **35** Ingilosi yasiphendula yathi kuye: UMoya oNgcwele uzakuba phezu kwakho, lamandla oPhezukonke azakwembesa; ngakho lalokhu okungcwele okuzalwa nguwe kuzakuthiwa yiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **36** Njalo khangelana, isininini sakho uElizabethi, laye ukhulelwe yindodana ebudaleni bakhe; lale yinyanga yesithupha kuye obekuthiwa uyinyumba. **37** Ngoba kuNkulunkulu kakulalutho oluzakwehlula. **38** UMariya wasesithi: Khangelana, incekuwazi yeNkosi; kakube kimi

njengelizwi lakho. Ingilosi yasisuka kuye. 39 Ngalezonsuku uMariya wasesukuma waya ezintabeni ngokuphangisa, emzini weJuda, 40 wangena endlini kaZakariya, wabingelela uElizabethi. 41 Kwasekusithi uElizabethi ezwe ukubingelela kukaMariya, inkonyane yeqa esiswini sakhe; loElizabethi wagcwaliswa ngoMoya oNgcwele, 42 wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, wathi: Ubusisiwe wena phakathi kwabesifazana, njalo sibusisiwe isithelo sesizalo sakho! 43 Kanti kuvela ngaphi lokhu kimi, ukuthi unina weNkosi yami eze kimi? 44 Ngoba khangela, kuthe ilizwi lokubingelela kwakho lifika endlebeni zami, umntwana weqa esiswini sami ngokuthokoza. 45 Futhi ubusisiwe okholiweyo, ngoba kuzagcwaliseka lezozinto ezakhulunywa kuye yiNkosi. 46 UMariya wasesithi: Umphefumulo wami uyayikhulisa iNkosi, 47 lomoya wami uyathokoza kuNkulunkulu uMsindisi wami, 48 ngoba ukhangele ubuphansi bencekukazi yakhe. Ngoba khangela, kusukela khathezi zonke izizukulwana zizakuthi ngibusisiwe. 49 Ngoba yena olamandla ungenzele izinto ezinkulu, lingcwele lebizalo lakhe, 50 lesihawu sakhe sikusizukulwana ngesizukulwana kulabo abamesabayo. 51 Wenzile amandla ngengalo yakhe; uhlakazile abazigqajayo ekunakaneni kwenhliziyo zabo. 52 Wehlisile iziphathamandla ezihlalweni zobukhosi, kodwa uphakamisile abantukazana. 53 Abalambileyo ubasuthise ngezinto ezinhle, kodwa abanothileyo wabamukisa beze. 54 Umsizile ulsrayeli inceku yakhe, ngokukhumbula isihawu, 55 njengoba watsho kubobaba bethu, kuAbrahama, lenzalweni yakhe kuze kube nininini. (aiōn g165) 56 UMariya wasehlala laye okungaba zinyanga ezintathu, wasebuyela endlini yakhe. 57 Isikhathi sikaElizabethi sokuthi abelethe sesiphelele, wasebeletha indodana. 58 Abakhelene laye lezinini zakhe basebesizwa ukuthi iNkosi yenze isihawu sayo saba sikhulu kuye, basebethokoza laye. 59 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesificaminwembili, beza ukuzasoka usane; balubiza ngebizo likayise ngokuthi nguZakariya. 60 Kodwa unina waphendula wathi: Hatshi bo, kodwa luzathiwa nguJohane. 61 Basebesithi kuye: Kakho ezihlotsheni zakho obizwa ngalelibizo. 62 Basebeqhwaba uyise, ukuthi angathanda ukuthi lubizwe ngokuthini. 63 Wasecela into yokubhalela, wabhala, esithi: NguJohane ibizo lalo; basebemangala bonke. 64 Njalo wahle wavulwa

umlomo wakhe lolimi lwakhe lwatshwaphululwa, wasekhuluma edumisa uNkulunkulu. 65 Lokwesaba kwehlela phezu kwabo bonke abakhelene labo; njalo kwakhulunywa ngazo zonke lezizinto kulo lonke elezintabeni zeJudiya, 66 labo bonke abazizwayo bazilondoloza ezinhliziyweni zabo, besithi: Kambe lolusane luzakuba njani? Njalo isandla seNkosi sasilalo. 67 LoZakariya uyise wagcwaliswa ngoMoya oNgcwele, waprofetha, esithi: 68 Ibusisiwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, ngoba ihambele yasenzela inkululeko isizwe sayo, 69 yasivusela uphondo losindiso endlini kaDavida inceku yayo, 70 njengalokho yakhuluma ngomlomo wabaprofethi bayo abangcwele kusukela ekuqaleni komhlaba, (aiōn g165) 71 isikhulula ezitheni zethu, lesandleni sabo bonke abasizondayo; 72 ukwenzela obaba bethu isihawu, lokukhumbula isivumelwano sayo esingcwele, 73 isifungo eyasifunga kubaba wethu uAbrahama, 74 ukusinika, ukuthi sesikhululiwe esandleni sezitha zethu, siyikhonze singelakwesaba, 75 ngobungcwele langokulunga phambi kwayo zonke izinsuku zempilo yethu. 76 Lawe-ke, sane, uzabizwa ngokuthi ungumprofethi woPhezukonke; ngoba uzahamba phambi kobuso beNkosi ukulungisa izindlela zayo; 77 lokunika isizwe sayo ulwazi losindiso ngothethelelo lwezono zabo, 78 ngesihelo sikaNkulunkulu wethu, okuthi ngaso ukusa kwaphezulu kusethekelele, 79 ukubakhanyisela abahlezi emnyameni lethunzini lokufa, ukuqondisa inyawo zethu endleleni yokuthula. 80 Wakhulake umntwana omncane, waqina emoyeni, waba sezinkangala kwaze kwaba lusuku lokubonakala kwakhe kulrayeli.

2 Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku, isimiso saphuma kuKesari uAgastasi, sokuthi kubhalwe umhlaba wonke. 2 Lokhukubhalwa kwakungokokuqala ukwenziwa lapho uKwiriniya engumbusi weSiriya. 3 Bonke basebesiya ukuze bayebhalwa, ngulowo lalowo emzini wakibo. 4 LoJosefa laye wenyuka esuka eGalili, emzini iNazareth, waya eJudiya, emzini kaDavida, othiwa yiBhethelhehema, ngoba wayengowendlu lowosendo lukaDavida, 5 ukuyabhalwa kanye loMariya umkakhe ayemganile, owayezithwele. 6 Kwasekusithi belapho, zaseziphelela insuku zokubeletha kwakhe. 7 Wasebeletha indodana yakhe eyingqabutho, wayigoqela ngamalembu, wayilalisa emkolweni, ngoba kwakungelandawo yabo endlini yezihambi.

8 Njalo kwakukhona kulelolizwe abelusi ababehlala egangeni futhi belinde umhlambi wabo ebusuku. 9 Njalo khangelana, ingilosi yeNkosi yema eduze kwabo, lenkazimulo yeNkosi yakhanya ibazingelezele; njalo besaba ngokwesaba okukhulu. 10 Ingilosi yasisithi kubo: Lingesabi; ngoba khangelani, ngitshumayela indaba ezinhle kini ezentokozo enkulu, ezakuba kubantu bonke; 11 ngoba lizalelwe lamuhla uMsindisi, onguKristu iNkosi, emzini kaDavida. 12 Njalo lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kini: Lizathola usane lugoqelwe ngamalembu, lulele emkolweni. 13 Njalo kwahle kwaba khona kanye lengilosi ixuku lebutsho lasezulwini, lidumisa uNkulunkulu, lisithi: 14 Udumo kalube kuNkulunkulu kweliphezulu, lokuthula emhlabeni; isifiso esihle ebantwini. 15 Kwasekusithi, ingilosi sezisukile kubo zisiya ezulwini, abantu, abangabelusi, bakhulumisana besithi: Ake siye eBhethlehem, sibone leyonto eyenzakeleyo, iNkosi esazise yona. 16 Basebesiza ngokuphangisa, bathola oMariya loJosefa, losane lulele emkolweni. 17 Sebebonile basebesazisa indawo ezizingelezeleyo ngelizwi ababelitshelwe mayelana lalo umntwana omncane. 18 Labo bonke abakuzwayo bamangala ngezinto ezazikhulunywe ngabelusi kubo. 19 Kodwa uMariya walondoloza wonke la amazwi, enakana ngawo enhliziyweni yakhe. 20 Basebebuyela abelusi, bemdumisa bambonga uNkulunkulu ngazo zonke izinto ababazizwile lababebizonile, njengalokho okwakukhulunywe kubo. 21 Kwathi seziphelile insuku eziyisificaminwembili zokuthi umntwana omncane asokwe, ibizo lakhe laselithiwa nguJesu, elalibizwe yingilosi engakomulwa esiswini. 22 Kwathi seziphelile insuku zokuhlunjulwa kwakhe ngokomlayo kaMozisi, bamletha eJerusalem, ukuze bammise phambi kweNkosi 23 (njengokulotshiweyo emlayweni weNkosi ukuthi konke okwesilisa okuvula isibeletho kuzathiwa kungcwele eNkosini) 24 lokuthi banikele umhlathshelo njengokutshiwo emlayweni weNkosi, amajuba amabili kumbe amaphuphu amabili enkwilimba. 25 Njalo khangelana, kwakukhona eJerusalem umuntu, obizo lakhe linguSimeyoni, njalo lumuntu wayelungile ekhuthale ekukhonzeni, elindele induduzo kalsrayeli, loMoya oNgcwele wayephezu kwakhe. 26 Futhi kwakubonakalisiwe kuye nguMoya oyiNgcwele, ukuthi kayikubona ukufa engakamboni uKristu weNkosi. 27 Wasengena ethempelini ngoMoya; kwathi abazali bemletha umntwana omncane uJesu, ukuze benze ngaye ngokomkhuba womlayo, 28 yena wasemthatha wamphatha engalweni zakhe, wabonga uNkulunkulu, wathi: 29 Nkosi, khathesi iyekele inceku yakho ihambe ngokuthula, njengokwelizwi lakho; 30 ngoba amehlo ami alubonile usindiso lwakho 31 olulungisileyo phambi kobuso babantu bonke; 32 ukukhanya kokwembulela abezizwe, lenkazimulo yesizwe sakho ulsrayeli. 33 UJosefa lonina basebemangala ngezinto ezatshiwo ngaye. 34 USimeyoni wasebabusisa, wathi kuMariya unina: Khangelana, lo umiselwe ukuwa lokuvuka kwabanengi kulsrayeli, lokuba yisibonakaliso esizaphikiswa; 35 futhi lawe, inkemba izadabula owakho umphefumulo; ukuze imicabango yenhliziyi ezinengi yembulwe. 36 Njalo kwakukhona uAna umprofethakazi, indodakazi kaFanuweli, owesizwe sikaAsheri; wayesekhulile kakhulu, ebehlale lendoda iminyaka eyisikhombisa kusukela ebuntombini bakhe, 37 njalo wayengumfelokazi owayengaba leminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lane, engasuki ethempelini, ekhonza ngokuzila ukudla langemikhuleko ebusuku lemini. 38 Laye efika ngaleloholo wadumisa uNkulunkulu, wakhuluma ngaye kubo bonke ababelindele inkululeko eJerusalem. 39 Kwathi sebeqedile konke okungokomlayo weNkosi, babuyela eGalili, emzini wakibo iNazareth. 40 Lomntwana omncane wakhula, waqina emoyeni, wagcwa inhlanipho; lomusa kaNkulunkulu wawuphezu kwakhe. 41 Njalo abazali bakhe babesiya eJerusalem iminyaka yonke ngomkhosi wephasika. 42 Kwathi eseleminyaka elitshumi lambili, sebenyukele eJerusalem njengomkhuba womkhosi, 43 njalo sebezidile insuku, ekubuyeleni kwabo, umntwana uJesu wasala eJerusalem; njalo uJosefa lonina bengazi; 44 kodwa becabanga ukuthi wayesexukwini endleleni, bahamba uhambo losuku, bamdinga phakathi kwezinyini labazana labo; 45 kodwa bengamtholi, babuyela eJerusalem, bamdinga. 46 Kwasekusithi emva kwensuku ezintathu, bamthola ethempelini, ehlezi phakathi kwabafundisi, njalo ebalalela, futhi ebabuza. 47 Njalo bonke ababemuzwa bamangala kakhulu ngolwazi lempendulo zakhe. 48 Kwathi bambona bamangala; lonina wathi kuye: Mntanami, wenzeleni okunje kithi? Khangelana, uyihlo lami besikudinga sidubekile. 49

Wasesithi kubo: Kungani lingidinga? Belingakwazi yini ukuthi kumele ukuthi ngibe sezintweni zikaBaba? 50 Kodwa bona kabaliqedisisinga ilizwi alikhuluma kubo. 51 Wasesehla labo, weza eNazaretha; wazehlisela ngaphansi kwabo. Unina wasegcina zonke lezizinto enhliziyweni yakhe. 52 UJesu waseqhubeka enhlakanipheni lekukhuleni, lekuthandekeni kuNkulunkulu lebantwini.

3 Kwathi ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlanu wokubusa kukaTiberiyosi uKesari, uPontiyusi Pilatu engumbusi weJudiya, loHerodi engumtetrarki weGalili, loFiliphu umfowabo engumtetrarki welturiya lelizweni iTrakoniti, loLisaniya engumtetrarki weAbilene, 2 uAnasi loKayafasi bengabapristi abakhulu, ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lafika kuJohane indodana kaZakariya enkangala. 3 Wasesiza esigabeni sonke seJordani esizingelezeleyo, etshumayela ubhabhathizo lokuphenduka kube yikuthethelelwa kwezono; 4 njengokulotshiweyo egwalweni lwamazwi kalsaya umprofethi, ukuthi: Ilizwi lomemezayo enkangala lithi: Lungisani indlela yeNkosi; qondisani indledlana zayo. 5 Sonke isigodi sizagqitshwa, layo yonke intaba loqaqa kuzakwehliswa; njalo kuzaqondiswa amazombazombe, lamaxhakaxhaka ezindlela azalungiswa; 6 layo yonke inyama izabona usindiso lukaNkulunkulu. 7 Ngakho wathi emaxukwini aphumela ukubhabhathizwa nguye: Nzalo yezinyoka, ngubani olixwayise ukubalekela ulaka oluzayo? 8 Ngakho thelani izithelo ezifanele ukuphenduka; njalo lingaqali ukuthi phakathi kwenu: SiloAbrahama ongubaba wethu; ngoba ngithi kini: UNkulunkulu ulamandla okumvusela uAbrahama abantwana kulamatshe. 9 Lakhathele lehlola selibekiwe empandeni zezihlahla; ngakho sonke isihlahla esingatheli isithelo esihle siyaganyulwa siphoselwe emlilweni. 10 Amaxuku asembuza, athi: Pho thina sizakwenzani? 11 Wasephendula wathi kubo: Olezembatho ezimbili, kamuphe ongelaso; lolokudla kenze njalo. 12 Kwasekufika labathelisi ukuze babhabhathizwe, basebesithi kuye: Mfundisi, sizakwenzani? 13 Wasesithi kubo: Lingabizi okwedlula elikumiselweyo. 14 Lamabutho lawo ambuza, athi: Thina-ke sizakwenzani? Wasesithi kuwo: Lingenzi udlakela emuntwini, njalo lingacali ngamanga; njalo yenelisiwani yimivuzo yenu. 15 Kwathi abantu belindile, futhi bonke bezibuza

enhliziyweni zabo ngoJohane, ukuthi kambe yena angaba enguKristu, 16 uJohane waphendula, esithi kubo bonke: Mina-ke ngilibhabhathiza ngamanzi; kodwa uyeza olamandla kulami, engingafanele ukuthukulula umchilo wamanyathela akhe; yena uzalibhabhathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele langomlilo; 17 okhomane lwakhe lokwela lusesandleni sakhe, njalo uzahlambululisa isibuya sakhe, abesebuthela amabele esipheleni sakhe, kodwa amakhoba uzawatshisa ngomlilo ongacitshekiyo. 18 Langokulaya ngezinye izinto ezinengi, watshumayela ivangeli ebantwini. 19 Kodwa uHerodi umtetrarki, owayesolwe nguye ngoHerodiyasi umkaFiliphu umfowabo, langakho konke okubi ayekwenzile uHerodi, 20 wengezelela lalokhu phezu kwakho konke, ukuthi wamvalela uJohane entolongweni. 21 Kwasekusithi sebebhabhathiziwe bonke abantu, laye uJesu esebhabhathiziwe, ekhuleka, izulu lavulwa, 22 uMoya oyiNgcwele wasesehlela phezu kwakhe elesimo somzimba onjengowejuba, lelizwi lavela ezulwini, lisithi: Wena uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo, ngithokoza ngawe. 23 Yena uJesu waseqala ukuba leminyaka engaba ngamatshumi amathathu, yena (njengokwakunakanwa) eyindodana kaJosefa, kaEli, 24 kaMathathi, kaLevi, kaMeliki, kaJanayi, kaJosefa, 25 kaMatathiya, kaAmosi, kaNahume, kaEseli, kaNagayi, 26 kaMahati, kaMatathiya, kaSemeyi, kaJosefa, kaJuda, 27 kaJohana, kaResa, kaZerubhabheli, kaSalatiyeli, kaNeri, 28 kaMeliki, kaAdi, kaKosamu, kaElimodamu, kaEri, 29 kaJose, kaEliyezeri, kaJorima, kaMathathi, kaLevi, 30 kaSimeyoni, kaJuda, kaJosefa, kaJonanu, kaEliyakhimi, 31 kaMeleya, kaMena, kaMathata, kaNathani, kaDavida, 32 kaJese, kaObedi, kaBowosi, kaSalimoni, kaNashoni, 33 kaAminadaba, kaAramu, kaEsiromu, kaFaresi, kaJuda, 34 kaJakobe, kalsaka, kaAbrahama, kaThara, kaNahori, 35 kaSarugi, kaRagawu, kaFaleki, kaEberi, kaSala, 36 kaKayinani, kaArpakishadi, kaShemu, kaNowe, kaLameki, 37 kaMethusala, kaEnoki, kaJaredi, kaMaleleyeli, kaKayinani, 38 kaEnosi, kaSeti, kaAdamu, kaNkulunkulu.

4 Kwathi uJesu egcwele uMoya oNgcwele wabuya evela eJordani, wakhokhelelwa nguMoya enkangala, 2 walingwa ngudiyabhola insuku ezingamatshumi amane. Njalo kadlanga lutho ngalezonsuku; kwathi seziphelile, ekucineni walamba.

3 Udiyabhola wasesithi kuye: Uba uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, tshono kulelilitshe ukuthi libe yisinkwa. 4 UJesu wasemphendula, wathi: Kulotshiwe, ukuthi umuntu kayikuphila ngesinkwa sodwa, kodwa ngalo lonke ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. 5 Udiyabhola wasemkhokhelela entabeni ende wamtshengisa yonke imibuso yomhlaba ngesikhathshana. 6 Udiyabhola wasesithi kuye: Amandla wonke la lobukhosi bayo ngizakunika; ngoba anikwe mina, njalo ngiwanika loba ngubani engithandayo. 7 Ngakho wena uba ukhonza phambi kwami, konke kuzakuba ngokwakho. 8 UJesu wasemphendula wathi: Suka ngemva kwami, Sathane; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uzakhothamela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, njalo umkhonze yena yedwa. 9 Wasemkhokhelela eJerusalema, wammisa engqongeni yethempeli, wasesithi kuye: Uba uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ziwisele phansi usuka lapha; 10 ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uzalaya ingilos zakhe ngawe, ukukulondoloza; 11 lokuthi: Zizakuphatha ngezandla, hlezi loba nini ukhube unyawo lwakho elitsheni. 12 UJesu wasephendula wathi kuye: Kuthiwa: Ungayilingi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. 13 Udiyabhola eseqedile ukulinga konke, wasuka kuye kwaze kwaba ngesinye isikhathi. 14 UJesu wasebuyela eGalili ngamandla kaMoya; lendumela yakhe yaphuma kuso sonke isigaba esizingezeleleyo. 15 Yena wasefundisa emasinagogeni abo, edunyiswa yibo bonke. 16 Wasefika eNazareth, lapho ayondliwe khona; njengokweywayela kwakhe wasengena esinagogeni ngosuku lwesabatha, wasukuma ukuze afunde. 17 Wasenikwa ugwalo lomprofethi utsalayo. Waseluvula ugwalo, wayithola indawo okubhalwe kuyo ukuthi: 18 UMoya weNkosi uphezu kwami, ngakho ingicobile ukuthi ngitshumayele ivangeli kubayanga; ingithumile ukusilisa abadabukileyo enhliziyweni; ukumemezela ukukhululwa kwabathunjweyo, lokubona kwabayiziphofu, ukukhulula ababandezelweyo, 19 ukumemezela umnyaka womusa weNkosi. 20 Waselugoqa ugwalo, walubuyisela encekweni, wahlala phansi; lamehlo abo bonke ababesininagogeni amjolozelela. 21 Waseqala ukuthi kubo: Lamuhla lumbhalo ugqwalisekile endlebeni zenu. 22 Labo bonke bafakaza ngaye, bamangala ngamazwi omusa aphuma emlonyeni wakhe, basebesithi: Lo kayisiyo indodana kaJosefa yini? 23 Wasesithi kubo: Isibili lizakutsho kimi lesisaga: Melaphi, zelaphe wena; konke lokho esikuzwileyo okwenzeke eKapenawume, kwenze lalapha emzini wakini. 24 Wathi-ke: Ngqiqinile ngithi kini: Kakho umprofethi owemukelekayo elizweni lakibo. 25 Kodwa ngeqiniso ngithi kini: Abafelokazi abanengi babekhona kolSrayeli ensukwini zikaElija, lapho izulu lalivalekile iminyaka emithathu lenyanga eziyisithupha, kwaze kwaba khona indlala enkulu emhlabeni wonke; 26 kodwa uElija kathunyelwanga lakomunye wabo, ngaphandle kweSarepita yeSidoni kowesifazana ongumfelokazi. 27 Futhi amalephero amanengi ayekhona kolSrayeli ngesikhathi sikaElisha umprofethi; kodwa kakuhlanjululwanga lamunye wawo, ngaphandle kukaNamani umSiriya. 28 Kwathi bonke ababesininagogeni bagcwala ulaka, bezizwa lezizinto, 29 basebesukuma, bamkhuphela ngaphandle komuzi, bamqhubela eliweni lentaba umuzi wabo owawakhiwe phezu kwayo, ukuze bamphosele phansi eliweni. 30 Kodwa yena edabula phakathi kwabo wahamba. 31 Wasesehlela eKapenawume umuzi weGalili; njalo wayebafundisa ngamasabatha. 32 Basebebabaza ngemfundiso yakhe, ngoba ilizwi lakhe lalilamandla. 33 Futhi kwakukhona esinagogeni umuntu owayelomoya wedimoni ongcolileyo, wasememeza ngelizwi elikhulu, 34 wathi: Yekela! Silani lawe, Jesu mNazareth? Uze ukusibhubhisa yini? Ngiyakwazi wena ukuthi ungubani: ONGcwele kaNkulunkulu. 35 UJesu wasemkhuza, esithi: Thula, uphume kuye! Ledimoni selimwisele phakathi laphuma kuye, lingamlimazanga. 36 Kwasekubafikela bonke ukumangala, bakhulumisana, besithi: Yilizwi bani leli, ukuthi ngegunya langamandla uyalaya omoya abangcolileyo, baphume? 37 Yasiphuma indumela yakhe kuyo yonke indawo yesigaba esizingezeleleyo. 38 Wasesukuma waphuma esinagogeni, wayangena endlini kaSimoni; njalo uninazala kaSimoni wayebanjwe luquhuqho olukhulu; basebemcelela kuye. 39 Wasemengama, wakhuya uquhuqho, khona lwamyekela; njalo wahle wasukuma wabasebenzela. 40 Kwathi ekutshoneni kwelanga, bonke ababelababegula izifo ezitshiyeneyo babaletsha kuye; wasebeka izandla kulowo lalowo wabo wabasalisa. 41 Kwasekuphuma lamadimoni kwabanengi, ememeza esithi: Wena unguKristu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu. Wasewakhuya

engawavumeli ukuthi akhulume, ngoba ayemazi ukuthi unguKristu. 42 Kwathi sekusile, waphuma waya endaweni eyinkangala, lamaxuku amdinga, eza kuye, amvimbela ukuthi angasuki kiwo. 43 Kodwa wathi kuwo: Ngimele ukutshumayela ivangeli lombuso kaNkulunkulu lakweminye imizi; ngoba ngithunyelwe lokho. 44 Wayesetshumayela emasinagogeni eGalili.

5 Kwasekusithi ixuku seliminyezele ukuzwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, yena wasesima eceleni kwechibi leGenesareth; 2 wabona imikhumbi emibili imi eceleni kwechibi; kodwa abagoli benhlanzi babephumile kiyo behlambulula amambule. 3 Wasengena komunye wemikhumbi, ongokaSimoni, wamcela ukuthi asuke kancinyane emhlabathini. Wasehlala phansi wafundisa amaxuku esemkhunjini. 4 Kwathi eseqedile ukukhuluma, wathi kuSimoni: Ngena enzikini, lehlise amambule enu ukuze libambe. 5 USimoni wasephendula wathi kuye: Nkosi, sitshikatshike ubusuku bonke, kasibambanga lutho; kodwa ngokutsho kwakho ngizakwehlisa imbule. 6 Kwathi sebekwenzile lokho, babamba inhlanzi ezinengi kakhulu. Laselidabuka imbule labo. 7 Basebeqhweba ababehlanganyele labo ababekomunye umkhumbi, ukuthi beze babasize; beza-ke bayigcwalisa imikhumbi yomibili, yaze yaqalisa ukutshona. 8 Kuthe uSimoni Petro ebona, wawela emadolweni kaJesu, esithi: Suka kimi, Nkosi, ngoba ngingumuntu oyisoni. 9 Ngoba ukumangala kwakumbambile, labo bonke ababelaye, ngokubanjwa kwenhlanzi ababezibambile; 10 ngokufananayo-ke loJakobe loJohane, amadodana kaZebediya, ababehlanganyele loSimoni. UJesu wasesithi kuSimoni: Ungesabi; kusukela khathesi uzagola abantu. 11 Kwathi sebeyifikisile imikhumbi emhlabathini, batshiya konke, bamlandela. 12 Kwasekusithi, esekomunye wemizi, khangela-ke, indoda egcwele ubulephero; yathi ibona uJesu, yawa ngobuso, yamncenga, isithi: Nkosi, aluba uthanda, ungangihlambulula. 13 Waseselula isandla, wayithinta, esithi: Ngiyathanda, hlambuluka. Njalo bahle basuka ubulephero kuyo. 14 Yena waseyilaya ukuthi ingatsheli muntu; wathi: Kodwa hamba uziveze kumpirsti, unikelele ukuhlanjululwa kwakho, njengoba uMozisi walaya, kube yibufakazi kubo. 15 Kodwa kwayilapho ukukhuluma ngaye kwanda kakhulu; lamaxuku amanengi abuthana ukulalela, lokusiliswa

nguye ezifweni zawo. 16 Kodwa yena waphumela enkangala wakhuleka. 17 Kwasekusithi ngolunye lwezinsuku, yena wayefundisa; njalo kwakuhlezi abaFarisi labafundisi bomlayo, abavela kuyo yonke imizana yeGalili leJudiya leJerusalem; lamandla eNkosi ayekhona ukubasilisa. 18 Njalo khangela, amadoda ethwele ngohlaka umuntu owayome umhlubulo; njalo adinga ukumngenisela ambeke phambi kwakhe; 19 kodwa engatholi indlela yokumngenisela ngenxa yexuku, akhwela ephahleni lwendlu, amehlisa ezitineni zokufulela ngethala phambi kukaJesu phakathi laphakathi. 20 Kwathi ebona ukholo lwawo, wathi kuye: Ndoda, izono zakho uzithethelelwe. 21 Ababhali labaFarisi basebeqala ukunakana, besithi: Ungubani lo okhuluma inhlabane? Ngubani ongathethelela izono, ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu yedwa? 22 Kwathi uJesu esazi ukunakana kwabo waphendula wathi kubo: Linakanani enhliziyweni zenu? 23 Yikuphi okulula, ukuthi: Izono zakho uzithethelelwe; kumbe ukuthi: Sukuma uhambe? 24 Kodwa ukuze lazi ukuthi iNdodana yomuntu ilamandla okuthethelela izono emhlabeni (wathi koyisigoga): Ngithi kuwe: Sukuma, uthathe ithala lakho, uye endlini yakho. 25 Njalo wahle wasukuma phambi kwabo, wathatha lokhu ayelele kukho, wasuka waya endlini yakhe, edumisa uNkulunkulu. 26 Lokusanganiseka kwababamba bonke, basebedumisa uNkulunkulu, bagcwala ukwesaba, besithi: Sibone izimanga lamuhla. 27 Njalo emva kwalezizinto waphuma, wabona umthelisi, uLevi ngebizo, ehlezi endlini yokuthelisela, wathi kuye: Ngilandela. 28 Wasetshiya konke, wasukuma wamlandela. 29 ULevi wasemenzela idili elikhulu endlini yakhe; njalo kwakukhona ixuku elikhulu labathelisi lelabanye abahlala kanye labo ekudleni. 30 Ababhali babo labaFarisi basebesola kubafundi bakhe, besithi: Kungani lisidla linatha labathelisi lezoni? 31 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Abaphilayo kabasweli melaphi, kodwa abagulayo. 32 Kangizanga ukubiza abalungileyo, kodwa izoni zize ekuphendukeni. 33 Basebesithi kuye: Kungani abafundi bakaJohane bezila ukudla kanengi, benze imikhuleko, kunjalo lababaFarisi; kodwa abakho bayadla banathe? 34 Kodwa wathi kubo: Kambe, lingabazilisa ukudla yini abantwana bendlu yomthimba, umyeni eselabo? 35 Kodwa zizafika insuku, lapho umyeni ezasuswa

kubo, khona bezazila ukudla ngalezonsuku. 36 loTmasi, uJakobe okaAlfewu, loSimoni owayethiwa Wasebatshela futhi umfanekiso wokuthi: Kakho obekela isichibi sesembatho esitsha esembathweni esidala; uba kungenjalo, esitsha laso siyadabula, lesichibi sesitsha asihambelani lesidala. 37 Futhi kakho ofaka iwayini elitsha emigodleni emidala; uba-ke kungenjalo, iwayini elitsha lizadabula imigodla, lichitheke lona, lemigodla yonakale. 38 Kodwa iwayini elitsha limele lifakwe emigodleni emitsha, njalo kokubili kulondolozeke. 39 Njalo kakho othi esenathe iwayini elidala ahle afise elitsha; ngoba uthi: Elidala lingcono.

6 Kwasekusithi ngesabatha lesibili lakuqala edabula emasimini amabele, abafundi bakhe bakha izikhwebu, badla, bezihlikhla ngezandla. 2 Kodwa abathile babaFarisi bathi kubo: Lenzelani okungavunyelwa ukwenziwa ngensuku zesabatha? 3 UJesu wasebaphendula, wathi: Alifundanga lalokho yini, uDavida akwenzayo, mhla elambile yena lababelaye, 4 ukuthi wayangena njani endlini kaNkulunkulu, wathatha izinkwa zokubukiswa, wasesidla, wanika lalabo ababelaye; ezingavunyelwa ukudliwa ngaphandle kwabapristi bodwa? 5 Wasesithi kubo: INdodana yomuntu iyiNkosi leyesabatha. 6 Kwasekusithi langelinye isabatha wangena esinagogeni, wafundisa; njalo kwakukhona umuntu lapho, osandla sakhe sokunene sasitshwabhenene. 7 Ababhali labaFarisi basebemqaphela, ukuthi uzasilisa ngesabatha yini; ukuze bathole okokumbeka icala. 8 Kodwa wayazi imicabango yabo, wathi kumuntu olesandla esitshwabheneyo: Sukuma, ume phakathi. Wasukuma-ke wema. 9 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngizalibuza ulutho: Kuvunyelwe yini ngamasabatha ukwenza okulungileyo kumbe ukwenza okubi? Ukusindisa impilo kumbe ukuchitha? 10 Wasebathalaza bonke, wathi kumuntu: Yelula isandla sakho. Wasesenza njalo. Isandla sakhe sasesiliswa saphila njengesinye. 11 Basebegcwala ubuhlanya; bakhulumisana omunye komunye, ukuthi bangamenzani uJesu. 12 Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku waphuma waya entabeni ukuyakhuleka; wahlala ubusuku bonke ekukhulekeni kuNkulunkulu. 13 Kwathi sekusile, wabizela kuye abafundi bakhe; wakhetha kubo abalitshumi lambili, ababiza futhi ngokuthi ngabaphostoli; 14 uSimoni laye ambiza ngokuthi nguPetro, loAndreya umfowabo, uJakobe loJohane, uFiliphu loBartolomewu, 15 uMathewu loTmasi, uJakobe okaAlfewu, loSimoni owayethiwa ngumZelothi, 16 uJudasi kaJakobe, loJudasi Iskariyothi, laye owaba ngumnikeli. 17 Wasesehla labo, wema esigcawini, lexuku labafundi bakhe, lexuku elikhulu labantu abavela kuyo yonke iJudiya leJerusalema, langaselwandle lweTire leSidoni, ababezile ukumuzwa, lokusiliswa ezifweni zabo; 18 lalabo ababekhathazwa ngomoya abangcolileyo, basebesiliswa. 19 Lexuku lonke ladinga ukumthinta; ngoba kwaphuma amandla kuye, asebasilisa bonke. 20 Yena wasephakamisela amehlo akhe kubafundi bakhe wathi: Libusisiwe, bayanga, ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu ungowenu. 21 Libusisiwe, lina elilambileyo khathesi, ngoba lizasuthiswa. Libusisiwe, lina elikhalayo khathesi, ngoba lizahleka. 22 Libusisiwe, nxa abantu belizonda, njalo nxa belehlukenisa, belithuka, belahla ibizo lenu ngokungathi libi, ngenxa yeNdodana yomuntu. 23 Thokozani ngalolosuku leqe ngokuthokoza; ngoba khangalani, umvuzo wenu mkhulu ezulwini; ngoba oyise benza njalo kubaprofethi. 24 Kodwa maye kini lina elinothileyo! Ngoba seliyemukele induduzo yenu. 25 Maye kini, lina elisuthiyo! Ngoba lizalamba. Maye kini, lina elihlekayo khathesi! Ngoba lizalila, likhale. 26 Maye kini, nxa abantu bonke bekhuluma kuhle ngani! Ngoba oyise babesenza njalo kubaprofethi bamanga. 27 Kodwa ngithi kini elizwayo: Thandani izitha zenu, lenze okuhle kwabalizondayo, 28 libusise abaliqualekiso, libakhulekele abaliphatha kubi. 29 Okutshaya esihlathini, mnike lesinye; lokwemuka isembatho sakho, ungali lesigqoko sakho. 30 Kodwa mnike wonke ocela kuwe; lokwemuka okwakho, ungabuyi ukubize kuye. 31 Njalo njengalokho lithanda ukuthi abantu benze kini, lani yenzani njalo kubo. 32 Njalo uba lithanda labo abalithandayo, yikubongwa bani elilakho? Ngoba lezoni zithanda labo abazithandayo. 33 Njalo uba lisenza okuhle kulabo abenza okuhle kini, yikubongwa bani elilakho? Ngoba lezoni zenza okufananayo. 34 Futhi uba liseboleka labo elithemba ukwemukela kubo, yikubongwa bani elilakho? Ngoba lezoni zeboleka izoni, ukuze zemukele izinto ezifananayo. 35 Kodwa thandani izitha zenu, lenze okuhle, leboleke, lingalindeli lutho olubuyiselwayo; lomvuzo wenu uzakuba mkhulu, njalo libe ngabantwana boPhezukonke; ngoba yena ulobubele kwabangabongiyo lababi. 36 Ngakho

banini lesihawu, njengoba laye uYihlo elesihawu. 37 Lingahluleli, njalo alisoze lahlulelwe; lingalahli, njalo alisoze lilahlwe; thethelelani, njalo lizathethelelwa; 38 phanini, lani lizaphiwa; isilinganiso esihle, sigqitshiwe sahlukuzwa, siphuphuma, bazalipha esifubeni. Ngoba ngalesosilinganiso elilinganisa ngaso lizalinganiselwa ngaso futhi. 39 Wasebatshela umfanekiso wokuthi: Kambe isiphofu singakhokhela isiphofu yini? Kabayikuwela bobabili emgodini yini? 40 Umfundi kamkhulu kulomfundisi wakhe; kodwa wonke opheleleyo uzakuba njengomfundisi wakhe. 41 Njalo ukhangelelani ucezwana oluselihlweni lomfowenu, kodwa ungalunanzeleli ugodo olukwelakho ilihlo? 42 Kumbe ungatsho njani kumfowenu ukuthi: Mfowethu, kahle ngikhuphe ucezwana oluselihlweni lakho, wena ungaluboni ugodo oluselihlweni lakho? Mzenzisi, qala ukhuphe ugodo elihlweni lakho, khona-ke uzabona kuhle ukukhupha ucezwana oluselihlweni lomfowenu. 43 Ngoba kayisiso isihlahla esihle esithela isithelo esibi; futhi kayisiso isihlahla esibi esithela isithelo esihle. 44 Ngoba yileso laleso isihlahla saziwa ngesaso isithelo. Ngoba kabaseli imikhiwa emeveni, futhi kakukhiwa isithelo sevini evikaneni. 45 Umuntu olungileyo uveza okulungileyo kokuligugu elilungileyo lenhliziyo yakhe, lomuntu omubi uveza okubi kokuligugu elibi lenhliziyo yakhe; ngoba umlomo wakhe ukhuluma ngokugcwala kwenhliziyo. 46 Kodwa lingbizelani ngokuthi: Nkosi, Nkosi, kodwa lingazenzi izinto engizitshoyo? 47 Wonke oza kimi awezwe amazwi ami njalo awenze, ngizalitshengisa ukuthi ufanana lobani; 48 ufanana lomuntu owakha indlu, wagebha watshonisa, wabeka isisekelo phezu kwedwala; kwathi ekufikeni kwempophoma, umfula watshaya kuleyondlu, kodwa wawungelamandla okuyinyikinya; ngoba yayisekelwe phezu kwedwala. 49 Kodwa owezwayo njalo angawenzi unjengomuntu owakha indlu emhlabathini ingelasisekelo; umfula wayitshaya, njalo yahle yawa, futhi kwaba kukhulu ukudilika kwaleyondlu.

7 Kwathi eseqedile amazwi akhe wonke endlebeni zabantu, wangena eKapenawume. 2 Njalo inceku yenduna yekhulu ethile, eyayiligugu kuyo, yayigula isizakufa. 3 Kwathi isizwile ngoJesu, yathuma kuye abadala bamaJuda, imcela, ukuze eze asilise inceku yayo. 4 Kwathi bona, sebefikile kuJesu, bamncenga kakhulu, besithi: Yona kufanele

ukuthi uyenzele lokhu; 5 ngoba iyasithanda isizwe sakithi, njalo yiyo eyasakhela isinagoge. 6 UJesu wasehamba labo. Kwathi engasekhatshana lendlu, induna yekhulu yathuma abangane kuye, isithi kuye: Nkosi, ungazikhathazi; ngoba kangifanele ukuthi ungene ngaphansi kophahla lwami; 7 yikho kangizibonanga ngifanele ukuza kuwe; kodwa khuluma ngelizwi, njalo inceku yami izasiliswa. 8 Ngoba lami ngingumuntu obekwe ngaphansi kwamandla, ngilamabutho ngaphansi kwami, njalo ngithi kuleli: Hamba, njalo lihambe; lakwelinye: Woza, njalo lize; lencekwini yami: Yenza lokhu, njalo ikwenze. 9 Kwathi uJesu ezizwa lezizinto wamangala ngayo, watshibiliika, wathi exukwini elimlandelayo: Ngithi kini, angitholanga ukholo olungaka ngitsho lakolsrayeli. 10 Kwathi ababethunywe sebuyele endlini bafica inceku eyayigula isisilile. 11 Kwasekusithi ngelanga elilandelayo, waya emzini othiwa yiNayini; abafundi bakhe abanengi basebehamba laye, lexuku elikhulu. 12 Kwathi esesondela esangweni lomuzi, njalo khangela, kwakulofileyo ethwelwe kuphunywa, indodana engeyodwa kanina, futhi yena engumfelokazi; lexuku elikhulu lomuzi lalilaye. 13 INkosi imbona, yasisiba lesihelo ngaye, yathi kuye: Ungakhali. 14 Yasondela yathinta ithala; abalithweleyo basebesima; yasisithi: Jaha, ngithi kuwe: Vuka! 15 Ofileyo wasevuka wahlala waqala ukukhuluma. Yasimnika unina. 16 Ukwesaba kwasekubabamba bonke, basebemdumisa uNkulunkulu, besithi: Umprofethi omkhulu usevukile phakathi kwethu; lokuthi: UNkulunkulu uhambele abantu bakhe. 17 Le indumela ngaye yasiphumela kuyo yonke iJudiya, lakuso sonke isigaba esizingezeleleyo. 18 Abafundi bakaJohane basebembikela ngazo zonke lezizinto. 19 UJohane wasebizela kuye ababili abathile kubafundi bakhe wabathuma kuJesu, esithi: Wena unguye ozayo yini, kumbe silindele omunye? 20 Lamadoda esefikile kuye athi: UJohane uMhlabathizi usithumile kuwe, esithi: Wena unguye ozayo yini, kumbe silindele omunye? 21 Langaleloholo wasilisa abanengi ezifweni lemikhuhlaneni lakubomoya ababi, labayiziphofu abanengi wabapha ukubona. 22 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Hambani limtshale uJohane izinto elizibonileyo lelizizwileyo: Ukuthi iziphofu zibuye zibone, iziqhuli ziyahamba, amalephero ayahlanjululwa, izacuthe ziyezwa,

abafileyo bayavuswa, abayanga bayatshunyayezwa ivangeli; 23 njalo ubusisiwe loba ngubani ongakhubekiyo ngami. 24 Kwathi sezihambile izithunywa zikaJohane, waqala ukukhuluma lamaxuku ngoJohane esithi: Laphuma laya enkangala ukuyabonani? Umhlanga onyikinywa ngumoya yini? 25 Kanti laphumela ukuyabonani? Umuntu owembethe izembatho ezicilekileyo yini? Khangelani, abembethe ezikhazimulayo baphila mnandi basezindlini zamakhosi. 26 Pho laphumela ukuyabonani? Umprofethi yini? Yebo, ngithi kini: Loba odlula kakhulu umprofethi. 27 Lo nguye okubhalwe ngaye ukuthi: Khangela, mina ngiyathuma isithunywa sami phambi kobuso bakho, esizalungisa indlela yakho phambi kwakho. 28 Ngoba ngithi kini: Phakathi kwabazelwe ngabesifazana kakho umprofethi omkhulu kuloJohane uMbhabhathizi; kodwa omncinyane embusweni kaNkulunkulu mkhulu kulaye. 29 Labantu bonke bekuzwa, labathelisi, bathi ulungile uNkulunkulu, sebebhabhathiziwe ngobhabhathizo lukaJohane; 30 kodwa abaFarisi lezazumthetho balala icebo likaNkulunkulu bemelene labo, ngoba bengabhabhathizwanga nguye. 31 Yasisithi iNkosi: Pho-ke abantu balesisizukulwana ngizabafananisa lani? Kanti bafanana lani? 32 Banjengabantwana abancane abahlezi emakethe bememezana besithi: Silitshaye le umhlanga, kodwa kalisinanga; silililele, kodwa kalikhalanga. 33 Ngoba uJohane uMbhabhathizi wafika engadli isinkwa njalo enganathi iwayini, laselisithi: Uledimoni; 34 iNdodana yomuntu ifikile isidla, inatha, laselisithi: Khangelani, umuntu oligovu lesinathi sewayini, umngane wabathelisi lezoni. 35 Kodwa inhlakanipho ithiwa ilungile ngabantwana bayo bonke. 36 Omunye wabaFarisi wasemcela ukuthi adle laye; esengenile endlini yomFarisi wahlala ekudleni. 37 Njalo khangela, owesifazana kulowomuzi, owayeyisoni, esekwazi ukuthi uJesu uhlezi ekudleni endlini yomFarisi, waletha umfuma we-alibasta owamagcobo, 38 wasesima eceleni kwenyawo zakhe ngemva kwakhe ekhala, waqala ukuthambisa inyawo zakhe ngenyembezi, wazesula ngenwele zekhanda lakhe, wanga inyawo zakhe, wazigcoba ngamagcobo. 39 Kuthe umFarisi obemnxusile ekubona wakhulumela ngaphakathi kwakhe wathi: Lo, uba ebengumprofethi, ngabe uyamazazi ukuthi ungubani lokuthi unjani lo owesifazana

omthintayo, ngoba uyisoni. 40 UJesu wasephendula wathi kuye: Simoni, ngilengizakukhuluma lawe. Yena wasesithi: Khuluma, Mfundisi. 41 Kwakukhona ababili ababelezikwelede kumkweledisi othile; omunye wayelomlandu wabodenariyo abangamakhulu amahlanu, lomunye abangamatshumi amahlanu. 42 Kwathi bengelakho okokuhlawula ngakho, wabaxolela bobabili. Kambe nguwuphi kubo, tshono, ozamthanda okwedlulisileyo? 43 USimoni wasephendula wathi: Ngicabanga ngulowo amxolela okwedlulisileyo. Wathi kuye: Wahlulele ngokuqonda. 44 Wasetshibilikela kowesifazana, wathi kuSimoni: Uyabona lo owesifazana yini? Ngingene endlini yakho, amanzi enyaweni zami kawunginikanga; kodwa yena uzithambisile inyawo zami ngenyembezi zakhe, wazesula ngenwele zekhanda lakhe. 45 Kawunganganga; kodwa yena, lokhu ngingenile, kayekelanga ukwanga inyawo zami. 46 Ngamagcobo ikhanda lami kawuligcobanga; kodwa yena ugcobile inyawo zami ngamakha. 47 Ngenxa yalokhu, ngithi kuwe: Izono zakhe ezinengi zithethelelwe, ngoba uthandile kakhulu; kodwa lowo othethelelwa kancinyane, uthanda kancinyane. 48 Wasesithi kuye: Zithethelelwe izono zakho. 49 Ababehlezi laye ekudleni basebegala ukukhulumisana bodwa besithi: Ngubani lo othethelela lezono? 50 Wasesithi kowesifazana: Ukhohlo lwakho lukusindisile; hamba ngokuthula.

8 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho, yena wadabula imizi lemizana, ememezela lokutshumayela indaba ezinhle zombuso kaNkulunkulu; labalitshumi lambili babelaye, 2 labesifazana abathile ababesiliswe kubomoya ababi lemikhuhlaneni, uMariya othiwa nguMagdalena, okwaphuma kuye amadimoni ayisikhombisa, 3 loJowana umkaKuza induna kaHerodi, loSusana, labanye abanengi, ababemsiza ngempahla zabo. 4 Kwathi sekubuthene ixuku elikhulu, njalo bevela emizini ngemizi besiza kuye, wakhuluma ngomfanekiso, 5 wathi: Umhlanyeli waphuma ukuyahlanyela inhlanyelo yakhe; kwathi ekuhlanyeleni kwakhe, enye yawela eceleni kwendlela; yasinathelwa ngenyawo, lenyoni zezulu zayidla zayiqeda. 6 Lenye yawela edwaleni, kwathi ekukhuleni yabuna, ngoba yaswela ubumanzi. 7 Lenye yawela phakathi kwameva, ameva asemila layo ayiminyanisa. 8 Lenye yawela emhlabathini omuhle, yakhula yathela ikhulu. Esetshilo lezizinto

wamemeza wathi: Olendlebe zokuzwa akezwe. 9 Abafundi bakhe basebembuza besithi: Ungaba yini lumfanekiso? 10 Wasesithi: Kuphiwe kini ukwazi imfihlo zombuso kaNkulunkulu; kodwa kwabanye ngemifanekiso, ukuze bebona bangaboni, njalo besizwa bangaqedisisi. 11 Lomfanekiso uyilokhu: Inhlanyelo iyilizwi likaNkulunkulu. 12 Labaseceleni kwendlela yilabo abathi sebezile, besekufika udiyabhola alisuse ilizwi enhliziyweni zabo, ukuze bangakholwa basindiswe. 13 Labasedwaleni yilabo, abathi belizwile, balemukele ilizwi ngentokozo, kodwa laba kabalampande, abakholwa okwesikhathi, kuthi ngesikhathi sokulingwa bawe. 14 Lewele phakathi kwameva, yilabo abathi sebezile, bahambe baminyaniswe yikukhathalela lenotho lenkanuko yempilo, njalo bangatheli izithelo ezivuthiweyo. 15 Kodwa esemhlabathini omuhle, yilabo abathi belizwile ilizwi balilondoloze enhliziyweni enhle lelungileyo, bathela izithelo ngokubekezela. 16 Njalo kakho othi eselumathise isibane, asembese ngesitsha, kumbe asibeke ngaphansi kombheda, kodwa usibeka esiqobaneni sesibane, ukuze abangenayo babone ukukhanya. 17 Ngoba kakukho okufihliweyo, okungasoze kube sobala; lokuthukuziweyo, okungayikwaziwa lokungayikulethwa obala. 18 Ngakho qaphelisani ukuthi lizwa njani; ngoba loba ngubani olakho, uzaphiwa; kodwa loba ngubani ongelakho, uzakwemukwa lalokho acabanga ukuthi ulakho. 19 Kwasekufika kuye unina labafowabo, kodwa abazange bamfinyelele ngenxa yexuku. 20 Wasebikelwa ngabanye abathi: Unyoko labafowenu bemi phandle, bafuna ukukubona. 21 Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Umama labafowethu yilabo, abalizwayo ilizwi likaNkulunkulu balenze. 22 Kwasekusithi ngolunye lwezinsuku, wangena emkhunjini yena labafundi bakhe, wasesithi kubo: Asichaphele ngaphetsheya kwechibi; basuka-ke. 23 Kwathi behamba ngomkhumbi, walala ubuthongo; isiphepho esikhulu somoya sasesisehlela phansi echibini, bagcwalelwa ngamanzi, babesengozini. 24 Basebesondela bamvusa, besithi: Nkosi, nkosi, siyabhubha! Wasevuka wakhuya umoya lamagagasi amakhulu amanzi; kwasekusima, kwasekusiba lokuthula. 25 Wasesithi kubo: Lungaphi ukholo lwenu? Basebesesaba bamangala, bakhulumisana besithi: Kambe ungubani lo, ukuthi alaye ngitsho imimoya lamanzi, njalo kumlalele? 26 Basebesiya ngomkhumbi elizweni lamaGadarene, eliqondene leGalili. 27 Kwathi esephumele emhlabathini, yamhlangabeza indoda ethile ivela emzini, eyayilamadimoni okwesikhathi eside, njalo ingembathi isembatho, ingahlali endlini, kodwa emangcwabeni. 28 Yathi imbona uJesu, yamemeza, yawa phansi phambi kwakhe, yathi ngelizwi elikhulu: Ngilani lawe, Jesu, Ndadana kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke? Ngiyakuncenga, ungangihluphi. 29 Ngoba walaya umoya ongcilileyo ukuthi aphume kulowomuntu; ngoba wayesembambe okwezikhathi ezinengi, walindwa ebotsiwe ngamakhetane lezibopho, kodwa eseqamule izibopho waqhutshelwa enkangala lidimoni. 30 UJesu wasembuza, wathi: Ungubani ibizo lakho? Wasesithi: NguLegiyoni; ngoba amadimoni amanengi ayengene kuye. 31 Asemncenga ukuthi angawalayi ukuya emgodini ongelamkhawulo. (Abyssos g12) 32 Kwakukhona lapho umhlambi wengulube ezinengi usidla entabeni; asemncenga ukuthi awavumele angene kuzo. Wasewavumela. 33 Kwathi amadimoni esephumile kulowomuntu angena engulubeni; umhlambi wasuphaphatheka usuka eliweni usiya echibini, waminzwa. 34 Kwathi ababezuluse bebona okwenzakeleyo babaleka, basuka bayabika emzini, lemaphandleni. 35 Basebephuma ukuyabona okwenzakeleyo; bafika kuJesu, bamfica umuntu okwakuphume kuye amadimoni ehlezi enyaweni zikaJesu, embethe esephelele engqondweni; basebesesaba. 36 Basebebatshela lalabo ababebonile ukuthi usindiswe njani owayengenwe ngamadimoni. 37 Ixuku lonke lesigaba samaGadarene esizingelezeleyo laselimcela ukuthi asuke kubo, ngoba babanjwa yikwesaba okukhulu; yena wasengena emkhunjini waphindela emuva. 38 Kodwa indoda okwakuphume kuyo amadimoni yamncenga ukuthi ibe laye. Kodwa uJesu wayiyekela yahamba, esithi: 39 Buyela endlini yakho, ulandise ukuthi kungakanani uNkulunkulu akwenze kuwe. Wasesuka wahamba, etshumayela phakathi komuzi wonke ukuthi kungakanani uJesu ayekwenzile kuye. 40 Kwasekusithi ekubuyeni kukaJesu, ixuku lamthakazelela; ngoba bonke babemlindele. 41 Njalo khangela, kwafika indoda, uJayiroso ngebizo, yona ingumphathi wesinagoge, yasisiwa phansi

enyaweni zikaJesu yamncenga ukuthi angene endlini yayo; **42** ngoba yayilendodakazi eyodwa ezelweyo eyayingaba leminyaka elitshumi lambili, njalo yona yayisisifa. Kwathi esahamba amaxuku amcindezela. **43** Lowesifazana owayelomopho wegazi okweminyaka elitshumi lambili, echithe konke okwempilo yakhe kubelaphi engelakusiliswa langubani, **44** wasondela ngemva kwakhe, wathinta umphetho wesembatho sakhe; njalo wahle wakhawula umopho wegazi lakhe. **45** UJesu wasesithi: Ngubani ongithintileyo? Kwathi lapho bephika bonke, uPetro wathi lababelaye: Nkosi, ixuku likuminyanisile likucindezele, kodwa uthi: Ngubani ongithintileyo? **46** Kodwa uJesu wathi: Ukhona ongithintileyo; ngoba mina ngazile ukuthi amandla aphumile kimi. **47** Kwathi owesifazana ebona ukuthi kafihlakalanga, weza ethuthumela, wawa phambi kwakhe, walandisa phambi kwabantu bonke ukuthi umthinte ngesizatho bani, lokuthi uhle wasila njani. **48** Wasesithi kuye: Mana isibindi, ndodakazi, ukholo lwakho lukusindisile; hamba ngokuthula. **49** Esakhuluma, kwafika umuntu evela endlini yomphathi wesinagoge, wathi kuye: Indodakazi yakho isifile; ungamhluphi uMfundisi. **50** Kodwa uJesu esizwa, wamphendula, wathi: Ungesabi; kholwa kuphela, njalo izasindiswa. **51** Futhi esengenile endlini, kavumanga ukuthi kungene muntu, ngaphandle kukaPetro loJakobe loJohane, loyise wendodakazi lonina. **52** Njalo bakhala bonke, beyililela. Kodwa wathi: Lingakhali; kayifanga, kodwa ilele. **53** Basebemhleka usulu, besazi ukuthi ifile. **54** Kodwa yena esebakhuphele phandle bonke, wabamba isandla sayo, wamemeza, esithi: Ndodakazi, vuka! **55** Wasubuya umoya wayo, yasivuka khona lapho; waselaya ukuthi kayiphiwe ukudla. **56** Abazali bayo basebemangala kakhulu; kodwa wabalaya ukuthi bangatsheli muntu okwenzakeleyo.

9 Wasebizela ndawonye abafundi bakhe abalitshumi lambili, wabanika amandla legunya phezu kwamadimoni wonke, lawokwelapha izifo. **2** Wasebathuma ukuyatshumayela umbuso kaNkulunkulu, lokusilisa abagulayo, **3** wasesithi kubo: Lingaphathi lutho lwendlela; lodondolo, lesikhwama, lomphako, lemali, njalo lingabi lezigqoko ezimbili ngamunye. **4** Lakuyiphi indlu elingena kuyo, hlalani lapho, lalapho lisuke. **5** Labo bonke abangalemukeliyo, nxa lisuka kulowomuzi, thintithani ngitsho uthuli

enyaweni zenu kube yibufakazi obumelana labo. **6** Basuka-ke bahamba bedabula imizana, betshumayela ivangeli besilisa endaweni zonke. **7** UHerodi umtetrarki wasekuzwa konke okwenziwa nguye; wasedideka, ngoba kwatshiwo ngabanye ukuthi uJohane uvukile kwabafileyo; **8** langabanye ukuthi uElija ubonakele; langabanye ukuthi kuvukile omunye wabaprofethi abadala. **9** Kodwa uHerodi wathi: UJohane ngamquma ikhanda mina; kodwa ngubani lo, mina engizwa ngaye izinto ezinje? Wasefunisisa ukumbona. **10** Abaphostoli sebebuyile bambikela konke ababekwenzile. Wasebathatha, wahamba labo bebdwa waya endaweni eyinkangala eyomuzi othiwa yiBhethisayida. **11** Kwathi amaxuku esekwazi, amlandela; wasewemukela, wakhuluma lawo ngombuso kaNkulunkulu, wabasilisa labo abaswele ukusiliswa. **12** Langa laseliqala ukutshona; abalitshumi lambili basebesiza bathi kuye: Yekela ixuku lihambe, ukuze baye emizaneni lezigabeni ezizingelezeleyo bangenise khona, bathole ukudla; ngoba lapha sisendaweni eyinkangala. **13** Kodwa wathi kubo: Banikeni lina bona ukuthi badle. Bathi-ke: Asilakho okwedlula izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili, ngaphandle kokuthi thina siyebathengela ukudla bonke lababantu. **14** Ngoba kwakukhona amadoda angaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu. Wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Bahlaliseni phansi ngezigaba ngamatshumi amahlanu. **15** Basebesenza njalo, babahlalisa phansi bonke. **16** Wasezithatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili, wakhangelela phezulu ezulwini, wazibusisa, wazihlephula, wazinika abafundi ukuthi babeke phambi kwexuku. **17** Basebesidla basutha bonke; kwadojwa imvuthu ezazisele kubo, izitsha ezilitshumi lambili. **18** Kwasekusithi ekhuleka yedwa, abafundi babelaye; wasebabuza, esithi: Amaxuku athi ngingubani? **19** Basebephendula bathi: UJohane uMbhathathizi; kodwa abanye bathi: UElija; kodwa abanye bathi: Kuvukile umprofethi othile wabadala. **20** Wasesithi kubo: Lina-ke lithi ngingubani? UPetro wasephendula wathi: UKristu kaNkulunkulu. **21** Esebaxwayisisile walaya ukuthi bangatsheli muntu lokhu, **22** esithi: Indodana yomuntu imele ihlupheke kakhulu, ilahlwe ngabadala labapristi abakhulu lababhali, ibulawe, ibisivuswa ngosuku lwesithathu. **23** Wasesithi kubo bonke: Uba umuntu ethanda ukuza ngemva kwami, kazidele,

athathe isiphambano sakhe insuku ngensuku, indodana yakho. **42** Kuthe iseza, idimoni layidabula angilandele. **24** Ngoba loba ngubani othanda layihlukuza; kodwa uJesu wawukhuza umoya ukusindisa impilo yakhe, izamlahelekele; kodwa ongcolileyo, wamsilisa umntwana, wambuyisela loba ngubani olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa kuyise. **43** Bonke basebemangaliswa kakhulu yami, yena uzayisindisa. **25** Ngoba kuzamsizani umuntu, uba ezuka umhlaba wonke, kodwa yena ngazo zonke izinto uJesu azenzileyo, wathi kubafundi uqobo lwakhe azone kumbe alahleke? **26** Ngoba bakhe: **44** Fakani lina endlebeni zenu lamazwi: loba ngubani olenhloni ngami langamazwi ami, Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu izanikelwa ezandleni iNdodana yomuntu izakuba lenhloni ngaye, nxa zabantu. **45** Kodwa kabaqededisanga lumutsho, isiza enkazimulweni yayo lekaBaba leyengilos njalo wawufihlakele kubo, ukuze bangawuzwisisi; ezingcwele. **27** Kodwa ngilitshele ngeqiniso: Bakhona basebesesaba ukumbuza ngalumutsho. **46** abanye kwabemiyo lapha, abangasoze bezwe Kwasekungena ukuphikisana phakathi kwabo, ukuthi ukufa, baze babone umbuso kaNkulunkulu. **28** ngubani ongaba mkhulu kubo. **47** Kwathi uJesu ebona ukunakana kwenhliziyo yabo, wathatha eziyisificaminwembili, wathatha uPetro loJohane umntwana omncane, wammisa phansi kwakhe, **48** loJakobe, wakhwela entabeni ukuyakhuleka. **29** wasesithi kubo: Loba ngubani owemukela lumntwana Kwasekusithi ekukhulekeni kwakhe, isimo sobuso omncane ebizweni lami wemukela mina; njalo loba bakhe saphenduka, lesembatho sakhe saba ngubani owemukela mina wemukela ongithumileyo; mhlophe, sacwazimula. **30** Njalo khangela, akhuluma ngoba omncinyane kini lonke nguye ozakuba laye amadoda amabili, ayengoMozisi loElija; **31** mkhulu. **49** UJohane wasephendula wathi: Nkosi, abonakala ngenkazimulo akhuluma ngokusuka sabona omunye ekhupha amadimoni ngebizo kwakhe ayezakuphelelisa eJerusalema. **32** Kodwa lakho, sasesimenqabela, ngoba engalandeli kanye uPetro lababelaye babesindwe yibuthongo; kodwa lathi. **50** Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Lingamenqabeli, sebhapheme babona inkazimulo yakhe, lamadoda ngoba ongamelani lathi ungakithi. **51** Kwathi amabili ayemi laye. **33** Kwasekusithi, ekwehlukaneni seziphelelisiwe insuku zokwenyuka kwakhe, yena kwawo laye, uPetro wathi kuJesu: Nkosi, kuhle ukuthi wasekhangela ubuso bakhe ukuya eJerusalema, sibe lapha; futhi asakhe amadumba amathathu, elinye **52** wasethuma izithunywa phambi kobuso bakhe; ngelakho, lelinye ngelikaMozisi, lelinye ngelikaElija; zasezihamba zangena emzaneni wamaSamariya, engakwazi akutshoyo. **34** Kwathi ekhuluma lezizinto, ukuze zimlungisele. **53** Kodwa kawamemukelanga, kwafika iyezi labasibekela; basebesesaba ekungeneni ngoba ubuso bakhe babukhangele eJerusalema. **54** kwabo eyezini. **35** Kwasekuphuma ilizwi eyezini, lisithi: Kwathi abafundi bakhe uJakobe loJohane bebona Lo uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo; zwanini yona. **36** lokhu bathi: Nkosi, uyathanda yini ukuthi sitsho Kwathi ilizwi selifikile, uJesu waficwa eyedwa. Kodwa ukuthi umlilo wehle uvela ezulwini, ubaqothule bona bathula, kabaze batshela muntu ngalezonsuku njengoba loElija wenza? **55** Kodwa watshibilika okunye kwalezozinto abazibonileyo. **37** Kwasekusithi wabakhuya, esithi: Alazi ukuthi lina lingabomoya ngelanga elilandelayo, sebhilele entabeni, ixuku onjani. **56** Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu kayizanga elikhulu lamhlangabeza. **38** Njalo khangela, indoda ukuthi ibhubhise imiphefumulo yabantu, kodwa exukwini yamemeza, isithi: Mfundisi, ngiyakuncenga, ukuyisindisa. Basebesedlulela komunye umzana. bona indodana yami, ngoba yiyo yodwa ezelweyo **57** Kwasekusithi behamba endleleni, umuntu othile yami; **39** njalo khangela, umoya uyayibamba, wathi kuye: Nkosi, ngizakulandela loba ngaphi lapho futhi ihle iklabalale, njalo uyihlukuze, ikhihlize oya khona. **58** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Amakhanka amagwebu, uphume nzima kuyo, uyihluzule. **40** alemilindi, lenyoni zezulu zilezidleke; kodwa iNdodana yomuntu kayilalapho engaqamelisa ikhanda khona. **59** Wasesithi komunye: Ngilandela. Kodwa yena wathi: Nkosi, ngivumela ukuthi ngiyengcwaba ubaba wathi: Nkosi, ngivumela ukuthi ngiyengcwaba ubaba kuzaze kube nini ngilani, ngilibekezelela? Ithe lapha kuqala. **60** Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Yekela abafileyo

bangcwabe ababo abafileyo; kodwa wena hamba utshumayele umbuso kaNkulunkulu. **61** Lomunye wasesithi: Ngizakulandela, Nkosi; kodwa ngivumela kuqala ukuthi ngiyevalelisa abasendlini yami. **62** Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Kakho othi esebeke isandla sakhe ekhubeni, akhangele kokusemuva, ofanele umbuso kaNkulunkulu.

10 Njalo emva kwalezizinto iNkosi yamisa njalo abanye abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yabathuma ngababili phambi kobuso bayo emizini yonke lezindaweni zonke ebizakuya kuzo yona. **2** Ngakho yathi kubo: Isibili isivuno sikhulu, kodwa izisebenzi zinlutshwana. Ngakho ncengani eNkosini yesivuno, ukuze ithume izisebenzi esivunweni sayo. **3** Hambani; khangelani, mina ngiyalithuma linjengezimvana phakathi kwezimpisi. **4** Lingaphathi umxhaka, lesikhwama, lamanyathela; njalo lingabingeleli muntu endleleni. **5** Njalo lakuyiphi indlu elingena kuyo, qalani lithi: Ukuthula kakube kulindlu. **6** Njalo uba kukhona lapho indodana yokuthula, ukuthula kwenu kuzahlala phezu kwayo; kodwa uba kungenjalo, kuzabuyela kini. **7** Hlalani-ke kuleyondlu, lidle linathe izinto ezivela kubo; ngoba isisebenzi sifanele umvuzo waso. Lingayi endlini lendlini. **8** Lakuwuphi umuzi elingena kuwo, besebelemukela, dlanini okubekwa phambi kwenu, **9** lisilise abagulayo abakuwo, njalo lithi kubo: Umbuso kaNkulunkulu usondele kini. **10** Kodwa lakuwuphi umuzi elingena kuwo, futhi bengalemukeli, phumelani endleleni zawo, lithi: **11** Lothuli lomuzi wenu olusinamatheleyo siyaluthintethela kini; kodwa-ke yazini lokhu, ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu usondele kini. **12** Njalo ngithi kini: Kuzakuba lula eSodoma ngalolosuku, kulakulowomuzi. **13** Maye kuwe, Korazini! Maye kuwe, Bhethisayida! Ngoba uba kwakwenziwe eTire leSidoni imisebenzi yamandla eyenziwe kini, ngabe kade baphenduka bahlala emasakeni lemlotheni. **14** Kodwa kuzakuba lula eTire leSidoni ekugwetshweni, kulakini. **15** Lawe, Kapenawume, ophakanyiselwe ezulwini, uzaphoselwa phansi esihogweni. (**Hadēs g86**) **16** Olizwayo lina uyangizwa mina; lolalayo lina uyangala mina; longalayo mina uyamala ongithumileyo. **17** Babuya-ke abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa ngentokozo, besithi: Nkosi, lamadimoni ayazehlisele ngaphansi kwethu ebizweni lakho. **18** Wasesithi kubo: Ngabona

uSathane njengombane esiwa evela ezulwini. **19** Khangelani, ngililika amandla okunyathela phezu kwezinyoka labofezela, laphezu kwamandla wonke esitha; njalo akusoze kube lalutho olungallimaza. **20** Kodwa lingathokozi ngalokho ukuthi omoya bayazehlisele ngaphansi kwenu; kodwa ikakhulu thokozani ukuthi amabizo enu alotshiwe emazulwini. **21** Ngaleloholo uJesu wathokoza emoyeni, wathi: Ngiyakubonga, Baba, Nkosi yezulu lomhlaba, ngoba uzifihlile lezizinto kwabahlakaniphileyo labaqedisayo, kodwa wazembulela izingane; yebo, Baba, ngoba ngokunjalo kwaba kuhle phambi kwakho. **22** Konke kwanikelwa kimi nguBaba; njalo kakho owaziyo ukuthi iNdodana ingubani, ngaphandle kukaBaba, lokuthi uBaba ungubani, ngaphandle kweNdodana, njalo loba ngubani iNdodana ethanda ukumembulela. **23** Wasephendukela kubafundi bebdwa wathi: Abusisiwe amehlo abona elikubonayo. **24** Ngoba ngithi kini: Abaprofethi abanengi lamakhosi babethanda ukubona izinto elizibonayo lina, kodwa kabazibonanga; lokuzwa izinto elizizwayo, kodwa kabazizwanga. **25** Njalo khangelani, isazumthetho esithile sasesisukuma, simlinga, sisithi: Mfundisi, ngenzeni ukuze ngidle ilifa lempilo elaphakade? (**aiōnios g166**) **26** Wasesithi kuso: Kubhalweni emlayweni? Uwubala njani? **27** Sasesiphendula sathi: Wothanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ngenhliziyo yakho yonke, langomphefumulo wakho wonke, langamandla akho wonke, langengqondo yakho yonke; lomakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena. **28** Wasesithi kuso: Uphendule ngokuqonda; yenza lokhu, futhi uzaphila. **29** Kodwa sona sithanda ukuzilungisisa sathi kuJesu: Kanti ngubani umakhelwane wami? **30** UJesu wasephendula wathi: Umuntu othile wehla evela eJerusalema esiya eJeriko, watheleka phakathi kwabaphangi, njalo bamhlabula impahla bamtshaya imivimvinyi basuka bahamba, bamtshiya ephosukufa. **31** Umpristi othile waseqabuka esehla ngaleyondlela; njalo wathi embona, wadlula eceleni. **32** Langokunjalo lomLevi nxa wayesekulindawo, wafika embona, wadlula eceleni. **33** Kodwa umSamariya othile owayehamba wafika lapho ayekhona, njalo kwathi embona waba lesihelo, **34** waya kuye wabopha amanxeba akhe, ewathela amagcobo lewayini; wamkhweza phezu kweyakhe inyamazana, wamusa endlini yezihambi,

wamlondoloza. 35 Kusisa esehamba, wakhupha odenariyo ababili wabanika umninindlu, wathi kuye: Umlondoloze; njalo loba yini ozakuchitha okwedlula lokhu, mina ngizabuyisela kuwe ekubuyeni kwami. 36 Pho, nguwpuphi kulaba abathathu ocabanga ukuthi wayengumakhelwane walowo owatheleka phakathi kwabaphangi? 37 Wasesithi: Ngulowo owamenzela isihawu. Ngakho uJesu wathi kuye: Hamba, lawe wenze njalo. 38 Kwasekusithi ekuhambeni kwabo, yena wangena emzaneni othile; lowesifazana othile, uMarta ngebizo, wamemukela endlini yakhe. 39 Njalo lo wayelodadewabo othiwa nguMariya, laye owahlala enyaweni zikaJesu, walizwa ilizwi lakhe. 40 Kodwa uMarta wayephazanyiswa yikusebenza okunengi; weza eduze wasesithi: Nkosi, kawukhathali yini ukuthi udadewethu ungitsiye ukuthi ngisebenze ngedwa? Ngakho umtshale ukuthi angisize. 41 Kodwa uJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Marta, Marta, uyaphiseka ukhathazeke ngezinto ezinengi; 42 kodwa yinye into edingekayo; kodwa uMariya ukhethile isabelo esihle, angayikwemukwa sona.

11 Kwasekusithi ekhuleka endaweni ethile, eseqedile, omunye wabafundi bakhe wathi kuye: Nkosi, sifundise ukukhuleka, njengoJohane laye wafundisa abafundi bakhe. 2 Wasesithi kubo: Nxa likhuleka, libokuthi: Baba wethu osemazulwini, kahlilontshwe ibizo lakho. Umbuso wakho kawuze. Intando yakho kayenziwe, lemhlabeni njengezulwini. 3 Siphe usuku ngosuku ukudla kwethu kwensuku zonke. 4 Njalo usithethelele izono zethu, ngoba lathi sibathethelela bonke abalamacala kithi. Njalo ungasingenisi ekulingweni, kodwa usikhulule ebubini. 5 Wasesithi kubo: Nguwpuphi kini olomngane, futhi aye kuye phakathi kobusuku, athi kuye: Mngane, ngeboleka izinkwa ezintathu, 6 ngoba kufike kimi umngane wami evela ekuhambeni, kodwa kangilalutho engingalubeka phambi kwakhe; 7 longaphakathi aphenhule athi: Ungangihluphi; umnyango usuvaliwe, labantwana bami abancane balami embhedeni; kangingeke ngivuke ngikunike. 8 Ngithi kini: Loba engazukuvuka amnike, ngoba engumngane wakhe, kodwa ngenxa yokuphikelela kwakhe uzavuka amnike konke akuswelayo. 9 Mina-ke ngithi kini: Celani, lizaphiwa; dingani, lizathola; qoqodani, lizavulelwa. 10 Ngoba wonke ocelayo uyemukela; lodingayo uyathola; loqoqodayo uyavulelwa. 11 Kambe, nguwpuphi kini

onguyise ongathi indodana icela isinkwa, ayinike ilitshe? Loba-ke inhlanzi, ayinike inyoka endaweni yenhlanzi yini? 12 Uba-ke icela iqanda, ayinike ufezela yini? 13 Ngakho uba lina elingababi likwazi ukupha abantwana benu izipho ezinhle, kakhulu kangakanani uBaba osezulwini ezabapha uMoya oNgcwele abacela kuye. 14 Wayesekhupha idimoni, elaliyisimungulu. Kwasekusithi, seliphumile idimoni, wakhuluma oyisimungulu; amaxuku asemangala. 15 Kodwa abanye babo bathi: Ukhupha amadimoni ngoBhelezebhule inkosi yamadimoni. 16 Labanye bemlinga badinga kuye isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini. 17 Kodwa yena eyazi imicabango yabo wathi kubo: Wonke umbuso owehlukene umelene lawo ngokwawo uyachitheka; njalo indlu emelene lendlu iyadilika. 18 Njalo uba uSathane laye ehlukene emelane laye ngokwakhe, umbuso wakhe uzakuma njani? Ngoba lithi, ngikhupha amadimoni ngoBhelezebhule. 19 Njalo uba mina ngikhupha amadimoni ngoBhelezebhule, amadodana enu akhupha ngobani? Ngakho wona azakuba ngabagwebi benu. 20 Kodwa uba ngikhupha amadimoni ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu, isibili umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile kini. 21 Uba isiqhwaga sikhomile silinda owaso umuzi, impahla yaso isekuthuleni; 22 kodwa nxa olamandla kulaso esisukela asinqobe, uyasemuka izikhali zaso ebesithembe kuzo, abesesaba impango yaso. 23 Ongelami umelene lami; longabuthi lami uyachithiza. 24 Nxa umoya ongcilileyo esephumile emuntwini, uyahamba adabule indawo ezomileyo, edinga ukuphumula; kodwa engakutholi athi: Ngizabuyela endlini yami engaphuma kuyo; 25 njalo esefikile ayifice ithanyelwe njalo ilungisiwe. 26 Abesehamba azithathele abanye omoya abayisikhombisa ababi kulaye uqobo, bangene bahlale lapho; njalo ukucina kwalowomuntu kube kubi kulokuqala. 27 Kwasekusithi ekhuluma lezizinto, owesifazana othile exukwini waphakamisa ilizwi, wathi kuye: Sibusisiwe isisu esakuthwalayo, lamabele owawamunyayo. 28 Kodwa yena wathi: Kodwa ikakhulu babusisiwe abalizwayo ilizwi likaNkulunkulu balilondoloze. 29 Kwathi sekubuthene amaxuku eminyene, waqala ukuthi: Lesi isizukulwana sibi; sidinga isibonakaliso, kodwa kasiyikunikwa isibonakaliso, ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sikaJona umprofethi. 30 Ngoba njengalokhu uJona waba yisibonakaliso kwabeNineve,

leNdodana yomuntu izakuba njalo kulesisizukulwana. 31 Indlovukazi yeningizimu izasukuma ekugwetshweni kanye lamadoda alesisizukulwana, iwalahle; ngoba yavela emikhawulweni yomhlaba ukuzakuzwa inhlokanipho kaSolomoni, njalo khangelani, omkhulu kuloSolomoni ulapha. 32 Amadoda eNineve azasukuma ekugwetshweni kanye lalesisizukulwana, asilahle; ngoba aphenyuka ngokutshumayela kukaJona, njalo khangelani, omkhulu kuloJona ulapha. 33 Futhi kakho othi eselumathise isibane asibeke ekusithakeni, loba ngaphansi kwesitsha, kodwa phezu kwesiqobane sesibane, ukuze abangenayo babone ukukhanya. 34 Isibane somzimba yilihlo; ngakho nxa ilihlo lakho liphilile, lomzimba wakho wonke ugcelele ukukhanya; kodwa nxa lilibi, lomzimba wakho ulobumnyama. 35 Ngakho qaphela ukuthi ukukhanya okukuwe kungabi ngumnyama. 36 Ngakho uba umzimba wakho wonke ugcelele ukukhanya, ungelandawo emnyama, uzakhanya wonke, njengesibane sikukhanyisa ngokukhanya. 37 Kwathi esakhuluma, umFarisi othile wamcela ukuthi adle laye; wasengena wahlala ekudleni. 38 Kwathi umFarisi ebona lokhu wamangala ukuthi kazange aqale ageze phambi kokudla kwemini. 39 Yasisithi iNkosi kuye: Khathezi lina baFarisi lihlabulula ingaphandle yenkezo leyesitsha, kodwa ingaphakathi yenu igcelele ukuphanga lobubi. 40 Zithutha, yena owenza ingaphandle kayenzanga yini lengaphakathi? 41 Kodwa phanini zibe yizipho zabayanga lezizinto ezingaphakathi; khangelanike, konke kuzahlambuluka kini. 42 Kodwa maye kini baFarisi! Ngoba lithela okwetshumi kwetshwayi leganga leruwi, lakuyo yonke imibhida, njalo liseqa ukwehlulela lothando lukaNkulunkulu; belifanele ukwenza lezizinto, lingakuyekeli lalokhu. 43 Maye kini baFarisi! Ngoba lithanda izihlalo zabahloniphekayo emasinagogeni, lokubingelelwa emidangeni. 44 Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi! Ngoba lifanana lamangcwaba angabonakaliyo, labantu abahamba phezu kwawo bengawazi. 45 Omunye wezazumthetho wasephendula wathi kuye: Mfundisi, ngokutsho lezizinto uyasithuka lathi. 46 Kodwa wathi: Maye lakini zazumthetho! Ngoba lethwesa abantu imithwalo enzima ukuthwalwa, kodwa lina uqobo lwenu kaliyithinti leyomithwalo langomunye weminwe yenu. 47 Maye kini! Ngoba lakha amangcwaba abaprofethi, njalo oyihlo bababulala. 48 Ngalokhu-ke lifakaza ukuthi livumelana lemisebenzi yaboyihlo; ngoba bona bababulala, lina-ke liyawakha amangcwaba abo. 49 Ngalokhu-ke inhlokanipho kaNkulunkulu yathi: Ngizabathuma abaprofethi labaphostoli, labanye babo bazababulala babaxotshe; 50 ukuze kubizwe kulesisizukulwana igazi labaprofethi bonke elachithwa kusukela ekusekelweni komhlaba, 51 kusukela egazini likaAbela kuze kufike egazini likaZakariya owabulawa phakathi laphakathi kwelathi lendlu kaNkulunkulu; yebo, ngithi kini: Lizabizwa kulesisizukulwana. 52 Maye kini zazumthetho! Ngoba lisusile isihluthulelo solwazi; kalingenanga lina uqobo lwenu, labangenayo labavimbela. 53 Kwathi ekhuluma lezizinto kubo, ababhali labaFarisi baqala ukumngxamela kakhulukazi, lokumbuzisisa ngezinto ezinengi, 54 bemthiya, bedinga ukubamba ulutho oluphuma emlonyeni wakhe, ukuze bambeke icala.

12 Kusenjalo sezibuthene izigidi zexuku, baze banyathelana, waqala ukukhuluma labafundi bakhe kuqala: Lina xwayani imvubelo yabaFarisi, eyikuzenzisa. 2 Njalo kakukho okumbomboziweyo, okungayikwembulwa, lokufihliweyo, okungayikwaziwa. 3 Ngakho loba yini eliyikhuluma emnyameni izazwakala ekukhanyeni; lelikukhulume endlebeni ezindlini zensitha kuzamenyezelwa phezu kwezindlu. 4 Njalo ngithi kini bangane bami: Lingabesabi ababulala umzimba, njalo emva kwalokho bengelakho ukwenza olunye ulutho. 5 Kodwa ngizalitshengisa elifanele ukumesaba: Mesabeni lowo othi esebulele abe lamandla okuphosela esihogweni; yebo, ngithi kini: Mesabeni yena. (Geenna g1067) 6 Kazithengiswa yini intaka ezinhlanu ngendibilitshi ezimbili? Kakukhohlakali lanye yazo phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 7 Kanti lenwele zekhanda lenu zibaliwe zonke. Ngakho lingesabi; liyazedlula intaka ezinengi. 8 Njalo ngithi kini: Wonke loba ngubani ongivuma phambi kwabantu, iNdodana yomuntu layo izamvuma phambi kwengilosikaNkulunkulu; 9 kodwa ongiphika phambi kwabantu uzaphikwa phambi kwengilosikaNkulunkulu. 10 Laye wonke okhuluma ilizwi elimelana leNdodana yomuntu, uzathethelelwa; kodwa lowo ohlambaza uMoya oNgcwele kayikuthethelelwa. 11 Njalo nxa belisa emasinagogeni lakubabusi leziphathamandla, lingakhathazeki ukuthi lizaphendula njani kumbe

liphenduleni, kumbe lizakhulamani; 12 ngoba uMoya ukulinika umbuso. 33 Thengisani impahla zenu oNgcwele uzalifundisa ngaleloholo izinto elifanele liphe izipho. Lizenzele imixhaka engagugiyo, ukuzikhuluma. 13 Futhi omunye wexuku wathi kuye: impahla eligugu engapheliyo emazulwini, lapho Mfundisi, akutshela umfowethu abelane lami ilifa. okungasondeli isela khona, lenundu engoni khona; 14 Kodwa wathi kuye: Ndoda, ngubani ongimise 34 ngoba lapho okukhona impahla yenu eligugu, ukuthi ngibe ngumahluleli loba umehlukanisi phezu izakuba khona lapho lenhliziyo yenu. 35 Inkalo kwenu? 15 Wasesithi kubo: Nanzelelani liqaphele zenu kazihlale zibotshiwe, lezibane zenu zibhebha; ubuhwaba, ngoba impilo yomuntu kayikho ebunengini 36 lani libe njengabantu abalindele inkosi yabo, bezinto alazo. lapho izabuya ivela emtshadweni, ukuze, nxa ifika esithi: Insimu yomuntu othile onothileyo yathela iyoqoda, bahle bayivulele. 37 Zibusisiwe lezozinceku, kakhulu; 17 wasenakana ngaphakathi kwakhe, okuzakuthi inkosi nxa ifika izifice zilindle; ngiqinisile esithi: Ngizakwenza njani, ngoba kangilandawo ngithi kini: Izabhinca, izihlalise ekudleni, isondele lapho engingabuthela khona izithelo zami? 18 izisebenzele. 38 Njalo nxa ifika ngomlindo wesibili, Wasesithi: Ngizakwenza lokhu; ngizadiliza iziphala kumbe ifika ngomlindo wesithathu, futhi izifice zinjalo, zami, ngakhe ezinkulu, ngibuthele khona izilimo zami zibusisiwe lezozinceku. 39 Kodwa yazini lokhu, zonke lempahla yami, 19 besengisithi kumphefumulo ukuthi uba umninindlu ebelazi ihola isela elizafika wami: Mphefumulo, ulempahla ezinengi ezibekelwe ngalo, ubezalinda, futhi ubengayikuvuma ukuthi iminyaka eminengi; phumula, udle, unathe, uthokoze. indlu yakhe ifohlelwe. 40 Ngakho lani-ke hlalani 20 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuye: Siphukuphuku, lilungile; ngoba ngehola elingalicabangeliyo iNdodana ngalobubusuku umphefumulo wakho uzabizwa kuwe; yomuntu izafika. 41 UPetro wasesithi kuye: Nkosi, pho izinto ozilungisileyo zizakuba ngezikabani? 21 uwutshela thina lufanekiso, kumbe labo bonke yini? 42 Inkosi yasisithi: Pho ngubani umphathi kuNkulunkulu. 22 Wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: wezinceku othembekileyo lohlakaniphileyo, inkosi Ngakho ngithi kini: Lingakhathaleli impilo yenu, ukuthi ezambeka phezu kwabendlu yayo, ukuze abanike lizakudlani; loba umzimba, ukuthi lizakwembathani. isabelo sabo sokudla ngesikhathi esifaneleyo? 43 23 Impilo yedlula ukudla, lomzimba isembatho. 24 Ibusisiwe leyonceku, okuzakuthi inkosi yayo nxa Qaphelisani amawabayi, ukuthi kawahlanyeli, ifika iyifice isenza njalo. 44 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: njalo kawavuni, kawalasiphala loba isilulu, kanti izayibeka phezu kwakho konke elakho. 45 Kodwa uNkulunkulu uyawondla; lina lizedlula kangakanani nxa leyonceku isithi enhliziyweni yayo: Inkosi yami inyoni? 25 Njalo nguwpheki kini ongathi ngokuphiseka iphuzile ukubuya; njalo ibisiqala ukutshaya izinceku engezelele ingalo ibenye ebudeni bakhe? 26 lezincekukazi, lokudla lokunatha lokudakwa, 46 Ngakho nxa lingelamandla okwenza into encinyane, inkosi yaleyonceku izafika ngosuku engayilindele liphisekelani ngokunye? 27 Qaphelisani imiduze ngalo, langehola engalaziyo; izayiquma phakathi, ukuthi ikhula njani; kayitshikatshiki, kayiphothi, kodwa izanika isabelo sayo lalabo abangathembekanga. 47 ngithi kini: LoSolomoni ebucwazicwazini bakhe bonke Laleyonceku ebisazi intando yenkosi yayo, kodwa wayengembathiswanga njengomunye wayo. 28 Njalo ingalungiselanga njalo ingenzanga ngokwentando uba uNkulunkulu esembathisa ngokunjalo utshani yayo, izatshaywa imivimvinya eminengi. 48 Kodwa obukhona lamuhla egangeni, kuthi kusasa buphoswa leyo ebingayazi, yenza okufanele ukutshaywa, eziko, uzalembathisa ngokukhulu kangakanani, izatshaywa imivimvinya emilutshwana. Laye wonke lina abokholo oluncinyane? 29 Lani-ke lingadingi ophiwe okunengi, kuzadingwa okunengi kuye; elizakudla lelizakunatha; njalo lingakhathazeki. 30 lalowo ophathiswe okunengi, kuzabizwa kuye Ngoba konke lokhu izizwe zomhlaba ziyakudinga; okungaphezulu. 49 Ngize ukuphosela umlilo kodwa uYihlo uyazi ukuthi liyaziswela lezizinto. 31 emhlabeni, futhi kuyini engikufisayo nxa usubasiwe? Kodwa dingani umbuso kaNkulunkulu, njalo zonke 50 Kodwa ngilobhabhathizo engizabhabhathizwa lezizinto zizakwengezelelwa kini. 32 Lingesabi, ngalo, futhi ngicindezelwe kangakanani luze mhlambi omncinyane; ngoba kuyikuthanda kukaYihlo lupheleliswe. 51 Licabanga ukuthi ngize ukunika

ukuthula emhlabeni yini? Hatshi bo, ngithi kini, kodwa kulalokhu ukwehlukana. 52 Ngoba kusukela khathesi abahlanu endlini yinye bazakwehlukana, abathathu bamelane lababili, lababili bamelane labathathu, 53 bazakwehlukana, uyise amelane lendodana, lendodana imelane loyise; unina amelane lendodakazi, lendodakazi imelane lonina; uninazala amelane lomalokazana wakhe, lomalokazana amelane loninazala. 54 Wasesithi lemaxukwini: Nxa libona iyezi lisukuma entshonalanga, lihle lithi: Izulu liyabuya; futhi kube njalo. 55 Njalo nxa libona umoya weningizimu uphephetha, lithi: Lizatshisa; besekusenzakala. 56 Bazenzisi! Liyakwazi ukuhlola umumo wesibhakabhaka lowomhlaba; kodwa lesisikhathi kungani lingasihloli? 57 Pho, kungani ukuthi lingahluleli lani lina uqobo lweni okulungileyo? 58 Ngoba nxa usiya lomangalelene laye kumantshi, endleleni yenza ubungcono ukuthi ukhululwe kuye; hlezi akudonsele kumahluleli, lomahluleli akunikele epholiseni, lepholisa likuphosele entolongweni. 59 Ngithi kuwe, kawusoze waphuma khona, uze ubhadele lenhlamvu encane yemali yokucina.

13 Njalo ngalesosikhathi kwaba khona abathile abamtshela ngamaGalili, igazi lawo uPilatu alixubanisa lemihlatshelo yawo. 2 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Licabanga ukuthi amaGalili la ayeyizoni yini kulawo wonke amaGalili, ngoba ahlupheka izinto ezinje? 3 Hatshi bo, ngithi kini: Kodwa uba lingaphenduki, lizabhubha ngokunjalo lonke. 4 Lalabo abalitshumi lesificaminwembili, owawela phezu kwabo umphotshongo eSilowama wababulala, licabanga ukuthi bona babebabi yini kulabantu bonke ababehlala eJerusalema? 5 Hatshi bo, ngithi kini: Kodwa uba lingaphenduki, lizabhubha ngokunjalo lonke. 6 Wasekhuluma lumfanekiso wathi: Umuntu othile wayelomkhiwa owawuhlanyelwe esivini sakhe; wafika edinga isithelo kuwo, kodwa kasitholanga. 7 Wasesithi kuso isisebenzi sesivini: Khangela, sekuyiminyaka emithathu ngisiza ngidinga isithelo emkhiweni, kodwa ngingasitholi; ugamule; yini ukuthi wone ngitsho umhlabathi? 8 Sasesiphendula sathi kuye: Nkosi, ake uwuyekele langalumnyaka, ngize ngigebhe ngiwugombolozele, ngithele umquba; 9 njalo uba uthela isithelo, kuhle; kodwa uba kungenjalo, emva kwalokho uzawugamula. 10 Futhi wayefundisa kwelinye lamasinagoge ngesabatha;

11 njalo khangela, kwakukhona owesifazana owayelomoya wobuthakathaka iminyaka elitshumi leysisificaminwembili, esegogekile, wayengezelulamise ngokuphelele. 12 Kwathi uJesu embona wambizela kuye, wathi kuye: Mama, ukhululwe ebuthakathakeni bakho. 13 Wasebeka izandla phezu kwakhe; njalo wahle welulanyiswa, wadumisa uNkulunkulu. 14 Kodwa umphathi wesinagoge, ethukuthele ngoba uJesu esilise ngesabatha, waphendula wathi exukwini: Zikhona insuku eziyisithupha okufanele ukusetshenzwa ngazo; ngakho wozani ngazo lisiliswe, kodwa kungabi ngosuku lwesabatha. 15 Ngakho iNkosi yamphendula, yathi: Mzenzisi, ngulowo lalowo wenu kayikhululi yini inkabi yakhe kumbe ubabheni esibayeni ngesabatha, ayikhokhele ayeyinathisa? 16 Lalo, oyindodakazi kaAbrahama, uSathane obembophile, khangela, iminyaka elitshumi leysisificaminwembili, kakufanele yini ukuthi akhululwe kulesisibopho ngosuku lwesabatha? 17 Kwathi esitsho lezizinto, bayangeka bonke ababephikisana laye; lexuku lonke lathokoza ngezinto zonke ezilodumo ezenziwe nguye. 18 Wasesithi: Umbuso kaNkulunkulu unjengani? Futhi ngizawufananisa lani? 19 Unjengohlamvu lwemasitedi, umuntu aluthatha waluphosa esivandeni sakhe; lwaselumila, lwaba yisihlahla esikhulu, lenyoni zezulu zakhele engatsheni zaso. 20 Wasebuya wathi: Ngizawufananisa lani umbuso kaNkulunkulu? 21 Unjengemvubelo, ayithathayo owesifazana wayifaka ezilinganisweni ezintathu zempuphu, kwaze kwabila konke. 22 Wasehamba edabula imizi lemizana efundisa, ejonge ukuya eJerusalema. 23 Omunye wasesithi kuye: Nkosi, balutshwana yini abasindiswayo? Wasesithi kubo: 24 Zamani kakhulu ukungena ngesango elincinyane; ngoba abanengi, ngithi kini, bazadinga ukungena, kodwa bazakwehluleka. 25 Emva kokuthi umninindlu esesukume wavala umnyango, beseliqala ukuma ngaphandle liqoqode emnyango, lisithi: Nkosi, Nkosi, sivulele; yena-ke aphenidule athi kini: Kangilazi, lapho elivela khona; 26 lapho lizaqala ukuthi: Sadla sanatha phambi kwakho, njalo wawufundisa emigwaqweni yakithi. 27 Kodwa uzakuthi: Ngithi kini: Kangilazi lapho elivela khona; sukani kimi lina lonke benzi bokubi. 28 Lapho kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo, nxa selibona uAbrahama lolsaka loJakobe labaprofethi bonke embusweni kaNkulunkulu, kodwa

lina lilahlelwe ngaphandle. 29 Futhi bazakuza bevela empumalanga lentshonalanga, njalo enyakatho leningizimu, bahlale embusweni kaNkulunkulu. 30 Njalo khangelani, bakhona abokucina abazakuba ngabokuqala, njalo bakhona abokuqala abazakuba ngabokucina. 31 Ngelanga elifananayo kwafika abaFarisi abathile, bathi kuye: Phuma usuke lapha, ngoba uHerodi ufuna ukukubulala. 32 Wasesithi kubo: Hambani lilitshela lelokhanka: Khangela, ngiyakhupha amadimoni ngenza izelapho lamuhla lakusasa, langelesithathu ngipheleliswe. 33 Kodwa kumele ukuthi ngihambe lamuhla lakusasa langomhlomunye; ngoba kakwenzeki ukuthi umprofethi abulawelwe ngaphandle kweJerusalema. 34 Jerusalema, Jerusalema, wena obulala abaprofethi, lobakhanda ngamatshe labo abathunywe kuwe! Bengithanda kangakanani ukubuthela ndawonye abantwana bakho, njengesikhukhukazi sibuthela amatsiyane aso ngaphansi kwempiko, kodwa kalivumanga. 35 Khangelani, indlu yenu itshiywe kini ilunxiwa; njalo ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kalisoze langibona kuze kufike ukuthi lithi: Ubusisiwe ozayo ebizweni leNkosi.

14 Kwasekusithi ekungeneni kwakhe ngesabatha endlini yomunye wabakhulu kubaFarisi ukuthi adle isinkwa, bona basebemqaphela. 2 Njalo khangela, kwakukhona umuntu othile phambi kwakhe owayelombizankulu. 3 UJesu wasephendula wakhuluma lezazumthetho labaFarisi, wathi: Kuvunyelwe yini ukusilisa ngesabatha? 4 Kodwa bathula. Wasembamba wamsilisa wamyekele ukuthi ahambe. 5 Wasebaphendula esithi: Nguwuphi kini ongathi elobabhemi kumbe inkabi yakhe ewele emgodini, futhi angahle ayikhuphe ngosuku lwesabatha? 6 Abasazange babuyisele impendulo kuye ngalezizinto. 7 Wasekhuluma umfanekiso kubo abanxusiweyo, ebona ukuthi bakhetha njani izihlalo zabahloniphekayo, wathi kubo: 8 Nxa unxusiwe ngumuntu emtshadweni, ungahlali esihlalweni sabahloniphekayo; hlezi kukhona omkhulu kulawe onxusiweyo nguye, 9 futhi okunxusileyo wena laye eze athi kuwe: Mxekele lo; khona uzaqala ukuhlala endaweni esekucineni usulenhloni. 10 Kodwa nxa unxusiwe, hamba uhlale endaweni esekucineni; ukuze, nxa efika okunxusileyo, athi kuwe: Mngane, yenyukela ngaphezulu; khona kuzakuba ludumo kuwe phambi kwabo abahlezi

ekudleni lawe. 11 Ngoba wonke oziphakamisayo uzathotshiswa, lozithobayo uzaphakanyiswa. 12 Wasesithi lakulowo owayemnxusile: Nxa usenza ukudla kwemini loba ukudla kwantambama, unganxusi abangane bakho, loba abafowenu, loba izihlobo zakho, loba omakhelwane abanothileyo; hlezi labo babuye bakunxuse, futhi ukwenanani swa kwenziwe kuwe. 13 Kodwa nxa usenza idili, nxusa abayanga, izilima, iziqhuli, iziphofu; 14 njalo uzabusiwa, ngoba abalalutho lokukwenanisa; ngoba uzakwenaniselwa ekuvukeni kwabalungileyo. 15 Kwathi omunye kwababehlezi laye ekudleni esezwile lezizinto wathi kuye: Ubusisiwe lowo ozakudla isinkwa embusweni kaNkulunkulu. 16 Kodwa wathi kuye: Umuntu othile wenza ukudla kwantambama okukhulu, wanxusa abanengi. 17 Ngesikhathi sokudla kwantambama wasethuma inceku yakhe ukuthi ithi kwabanxusiweyo: Wozani, ngoba sekulungisiwe konke. 18 Kodwa bonke baqala omunye lomunye ukuzixolisela. Owokuqala wathi kuye: Ngithenge insimu, ngimele ukuhamba ngiyeyibona; ngiyakuncenga, akungixolisela. 19 Lomunye wathi: Sengithenge izipane ezinhlanu zenkabi, ngiya ukuzilinga; ngiyakuncenga, akungixolisela. 20 Lomunye wathi: Sengithethe umfazi, ngakho ngingeze ngeza. 21 Isibuyile leyonceku yayibikela lezizinto inkosi yayo. Wasekhuthela umninindlu wathi encekweni yakhe: Phuma ngokuphangisa uye emigwaqweni lendleleni zomuzi, ulethe abayanga lezilima leziqhuli leziphofu ubangenise lapha. 22 Inceku yasisithi: Nkosi, sekwenziwe njengokulaya kwakho, njalo indawo isesekhona. 23 Yasisithi inkosi encekweni: Phuma uye ezindleleni lezintangweni ubacindezele bangene, ukuze igcwaliswe indlu yami. 24 Ngoba ngithi kini: Kakho kulamadoda ayenxusiwe ozakuzwa ukudla kwami kwantambama. 25 Kwakuhamba laye amaxuku amanengi; wasetshibilika wathi kuwo: 26 Uba umuntu esiza kimi, futhi engazondi uyise, lonina, lomkakhe, labantwana, labafowabo, labodadewabo, yebo ngitsho leyakhe impilo, angebe ngumfundi wami. 27 Njalo loba ngubani ongathwali isiphambano sakhe angilande, angebe ngumfundi wami. 28 Ngoba nguwpuphi kini, othi efuna ukwakha umphotshongo, ongaqali ahlale phansi, abale indleko, ukuthi ulakho yini okokuqedisa? 29 Ukuze hlezi, kuthi esebekile isisekelo kodwa angabi lamandla okuqeda, bonke abakubonayo

baqale ukumhleka, **30** besithi: Lumuntu waqala ukwakha, kodwa kabanga lamandla okuqeda. **31** Loba yiyiphi inkosi ezakuya empini imelene lenye inkosi engaqali ihlale phansi inakane ngokuthi ilamandla yini ngenkulungwane ezilithumi okuhlangabezana laleyo eza ilenkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili ukumelana layo? **32** Kodwa uba kungenjalo, ingathi isekhatshana leyo, ithume amanxusa icele okokuthula. **33** Ngakho kunjalo wonke kini ongadeli konke alakho, angeke aba ngumfundi wami. **34** Itshwayi lihle; kodwa uba itshwayi seliduma, lizavuselelwa ngani? **35** Kalifanele lamhlabathi ledundulu lomquba; kodwa liyalahlwa ngaphandle. Olendlebe zokuzwa, akeze.

15 Kwasekusondela kuye bonke abathelisi lezoni, ukumuzwa. **2** AbaFarisi lababhali basebesola besithi: Lo wemukela izoni, adle lazo. **3** Wasebatshela lumfanekiso, esithi: **4** Nguwuphi umuntu kini ongathi elezimvu ezilikhulu, abeselahlekelwa ngenye yazo, ongazitshiya ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye egangeni, alandele elahlekileyo, aze ayithole? **5** Njalo athi eseyitholile ayetshate ethokoza. **6** Esefikile ekhaya, abizele ndawonye abangane labomakhelwane, esithi kubo: Thokozani lami, ngoba ngithole imvu yami ebilahlekile. **7** Ngithi kini: Ngokunjalo kuzakuba khona intokozo ezulwini ngesoni esisodwa esiphendukayo, kulabalungileyo abangamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye, abangasweli ukuphenduka. **8** Loba nguwpuphi umfazi othi elenhlamvu zesiliva ezilithumi, uba elahlekelwa luhlamlu olulodwa lwesiliva, angalumathisi isibane, athanyele indlu, adingisise aze aluthole? **9** Njalo nxa eselutholile ubizela ndawonye abangane labomakhelwane, athi: Thokozani lami, ngoba sengilutholile uhlamvu lwesiliva ebengilahlekelwe yilo. **10** Ngokunjalo, ngithi kini, ikhona intokozo phambi kwezingilosi zikaNkulunkulu ngesoni esisodwa esiphendukayo. **11** Wasesithi: Umuntu othile wayelamadodana amabili; **12** encinyane yawo yasisithi kuyise: Baba, nginika isabelo sempahla esiqondene lami. Wasewehlukanisela impahla. **13** Njalo kungelansuku ezinengi emva kwalokhu indodana encinyane yabutha konke yasuka yahamba yaya elizweni elikhatshana, njalo lapho yachitha khona impahla yayo, iphila okobuhlanya. **14** Yathi isichithile konke, kwavela indlala enkulu kulelolizwe,

yona yasiqala ukuswela. **15** Yasisuka yazihlanganisa lesinye sezakhamizi zalelolizwe; njalo sayithuma emasimini aso ukuze yeluse izingulube. **16** Yasifisa ukugcwalisa isisu sayo ngamakhasi ingulube eziwadlayo; njalo kwakungelamuntu oyinika ulutho. **17** Kwathi ingqondo yayo isibuyile yathi: Zingaki izisebenzi zikababa eziqhatshiweyo ezilezinkwa ezinengi kakhulu, kanti mina ngiyafa yindlala; **18** ngizasukuma ngiye kubaba, ngithi kuye: Baba, ngonile ezulwini, laphambi kwakho; **19** njalo kangisafanelanga ukubizwa ngithiwe ngiyindodana yakho; ngenza ngibe njengomunye wezisebenzi zakho eziqhatshiweyo. **20** Yasisukuma yaya kuyise. Kodwa kuthe isekhatshana, uyise wayibona, waba lesihelo, wagijima wawela entanyeni yayo, wayanga. **21** Indodana yasisithi kuye: Baba, ngonile ezulwini laphambi kwakho, futhi kangisafanelanga ukubizwa ngokuthi ngiyindodana yakho. **22** Kodwa uyise wathi ezincekweni zakhe: Khuphani ilithe isembatho esihle kakhulu liyigqokise, lifake indandatho esandleni sayo, lamanyathela enyaweni zayo; **23** lithole ithole elinonisiweyo lilihlabe, njalo sidle sithokoze; **24** ngoba indodana yami le ibifile, isibuye yaphila; ibilahlekile, itholiwe; basebeqala ukuthokoza. **25** Kodwa indodana yakhe endala yayisensimini; yathi isiza isondela endlini, yezwa ukuhlabelela lokusina. **26** Yasibizela kuyo omunye wezinceku, yabuza ukuthi zitshoni lezizinto. **27** Yasisithi kuyo: Umfowenu ufikile; loyihlo uhlabile ithole elinonisiweyo, ngoba ememukele ephila. **28** Kodwa yathukuthela, ayizange ifune ukungena; ngakho uyise waphuma wayincenga. **29** Kodwa yaphendula yathi kuyise: Khangela, iminyaka engaka ngikusebenzela, kangizange ngeqe umlayo wakho, kodwa kawuzange unginike lazinyane lembuzi, ukuze ngijabule kanye labangane bami. **30** Kodwa kuthe isifikile lindodana yakho eyachitha impahla yakho lezifebe, wayihlabelela ithole elinonisiweyo. **31** Wasesithi kuyo: Ndodana, wena uhlezi ulami, futhi konke okungokwami kungokwakho. **32** Kodwa bekufanele ukujabula lokuthokoza; ngoba umfowenu lo owayefile, usebuye waphila; wayelahlekile, utholiwe.

16 Wasekhuluma futhi kubafundi bakhe esithi: Kwakukhona umuntu othile onothileyo, owayelomphathi; lalo wayemangalelwe kuye njengochitha impahla yakhe. **2** Wasembiza

wathi kuye: Kuyini lokhu engikuzwayo ngawe? Landisa ngobuphathi bakho; ngoba ungebe usaba ngumphathi. **3** Umphathi wasesithi ngaphakathi kwakhe: Ngizakwenzani, lokhu inkosi yami isingemuka ubuphathi? Kangilamandla okugebha, ngilenhloni zokuphanza. **4** Ngiyakwazi engizakwenza, ukuze nxa sengikhutshiwe ebuphathini, bangemukele ezindlini zabo. **5** Wasebabizela kuye ngamunye abalemilandu enkosini yakhe, wathi kowokuqala: Ulomlandu ongakanani enkosini yami? **6** Wasesithi yena: Izilinganiso ezilikhulu zamagcobo. Wasesithi kuye: Thatha incwadi yakho, uhlale phansi ubhale masinya amatshumi amahlanu. **7** Wasesithi komunye: Wena-ke ulomlandu ongakanani? Wasesithi: Izilinganiso ezilikhulu zamabele. Wasesithi kuye: Thatha incwadi yakho, ubhale amatshumi ayisificaminwembili. **8** Inkosi yasimbabaza umphathi ongalunganga ngokuthi wenze ngokuhlakanipha; ngoba abantwana balesisikhathi bahlakaniphile esizukulwaneni sabo kulabantwana bokukhanya. (aiōn g165) **9** Lami ngithi kini: Zenzeleni lina abangane ngoMamona ongalunganga, ukuze kuthi, nxa selehlulekile, balemukele ezindlini eziphakade. (aiōnios g166) **10** Othembekileyo kokuncinyanyana uthembekile lakokukhulu, longathembekanga kokuncinyanyana kathembekanga lakokukhulu. **11** Ngakho uba lingathembekanga kuMamona ongalunganga, ngubani ozaliphathisa into eqotho? **12** Futhi uba lingathembekanga kokomunye, ngubani ozalinika okungokwenu? **13** Kayikho inceku engakhonza amakhosi amabili; ngoba izazonda enye, ibisithanda enye; kumbe izabambeleva kwenye, kodwa ibisideleva enye. Lingekhonze uNkulunkulu loMamona. **14** Njalo labaFarisi ababethanda imali bazizwa zonke lezizinto, basebemklolodela. **15** Kodwa wathi kubo: Lina yini elizilungisisayo phambi kwabantu, kodwa uNkulunkulu uyazazi inhliziyu zenu; ngoba lokho okuphakanyiswayo phakathi kwabantu kuyisinengiso phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **16** Umlayo labaprofethi kukhona kuze kube nguJohane; kusukela lapho ivangeli lombuso kaNkulunkulu liyatshunyayelwa, njalo wonke uyafohlale kuwo. **17** Kodwa kulula ukuthi kudlule izulu lomhlaba, kulokuthi kuwe ichatshana elilodwa lomlayo. **18** Wonke owala umkakhe athathe omunye uyafeba; njalo wonke othatha owaliwe yindoda uyafeba. **19** Kwakukhona

umuntu othile onothileyo, owayegqoka eziyibubende lamalembu acolekileyo kakhulu, ephila ngokuthokoza etamasa insuku zonke. **20** Kwakukhona futhi umyanga othile othiwa nguLazaro, owayebekiwe esangweni lakhe egcwele izilonda, **21** wafisa ukusuthiswa ngemvuthuluka eziwayo etafuleni lesinothi; kanti lezinja zazisiza zikhothe izilonda zakhe. **22** Kwasekusithi ongumyanga wafa, wathwalelwa zingilosi esifubeni sikaAbrahama; lesinothi laso safu, sangcwatshwa. **23** Sisesihogweni saphakamisa amehlo aso, sisebuhlungwini, sabona uAbrahama ekhatshana, loLazaro esesifubeni sakhe. (Hadēs g86) **24** Sona sasesimemeza sisithi: Baba Abrahama, ngihawukela, uthume uLazaro, ukuze acwile isihloko somunwe wakhe emanzini, aphilise ulimi lwami; ngoba ngiyahlupheka kakhulu kulelilangabi. **25** Kodwa uAbrahama wathi: Ndodana, khumbula ukuthi wemukela okuhle kwakho empilweni yakho, loLazaro ngokunjalo okubi; kodwa khatshi uyaduduzwa, njalo wena uyahlupheka. **26** Langaphezu kwakho konke lokhu, kubekiwe phakathi kwethu lani igebe elikhulu, ukuze kuthi abafuna ukuchapha besuka ngapha beze ngakini bangekwenze, labangapho bangechaphela ngakithi. **27** Sasesisithi: Ngakho ngiyakuncenga, baba, ukuthi umthume endlini kababa, **28** ngoba ngilabafowethu abahlanu, ukuze abaxwayise, hlezi labo beze kulindawo yokuhlupheka. **29** UAbrahama wathi: BaloMozisi labaprofethi; kabezwe bona. **30** Sona sasesisithi: Hatshi bo, baba Abrahama; kodwa uba omunye kwabafileyo esiya kubo, bazaphenduka. **31** Kodwa wathi kuso: Uba bengalaleli uMozisi labaprofethi, bangeke bavunywise lakho, loba kuvuka omunye kwabafileyo.

17 Wasesithi kubafundi: Kakungeke kwenzeke ukuthi kungaveli izikhubekiso; kodwa maye kulowo ezivela ngaye! **2** Kungaba ngcono kuye ukuthi ilitshe lokuchola elikhulu ligaxwe entanyeni yakhe, abesephoselwa olwandle, kulokuthi akhubekise abe munye kulaba abancinyane. **3** Zinanzeleleni lina. Njalo nxa umfowenu ekona, mkhuze; futhi nxa ephenduka, mthethelele. **4** Njalo loba ekona kuze kube kasikhombisa ngosuku, abesebuya kuwe kasikhombisa ngosuku, esithi: Ngiyaphenduka; uzamthethelele. **5** Abaphostoli basebesithi eNkosini: Yandisa kithi ukholo. **6** Inkosi yasisithi: Uba lilokholo olungangohlamvu

lwemasitedi, belingatsho kulesisihlahla somabhusoli ukuthi: Quphuka, ugxumekeke olwandle; futhi besizalilalela. 7 Kodwa ngu-wuphi kini olenceku elimayo kumbe eyelusayo, ohle athi kiyo ingena ivela ensimini: Sondela, uhlale ekudleni? 8 Kodwa kazukutsho yini kuyo ukuthi: Lungisa engingakudla, uzibhince ungincedise, ngize ngidle nginathe; njalo emva kwalokhu udle unathe wena? 9 Uyayibonga yini leyonceku, ngoba yenze izinto ezilayiweyo? Angicabangi. 10 Kunjalo-ke lani, nxa selikwenzile konke elikulayiweyo, kalibokuthi: Sizinceku ezingasizi lutho, ngoba senze lokhu ebesifanele ukukwenza. 11 Kwasekusithi esahamba esiya eJerusalem, yena wadabula phakathi laphakathi kweSamariya leGalili. 12 Esangena emzaneni othile, amadoda alitshumi alobulephero amhlangabeza, ema khatshana; 13 wona asephakamisa ilizwi, esithi: Jesu, Nkosi, sihawukele! 14 Futhi kuthe ewabona wathi kuwo: Hambani liyeziveza kubapristi. Kwasekusithi ekusukeni kwawo, ahlanjululwa. 15 Futhi omunye wawo, esebonile ukuthi usilisiwe, wabuyela, edumisa uNkulunkulu ngelizwi elikhulu; 16 wasesiwa ngobuso enyaweni zakhe, embonga; njalo yena wayengumSamariya. 17 Kodwa uJesu waphendula wathi: Kakuhanjululwanga yini abalitshumi? Bangaphi pho abayisificamunwemunye? 18 Akuficakalanga ababuya ukunika uNkulunkulu udumo, ngaphandle kwalo owezizweni. 19 Wasesithi kuye: Sukuma uhambe; ukholo lwakho lukusindisile. 20 Kwathi ebuzwa ngabaFarisi, ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu uzakuba nini, wasebaphendula wathi: Umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawuzi ngokukhanyayo; 21 njalo kabayikutsho ukuthi: Khangelani nanku, kumbe: Khangelani nankuya. Ngoba khangelani, umbuso kaNkulunkulu uphakathi kwenu. 22 Wasesithi kubafundi: Kuzafika insuku lapho elizafisa ukubona lube lunye lwezinsuku zeNdodana yomuntu, kodwa kaliyikubona. 23 Njalo bazakuthi kini: Khangelani nangu, kumbe: Khangelani nanguya; lingayi, njalo lingalandeli. 24 Ngoba njengombane ophazimayo ukhanyisa kusukela kokunye ukucina ngaphansi kwezulu kusiya kokunye ukucina ngaphansi kwezulu, izakuba njalo leNdodana yomuntu osukwini lwayo. 25 Kodwa kuqala imele ihlupheke izinto ezinengi njalo ilahlwe yilesisizukulwana. 26 Futhi njengoba kwenzeka ensukwini zikaNowa, kuzakuba njalo lensukwini zeNdodana yomuntu.

27 Babesidla, benatha, bethatha, besendiswa, kwaze kwaba lusuku uNowa angena ngalo emkhunjini, kwasekufika uzamcolo, wababhubhisa bonke. 28 Ngokufananayo futhi njengoba kwenzeka ensukwini zikaLothi; babesidla, benatha, bethenga, bethengisa, behlanyela, besakha; 29 kodwa ngosuku uLothi aphuma ngalo eSodoma, kwana umlilo lesibabule kuvela ezulwini, kwababhubhisa bonke; 30 kuzakuba njalo ngosuku ezakwembulwa ngalo iNdodana yomuntu. 31 Ngalolosuku, lowo ophezu kophahla lwendlu, lempahla zakhe zisendlini, angehli ukuyazithatha; losensimini ngokunjalo angabuyeli ezintweni ezisemuva. 32 Khumbulani umkaLothi. 33 Loba ngubani odinga ukusindisa impilo yakhe izamlehlekela; kodwa loba ngubani olahlekelwa yiyo uzayilondoloza. 34 Ngithi kini: Ngalobobusuku kuzakuba khona ababili embhedeni munye; omunye uzasuswa, lomunye atshiywe. 35 Kuzakuba khona abesifazana ababili bechola ndawonye; omunye uzasuswa, lomunye atshiywe. 36 Kuzakuba khona ababili ensimini; omunye uzasuswa, lomunye atshiywe. 37 Basebephendula bathi kuye: Ngaphi, Nkosi? Wasesithi kubo: Lapho okukhona isidumbu, kulapho amanqe azabuthana khona.

18 Wasebatshela lomfanekiso esenzela ukuthi bafanele ukukhuleka isikhathi sonke, njalo bengadinwa, 2 wathi: Kwakukhona emzini othile umahluleli othile, owayengesabi uNkulunkulu, njalo engahloniphi muntu; 3 kwakukhona futhi kulowomuzi umfelokazi othile, njalo wayefika kuye, esithi: Ngiphindiselele esitheni sami. 4 Kodwa kavumanga okwesikhathi; kodwa emva kwalezizinto wathi ngaphakathi kwakhe: Lanxa ngingamesabi uNkulunkulu, ngingahloniphi muntu, 5 kodwa ngoba lumfelokazi engikhathaza, ngizamphindiselela, hlezi angaze ekucineni angidinise. 6 INkosi yasisithi: Zwanini umahluleli ongalunganga akutshoyo. 7 Kanti uNkulunkulu kayikwenza impindiselo yabakhethiweyo bakhe abakhalayo kuye emini lebusuku, lanxa ebekezela ngabo? 8 Ngiyalitshela ukuthi uzahle enze impindiselo yabo. Kodwa-ke nxa iNdodana yomuntu ifika, izathola ukholo yini emhlabeni? 9 Wasekhuluma lomfanekiso lakwabathile ababezithemba ukuthi balungile, futhi bedelela abanye, wathi: 10 Abantu ababili benyukela ethempelini ukuyakhuleka; omunye engumFarisi, lomunye engumthelisi.

11 UmFarisi wema wazikhulekela kanje wathi: Nkulunkulu, ngiyakubonga ukuthi kanginjengabanye abantu, abaphangi, abangalunganga, izifebe, loba lanjengalumthelisi. 12 Ngizila ukudla kabili ngeviki, nginikela okwetshumi kwakho konke engikuzuzayo. 13 Kodwa umthelisi emi khatshana wayengathandi lokuphakamisela amehlo ezulwini, kodwa watshaya isifuba sakhe, esithi: Nkulunkulu, ngihawukele mina soni. 14 Ngithi kini: Lo wehlela endlini yakhe elungisisiwe kulowayana; ngoba wonke oziphakamisayo uzathotshiswa, kodwa ozithobayo uzaphakanyiswa. 15 Basebeletha kuye lensane, ukuze azibambe; kodwa abafundi bekubona babakhuza. 16 Kodwa uJesu wazibizela kuye wathi: Vumelani abantwana abancane beze kimi, lingabenqabeli, ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu ungowabanje. 17 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngubani ongemukeli umbuso kaNkulunkulu njengomntwana omncane, kasoze angene kuwo. 18 Umbusi othile wasembuza, esithi: Mfundisi olungileyo, ngenzeni ukuze ngidle ilifa lempilo elaphakade? (aiōn g166) 19 Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Ungibizelani ngokuthi olungileyo? Kakho olungileyo, ngaphandle koyedwa, uNkulunkulu. 20 Uyayazi imilayo ethi: Ungafebi, ungabulali, ungebi, ungafakazi amanga, hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko. 21 Yena wasesithi: Konke lokhu ngikugcinile kusukela ebutsheni bami. 22 Kodwa uJesu esizwa lezizinto wathi kuye: Usaswele ulutho olulodwa; thengisa konke olakho, wabele abayanga, njalo uzakuba lempahla eligugu ezulwini; njalo uze lapha ungilandele. 23 Kodwa yena esizwa lezizinto wadana kakhulu; ngoba wayenothile kakhulu. 24 Kwathi uJesu ebona ukuthi usedane kakhulu wathi: Abalenothe bazangena ngokulukhuni kangakanani embusweni kaNkulunkulu. 25 Ngoba kulula ukuthi ikamela lingene ngentunja yenalithi, kulokuthi umuntu onothileyo angene embusweni kaNkulunkulu. 26 Abakuzwayo basebesithi: Pho kungasindiswa bani? 27 Kodwa yena wathi: Izinto ezingenzekiyo ebantwini ziyenzeka kuNkulunkulu. 28 UPetro wasesithi: Khangela, thina sitshiye konke, sakulandela. 29 Wasesithi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kakho umuntu otshiye indlu, kumbe abazali, kumbe abafowabo, kumbe umkakhe, kumbe abantwana, ngenxa yombuso kaNkulunkulu, 30 ongayikwemukela okuphindwe kanengi kulesisikhathi, lesikhathini

esizayo impilo elaphakade. (aiōn g165, aiōnios g166) 31 Wasezithathela abalishumi lambili, wathi kubo: Khangelani, senyukela eJerusalema, futhi konke okulotshiweyo ngabaprofethi ngeNdodana yomuntu kuzagcwaliseka. 32 Ngoba izanikelwa kwabezizwe, iyangiswe, ithukwe, ikhafulelwe ngamathe, 33 bayitshaye ngesiswepu bayibulale; njalo ngosuku lwesithathu izabuya ivuke. 34 Kodwa bona kabaqedisisanga lutho ngalezizinto, lalinkulumo yayifihlakele kubo, njalo kabaziqedisisanga izinto ezazitshiwo. 35 Kwasekusithi esesondela eJeriko, isiphofu esithile sasihlezi eceleni kwendlela siphanza; 36 sathi sisizwa ixuku lisedlula, sabuza ukuthi kuyini lokho. 37 Basebesitshela bathi: UJesu weNazareth auyedlula. 38 Sasesimemeza, sisithi: Jesu, Ndodana kaDavida, ngihawukela! 39 Ababehamba phambili basebesikhuya ukuthi sithule; kodwa samemeza kakhulukazi, sisithi: Ndodana kaDavida, ngihawukele! 40 UJesu wema-ke walaya ukuthi silethwe kuye; sathi sesisondele wasibuza, 41 esithi: Ufuna ukuthi ngikwenzeleni? Sasesisithi: Nkosi, ukuthi ngibuye ngibone. 42 UJesu wasesithi kuso: Buya ubone! Ukholo lwakho lukusindisile. 43 Njalo sahle sabuya sabona, samlandela, sidumisa uNkulunkulu; labantu bonke bekubona badumisa uNkulunkulu.

19 Wathi uJesu engena, wadabula eJeriko. 2 Njalo khangela, kwakukhona indoda eyayithiwa nguZakewu ngebizo; owayeyinduna yabathelisi, njalo wayenothile; 3 wadinga ukubona uJesu ukuthi ungubani, kodwa kazange enelise ngenxa yexuku, ngoba wayesithombo esifitshane. 4 Wasegijimela phambili wakhwela emkhiweni wesikhamore ukuze ambone; ngoba wayezadlula ngaleyondlela. 5 Kwathi uJesu efika kuleyondawo, wakhangela phezulu wambona, wathi kuye: Zakewu, phangisa wehle; ngoba lamuhla ngimele ukuhlala endlini yakho. 6 Wasephangisa wehla, wamemukela ethokoza. 7 Futhi bonke bekubona basola, besithi: Ungene wethekelela indoda eyisoni. 8 Kodwa uZakewu wema wathi eNkosini: Khangela, ingxenyi yempahla yami, Nkosi, ngiyipha abayanga; kuthi uba ngimthathele umuntu ulutho ngobuqili, ngilubuyisela luphindwe kane. 9 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Lamuhla usindiso lufikile kulindlu, ngoba laye uyindodana kaAbrahama. 10 Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu ize ukudinga lokusindisa okulahlekileyo. 11 Kwathi besizwa lezizinto,

wengezelela watsho umfanekiso, ngoba wayeseduze leJerusalema, langoba babecabanga ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu uzahle ubonakaliswe. **12** Wasesithi-ke: Umuntu othile oyisikhulu waya elizweni elikhatshana, ukuzemukelela umbuso, aphinde abuye. **13** Wasebiza inceku zakhe ezilitshumi, wazinika impondo ezilitshumi, wathi kuzo: Sebenzani ngemali ngize ngibuye. **14** Kodwa izakhamizi zakhe zamzonda, zathuma amaxusa emva kwakhe, zisithi: Kasithandi ukuthi lo asibuse. **15** Kwasekusithi esebuyile esewemukele umbuso, wathi azibizelwe kuye lezozinceku, ayezinike imali, ukuze azi ukuthi yileyo laleyo izuzeni ngokuthengiselana. **16** Kweza-ke eyokuqala, yathi: Nkosi, impondo yakho izuze impondo ezilitshumi. **17** Wasesithi kuyo: Kuhle, nceku elungileyo; lokhu uthembekile kokuncinyanya, woba lamandla phezu kwemizi elitshumi. **18** Kwasekusiza eyesibili, yathi: Nkosi, impondo yakho yenze impondo ezinhlanu. **19** Wasesithi lakuyo: Lawe woba phezu kwemizi emihlanu. **20** Kwasekusiza enye, isithi: Nkosi, khangela impondo yakho, engayibeka elenjini; **21** ngoba bengikwesaba, ngoba ungumuntu olukhuni; uthatha lokho ongakubekanga, futhi uvune lokho ongakuhlanyelanga. **22** Wasesithi kuyo: Ngizakugweba ngokuvela emlonyeni wakho, nceku embi. Ubusazi ukuthi mina ngingumuntu olukhuni, othatha lokho engingakubekanga, futhi avune lokho engingakuhlanyelanga; **23** ngakho kungani ungafakanga imali yami ebhanga, kuthi-ke mina ekufikeni kwami ngiyithathe kanye lenzuzo? **24** Wasesithi kulabo ababemi khona: Memukeni impondo, liyinike lowo olempondo ezilitshumi. **25** Kodwa bathi kuye: Nkosi, lowo ulempondo ezilitshumi. **26** Ngoba ngithi kini: Wonke olakho uzaphiwa; kodwa lowo ongelakho, uzakwemukwa lalokho alakho. **27** Kodwa lezozitha zami, ebezingathandi ukuthi ngizibuse, ziletheni lapha, lizibulale phambi kwami. **28** Esetshilo lezizinto, wahamba phambili, esenyukela eJerusalema. **29** Kwasekusithi esondela eBethfage leBethani entabeni okuthiwa ngeyeMihlwathi, wathuma ababili kubafundi bakhe, **30** esithi: Hambani liye emzaneni okhangelene lani; lizakuthi lingena kuwo lifice ithole likababhemi libotshiwe, okungazanga kuhlale kulo muntu; liliikhulule liliilethe. **31** Uba umuntu elibuzwa esithi: Liliikhululelani? Lizakutsho njalo kuye ukuthi: INkosi iyaliswela. **32** Ababethunyiwe

bahamba-ke bafica kunjengoba ebatshelile. **33** Kuthe besalikhulula ithole, abaninilo bathi kubo: Liliikhululelani ithole? **34** Bona basebesithi: INkosi iyaliswela. **35** Basebeliletha kuJesu; baphosela izembatho zabo phezu kwethole likababhemi, bamkheza uJesu kulo. **36** Kwathi ehamba, bendlala izembatho zabo phansi endleleni. **37** Kwathi khathesi esesondela ekwehleni kwentaba yeMihlwathi, ixuku lonke labafundi laqala ukuthokoza lokudumisa uNkulunkulu ngelizwi elikhulu ngayo yonke imisebenzi yamandla eliyibonileyo, **38** lisithi: Ibusisiwe inkosi ezayo ebizweni leNkosi; ukuthula ezulwini, lenkazimulo kweliphezulu. **39** Labanye babaFarisi ababesexukwini bathi kuye: Mfundisi, khuzi abafundi bakho. **40** Wasephendula wathi kubo: Ngithi kini, uba bethula laba, amatshe azamemeza. **41** Kwathi esondela, ewubona umuzi, wawukhalela, **42** esithi: Kungathi ngabe wazile lawe, ngitsho ngalolusuku lwakho, izinto zokuthula kwakho; kodwa-ke khathesi zifihlakele emehlweni akho. **43** Ngoba insuku zizakwehlela phezu kwakho, lapho izitha zakho zizakwehlela umthangala zikugombolozele, zikuzingezelele, zikuvimbele inhlangothi zonke, **44** zikudilizele phansi wena labantwana bakho abaphakathi kwakho, zingatshiyi ilitshe phezu kwelitshe phakathi kwakho; ngoba ungasazanga isikhathi sokuhanjelwa kwakho. **45** Wasengena ethempelini, waqala ukuxotsha abathengisayo kulo, labathengayo, **46** esithi kubo: Kulotshiwe ukuthi: Indlu yami yindlu yomkhuleko; kodwa lina liyenze ubhalu lwabaphangi. **47** Njalo wayefundisa ethempelini insuku zonke; kodwa abapristi abakhulu lababhali lenduna zabantu badinga ukumbulala; **48** kodwa kabatholanga abangakwenza, ngoba abantu bonke banamathela kuye bemlalela.

20 Kwasekusithi ngolunye lwalezonsuku, efundisa abantu ethempelini etshumayela ivangeli, bamfikela abapristi abakhulu lababhali kanye labadala, **2** basebekhuluma laye, besithi: Sitshale, ukuthi izinto lezi uzenza ngaliphi igunya, kumbe ngubani okunike leligunya? **3** Wasephendula wathi kubo: Lami ngizalibuza umbuzo ube munye, njalo lingitshale: **4** Ubhathathizo lukaJohane lwavela ezulwini, kumbe ebantwini? **5** Basebezindlisana, besithi: Uba sisithi: Ezulwini; uzakuthi: Kungani-ke lingamkholwanga? **6** Kodwa uba sisithi: Ebantwini; abantu bonke

bazasikhanda ngamatshe; ngoba baleqiniso lokuthi uJohane wayengumprofethi. 7 Basebephendula ngokuthi kabazi lapho olwavela khona. 8 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lami kangilitsheli ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi igunya. 9 Waseqala ukutshela abantu lumfanekiso, esithi: Umuntu othile wahlanyela isivini, wasiqhatshisa kubalimi, waya kwelinye ilizwe okwesikhathi eside; 10 kwathi ngesikhathi esifaneleyo wathuma incekukubalimi, ukuze bayinike okwesithelo sesivini; kodwa abalimi bayitshaya bayithumeza ize. 11 Wasethuma njalo enye incekukubalimi, layo bayitshaya bayiyangisa, bayithumeza ize. 12 Wasephinda ethuma leyesithathu; layo leyo bayilimaza bayiphosela ngaphandle. 13 Umninisivini wasesithi: Ngizakwenza njani? Ngizathuma indodana yami ethandekayo; mhlawumbe bebona yona bazayihlonipha. 14 Kodwa abalimi beyibona bazindlisana, besithi: Le yindlalifa; wozani, siyibulale, ukuze ilifa libe ngelethu. 15 Bayiphosela ngaphandle kwesivini, bayibulala. Kambe uzakwenzani kubo umninisivini? 16 Uzakuza, ababhubhise labobalimi, anikele isivini kwabanye. Bekuzwa basebesithi: Akungabinjalo! 17 Kodwa wabakhangela wathi: Pho kuyini lokhu okulotshiweyo, okuthi: Ilitshe abakhi abalalayo, yilo eseliyinhloko yengonsi? 18 Wonke owela phezu kwalelolitshe, uzaphahlazwa; kodwa loba ngubani eliwela phezu kwakhe, lizamchoboza. 19 Abapristi abakhulu lababhali basebedinga ukumbamba ngezandla ngaleloholo, kodwa besaba abantu; ngoba baqedisisa ukuthi wayekhuluma lumfanekiso emelane labo. 20 Basebemqaphela, bethuma inhlozi, ezazitshaya ezilungileyo, ukuze bambambe ekukhulumeni, ukuze bamnikele egunyeni lemandleni ombusi. 21 Bambuza-ke, besithi: Mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi wena ukhuluma ufundise ngokuqondileyo, kawemukeli buso, kodwa ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu ngeqiniso. 22 Sivunyelwe yini ukuthela kuKesari, kumbe hatshi? 23 Kodwa wabubona ubuqili babo, wathi kubo: Lingilingelani? 24 Ngitshengisani udenariyo; ulomfanekiso lombhalo kabani? Basebephendula besithi: OkaKesari. 25 Wasesithi kubo: Ngakho nikani uKesari okukaKesari, loNkulunkulu okukaNkulunkulu. 26 Basebesehluleka ukumbamba ngelizwi lakhe phambi kwabantu; basebemangaliswa yimpendulo yakhe, bathula. 27 Kwasekusiza kuye abathile babaSadusi, abaphika besithi kakukho ukuvuka

kwabafileyo, bambuza, 28 besithi: Mfundisi, uMozisi wasibhalela ukuthi: Uba kusifa umfowabo womuntu elomkakhe, lo abesesifa engelamntwana, umfowabo kamthathe umfazi, abesemvusele inzalo umfowabo. 29 Ngakho kwakulezelamani eziyisikhombisa; owokuqala wasethatha umfazi, wafa engelamntwana; 30 lowesibili wamthatha umfazi, laye lo wafa engelamntwana; 31 lowesithathu wamthatha. Kwaba njalo-ke lakwabayisikhombisa; abatshiyanga abantwana, bafa. 32 Ekucineni kwabo bonke kwafa lomfazi. 33 Ngakho ekuvukeni kwabafileyo, uzafika abe ngumkabani kubo? Ngoba abayisikhombisa babelaye engumkabano. 34 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Abantwana balumhlaba bayathatha, bendiswe; (aiōn g165) 35 kodwa labo okuzathiwa bafanele ukuzuza lowomhlaba lokuvuka kwabafileyo kabathathani, kabendiswa; (aiōn g165) 36 ngoba bengelakuphinda bafe; ngoba banjengezingilosi, njalo bangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, bengabantwana bokuvuka. 37 Kodwa ukuthi abafileyo bayavuswa, loMozisi wakutshengisa esihlahleni, lapho eyibiza iNkosi ngokuthi nguNkulunkulu kaAbrahama loNkulunkulu kalsaka loNkulunkulu kaJakobe. 38 Futhi kayisuye uNkulunkulu wabafileyo, kodwa owabaphilayo; ngoba bonke baphilela yena. 39 Abathile bababhali basebephendula bathi: Mfundisi, ukhulume kuhle. 40 Njalo kababanga lesibindi sokuphinda bambuze ulutho. 41 Wasesithi kubo: Batsho njani ukuthi uKristu uyiNdodana kaDavida? 42 Ngoba uDavida uqobo lwakhe uthi encwadini yeziHlabelo: INkosi yathi eNkosini yami: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami, 43 ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho. 44 Ngakho uDavida umbiza ngokuthi yiNkosi, pho uyindodana yakhe njani? 45 Kwathi besalalele abantu bonke, wathi kubafundi bakhe: 46 Xwayani ababhali abathanda ukuhamba bembethe izembatho ezinde, njalo bethanda ukubingelelwa emidangeni, lezihlalo eziqakathekileyo emasinagogeni, lezihlalo zabahloniphekayo ezilayelweni; 47 abadla izindlu zabafelokazi, bekhuleka isikhathi eside ngokuzenzisa. Laba bazakwemukela ukulahlwa okukhulu.

21 Wathi ephakamisa amehlo wabona abanothileyo bephosela iminikelo yabo esitsheni somnikelo. 2 Wabona lomfelokazi othile ongumyanga ephosela khona inhlamvana ezincane ezimbili zemali. 3 Wathi: Ngigqinisile ngithi kini: Lumfelokazi ongumyanga

uphosele okwedlula okwabo bonke; 4 ngoba bonke laba baphosele kokunengi kwabo eminikelweni kaNkulunkulu, kodwa yena ebuyangeni bakhe uphosele konke alakho abephila ngakho. 5 Abanye besakhuluma ngethempeli, ukuthi liciciswe ngamatshe amahle langezipho, wathi: 6 Lezizinto elizibonayo, kuzafika insuku okungayikutshiywa ngazo ilitshe phezu kwelitshe, elingayikudilizelwa phansi. 7 Basebembuza, besithi: Mfundisi, pho lezizinto zizakuba nini? Lesibonakalisio siyini, lapho sekuzakwenzeka lezizinto? 8 Wasesithi: Qaphelani ukuthi lingaduhiswa; ngoba abanengi bazakuza ebizweni lami, besithi: Nginguye; futhi: Isikhathi sesisondele. Ngakho lingabalandeli. 9 Njalo nxa lisizwa ngezimpi langeziphithiphithi, lingethuki; ngoba lezizinto zimele ukuthi zenzeke kuqala, kodwa ukuphela kakuhle kufike. 10 Wasesithi kubo: Isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso; 11 njalo kuzakuba khona ukuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu indawo ngendawo lezindlala labomats Shayabhuqe bezifo; kube khona lezinto ezesabekayo lezibonakalisio ezinkulu ezivela ezulwini. 12 Kodwa ngaphambi kwakho konke lokhu bazalibamba ngezandla zabo, balizingele, balinikele emasinagogeni lezintolongweni, balise phambi kwamakhosi lababusi, ngenxa yebizo lami. 13 Njalo lokhu kuzaphenduka kini kube yibufakazi. 14 Ngakho kubekeni enhliziyweni zenu ukuthi linganakani ngaphambili ngelizakuphendula; 15 ngoba mina ngizalnika umlomo lenhlananipho, abangekuphike, bamelane lakho, bonke abayizitha zenu. 16 Njalo lizanikelwa langabazali labafowenu lezihlobo labangane, njalo bazabulala abanye benu. 17 Njalo lizazondwa yibo bonke ngenxa yebizo lami. 18 Kodwa kakuyikulahleka ngitsho unwele lwekhanda lenu. 19 Ekubekezeleni kwenu zuzani imiphefumulo yenu. 20 Kodwa nxa libona iJerusalema ihanqwe ngamabutho, yazini-ke ukuthi sekusondele ukuchitheka kwayo. 21 Ngalesosikhathi abaseJudiya kababalekele ezintabeni; labaphakathi kwayo baphume; labasemaphandleni bangangeni kuyo. 22 Ngoba lezi zinsuku zempindiselo, ukuze kugcwaliseke zonke izinto ezilotshiweyo. 23 Kodwa maye kwabakhulelweyo labamunyisayo ngalezonsuku! Ngoba kuzakuba khona ukuhlupheka okukhulu emhlabeni, lolaka kulesisizwe. 24 Njalo bazakuwa ngobukhali benkempa, bathunjelwe ezizweni zonke;

leJerusalema inyathelelwe phansi ngabezizwe, kuze kugcwaliseke izikhathi zabezizwe. 25 Kuzakuba khona izibonakalisio elangeni lenyangeni lezinkanyezini; lemhlabeni usizi lwezizwe ngokudideka; kudume ulwandle lamagagasi, 26 abantu baphele amandla ngenxa yokwesaba langokulindela lokho okuzayo emhlabeni; ngoba amandla amazulu azazanyazanyiswa. 27 Khona-ke bezayibona iNdodana yomuntu isiza eyezini ilamandla lenkazimulo enkulu. 28 Njalo nxa kuqala ukwenzeka lezizinto, manini liqonde njalo liphakamise amakhanda enu; ngoba kusondele ukukhululwa kwenu. 29 Wasebatshela umfanekiso: Khangelani umkhiwa lazo zonke izihlahla; 30 nxa sezihluma, liyazibonela lani likwazi ukuthi ihlobo selisondele. 31 Ngokunjalo lani, nxa libona lezizinto zisenzeka, yazini ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu useduze. 32 Ngqiqinile ngithi kini: Lesisizukulwana asisoze sidlule, kuze kwenzeka zonke izinto. 33 Kuzadlula izulu lomhlaba, kodwa amazwi ami kawasozwe adlule. 34 Njalo ziqapheleni, ukuthi inhliziyu zenu zingasindwa ngenxa yokuminza lokudakwa lokuphisekela izinto zalokhukusila, lalolosuku lulifikele lingananzele; 35 ngoba luzafika njengomjibila phezu kwabo bonke abahlezi ebusweni bomhlaba wonke. 36 Ngakho lindani ngezikhathi zonke likhulekele ukuthi lifanele ukuphepha zonke lezizinto ezizakwenzeka, lokuma phambi kweNdodana yomuntu. 37 Njalo wayefundisa ethempelini emini; kodwa ebusuku wayephuma ayehlala entabeni ethiwa ngeyeMihlwathi. 38 Lekuseni kakhulu abantu bonke babesiza kuye ethempelini ukumuzwa.

22 Kwasekusondela umkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo, othiwa liphasika. 2 Abapristi abakhulu lababhali basebedinga ukuthi bangambulala njani; ngoba babesesaba abantu. 3 USathane wasengena kuJudasi othiwa ngulskariyothi, owayengowenani labalitshumi lambili. 4 Wasesuka wayakhuluma labapristi abakhulu lezinduna ngokuthi angamnikela njani kubo. 5 Basebethokoza, basebevumelana ukumnika imali. 6 Wasevuma, njalo wadinga ithuba elihle lokumnika kubo lingekho ixuku. 7 Lwaselufika usuku lwesinkwa esingelamvubelo, okwakumele kuhlatshe ngalo iphasika. 8 Wasethuma uPetro loJohane, esithi: Hambani liyesilungisela iphasika, ukuze sidle. 9

Basebesithi kuye: Uthanda ukuthi silungise ngaphi? ukuze ukhoho lwakho lungapheli; wena-ke nxa
10 Wasesithi kubo: Khangelani, kuzakuthi selingenile usuphendukile uqinise abazalwane bakho. 33
emzini, umuntu uzahlangana lani ethwele imbiza Kodwa wathi kuye: Nkosi, lentolongweni lekufeni
yamanzi; limlandele endlini azangena kuyo. 11 ngilungele ukuya khona lawe. 34 Kodwa yena wathi:
Beselisithi kumninindlu: Uthi uMfundisi kuwe: Ngiyakutshela, Petro, iqhude kaliyikukhala lamuhla,
Ingaphi indlu yezihambi, lapho engingadlala khona ungakaphiki kathathu ukuthi uyangazi. 35 Wasesithi
iphasika labafundi bami? 12 Yena-ke uzalitshengisa kubo: Mhla ngilithuma lingelamxhaka lesikhwama
indlu enkulu ephezulu eyendlelweyo; lilungise lamanyathela, laswela yini ulutho? Basebesithi:
khona. 13 Bahamba-ke bafica njengokutsho kwakhe Kasiswelanga lutho. 36 Wasesithi kubo: Kodwa
kubo; basebelungisa iphasika. 14 Kwathi selifikile khathesi lowo olomxhaka kawuthathe, ngokunjalo
ihola, wahlala phansi, labaphostoli abalitshumi lesikhwama; lalowo ongelakho, athengise isembatho
lambili belaye. 15 Wasesithi kubo: Ngokunxwanela sakhe, athenge inkemba. 37 Ngoba ngithi kini,
nginxwanele ukudla lani leliphaseka ngingakahlupheki; kusamele kugcwaliseke kimi lokhu okulotshiweyo,
16 ngoba ngithi kini: Kangisoze ngidle futhi kulo, ukuthi: Wabalwa kanye lezoni; ngoba lalezizinto
lize ligcwaliseke embusweni kaNkulunkulu. 17 eziqondane lami zilesiphetho. 38 Basebesithi:
Wasethatha inkezo, esebongile wathi: Thathani Nkosi, khangela, nanzi inkemba ezimbili. Wasesithi
lokhu, beselisabelana; kubo: Kwanele. 39 Wasephuma waya entabeni
Kangisoze nginathe okwesithelo sevini, kuze kufike yeMihlwathi njengokweywayela; labafundi bakhe
umbuso kaNkulunkulu. 19 Wasethatha isinkwa, bamlandela. 40 Esefikile kuleyondawo, wathi kubo:
esebongile wasihlephuna, wabanika, esithi: Lokhu Khulekani ukuthi lingangeni ekulingweni. 41 Yena
kungumzimba wami, owanikelelwa lina; lokhu wasemonyuka kubo okungaba libanga lokuphosa
kwenzeni ukungikhumbula. 20 Ngokunjalo lenkezo ilitshe, waguqa phansi ngamadolo wakhuleka, 42
emva kokudla, esithi: Inkezo le iyisivumelwano esitsha esithi: Baba, uba uthanda, susa linkezo kimi; kodwa-
egazini lami, elichithelwa lina. 21 Kodwa khangelani, ke kungenziwa intando yami, kodwa eyakho. 43
isandla songinikelayo silami etafuleni. 22 Ngoba Kwabonakala kuye ingilosi evela ezulwini imqinisa.
isibili iNdodana yomuntu ihamba njengokumisiweyo; 44 Esesesizini olunzima, wakhuleka kakhulu. Njalo
kodwa maye kulowomuntu enikelwa nguye! 23 izithukuthuku zakhe zaba njengamathonsi egazi
Bona basebeqala ukubuzana ukuthi kambe ngubani zawela emhlabathini. 45 Esesukumile emkhulekweni,
kubo ozakwenza lokho. 24 Kwavela lokuphikisana weza kubafundi bakhe, wabafica belele ngenxa
phakathi kwabo okokuthi nguwphe kubo ongathiwa yokudabuka, 46 wasesithi kubo: Lilaleleni? Vukani
ngomkhulu. 25 Wasesithi kubo: Amakhosi abezizwe likhuleke, ukuze lingangeni ekulingweni. 47 Kwathi
azibusa ngobulukhuni, leziphathamandla zazo esakhuluma, khangela, ixuku, lalowo okuthiwa
zithiwa ngabasizi. 26 Kodwa lina kakungabi nguJudasi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, ehamba
njalo; kodwa omkhulu phakathi kwenu kabe phambi kwabo, wasesondela kuJesu ukumanga.
njengomncinyane, longumkhokheli njengosebenzayo. 48 Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Judasi, uyayinikela
27 Ngoba nguwphe omkhulu, lowo ohleziyo ekudleni yini iNdodana yomuntu ngokuyanga? 49 Kwathi
kumbe lowo osebenzayo? Kayisilowo yini ohlezi labo ababengakuye sebebona okuzakwenzeka bathi
ekudleni? Kodwa mina ngiphakathi kwenu njengaye kuye: Nkosi, sigadle yini ngenkemba? 50 Omunye
osebenzayo. 28 Lina-ke liyibo ababehlezi lami wabo wasegadla inceku yompristi omkhulu, waquma
ezilingweni zami; 29 njalo mina ngilimisele umbuso, indlebe yayo yokunene. 51 Kodwa uJesu waphendula
njengoba uBaba engimisele, 30 ukuthi lidle linathe wathi: Yekelani kuze kube yilokhu. Wasethinta indlebe
etafuleni lami embusweni wami, lihlale ezihlalweni yayo, wayisilisa. 52 UJesu wasesithi kubapristi
zobukhosi, lisehlulela izizwe ezilitshumi lambili abakhulu lezinduna zethempeli labadala ababeze
zakolsrayeli. 31 Inkosi yasisithi: Simoni, Simoni, kuye: Liphume njengokuyamelana lomphangi yini
khangela, uSathane ulifunisisile, ukuze alihlungule lilezinkemba lezinduku? 53 Nxa bengilani insuku
njengamabele; 32 kodwa mina ngikukhulekele, ngensuku ethempelini, kalelulanga izandla ukumelana

lami; kodwa leli lihola lenu, lamandla obumnyama. 54 Sebebambile bamqhuba, bamusa endlini yompristi omkhulu. UPetro waselandela ekhatshana. 55 Sebebasile umlilo phakathi kweguma, sebehlezi phansi ndawonye, uPetro wahlala phakathi kwabo. 56 Kodwa incekekazi ethile imbona ehlezi emlilweni, yamjolozele, yathi: Lumuntu laye ube laye. 57 Kodwa wamphika, wathi: Mama, kangimazi. 58 Emva kwesikhatshana omunye wasembona wathi: Lawe ungomunye wabo. Kodwa uPetro wathi: Ndoda, kangisuye. 59 Sekungaba kwedlule ihola elilodwa, omunye waqinisa, esithi: Isibili laye ube laye; ngoba futhi ungumGalili. 60 Kodwa uPetro wathi: Ndoda, kangazi ukuthi uthini. Njalo khonokho esakhuluma lakhala iqhude. 61 INkosi yasiphenduka yamkhangela uPetro. UPetro waselikhumbula ilizwi leNkosi, ukuthi yakhuluma njani kuye isithi: Iqhude lingakakhali, uzangiphika kathathu. 62 UPetro wasephuma phandle wakhala kabuhlungu. 63 Lamadoda ayembambile uJesu amklolodela, amtshaya. 64 Amembesa, amtshaya ubuso, asembuza, esithi: Profetha! Ngubani okutshayileyo? 65 Akhuluma lezinye izinto ezinengi kuye ehlabaza. 66 Kwathi sekusile, abadala babantu babuthana, labapristi abakhulu lababhali, basebemusa emphakathini wabo, bathi: 67 Uba unguKristu, sitsele. Wasesithi kubo: Uba ngilitshele, kalisoze likholwe; 68 njalo uba lami ngilibuza, kalisoze lingiphendule, loba lingikhulule. 69 Kusukela khathezi iNdodana yomuntu izahlala ngakwesokunene samandla kaNkulunkulu. 70 Basebesithi bonke: Kanti uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu? Wasesithi kubo: Kutsho lina ukuthi ngiyiyo. 71 Basebesithi: Pho sisafunelani ubufakazi? Ngoba sesizizwele uqobo lwethu emlonyeni wakhe.

23 Kwasekusukuma ixuku labo lonke, lamusa kuPilatu. 2 Baqala ukummangalela, besithi: Simficile lo eduhisa isizwe, esalela ukuthela kuKesari, esithi nguyee onguKristu iNkosi. 3 UPilatu wasambuza, wathi: Wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda yini? Wasemphendula wathi: Uyatsho wena. 4 Wasesithi uPilatu kubapristi abakhulu lemaxukwini: Kangitholi cala kulumuntu. 5 Kodwa baqinisa, besithi: Uduंगा abantu, efundisa kuyo yonke iJudiya, eqala eGalili kuze kufike lapha. 6 Lapho uPilatu esizwa kuthiwa iGalili wabuza ukuthi lumuntu ungumGalili yini. 7 Kwathi esezwile ukuthi ungowombuso

kaHerodi, wamthumela kuHerodi, owayekhona laye eJerusalema ngalezonsuku. 8 Kwathi uHerodi embona uJesu wathokoza kakhulu; ngoba wayekade ethanda ukumbona, ngoba wayezwile okunengi ngaye; wayethemba ukuthi uzabona isibonakaliso esithile sisenziwa nguyee. 9 Wambuza ngamazwi amanengi; kodwa yena kamphendulanga lutho. 10 Abapristi abakhulu lababhali babemi, bemmangalela ngamandla. 11 UHerodi lamabutho akhe bamyangisa, bamklolodela, basebemgqokisa isembatho esikhazimulayo, bambuyisela kuPilatu. 12 Ngalolosuku uHerodi kanye loPilatu baba ngabangane omunye komunye; ngoba ngaphambi kwalokhu babelobutha phakathi kwabo. 13 UPilatu wasebizela ndawonye abapristi abakhulu lababusi labantu, 14 wathi kubo: Limlethile kimi lumuntu, ngokungathi ungoduhisa abantu; njalo khangelani, mina ngimhlolile phambi kwenu, kangitholanga cala kulumuntu ngalezozinto elimmangalela ngazo; 15 hatshi ngitsho loHerodi; ngoba ngilithumeze kuye, njalo khangelani, kakulalutho olufanele ukufa olwenziwe nguyee. 16 Ngakho ngizamtshaya ngimkhulule. 17 Kwakufanele ukuthi abakhululele abe munye ngomkhosi. 18 Bamemeza bonke kanyekanye besithi: Msuse lo, usikhululele uBarabasi 19 (owayephoselwe entolongweni ngenxa yomvukela othile owenzeka phakathi komuzi langenxa yokubulala). 20 Ngakho uPilatu wabuza wakhuluma labo, efuna ukumkhulula uJesu. 21 Kodwa bamemeza, besithi: Bethela, mbethele! 22 Wasesithi kubo ngokwesithathu: Ngoba lo enze bubi bani? Kangitholanga kuye icala afanele ukufa ngalo; ngakho ngizamtshaya ngimkhulule. 23 Kodwa baqinisa ngamazwi amakhulu, befuna ukuthi abethelwe; lamazwi abo lawabapristi abakhulu aphumelela. 24 UPilatu wasequma ukuthi kwenziwe isicelo sabo. 25 Wasebakhululela lowo ababemcelile owayephoselwe entolongweni ngenxa yomvukela lokubulala; kodwa uJesu wamnikela entandweni yabo. 26 Kwathi sebebambile, babamba uSimoni othile umKurene owayevela emaphandleni, bamethesa isiphambano, ukuthi asithwale ngemva kukaJesu. 27 Laselimlandela ixuku elikhulu labantu, labesifazana labo ababekhala bemlilela. 28 Kodwa uJesu ephendukela kubo wathi: Madodakazi eJerusalema, lingangikhaleli mina, kodwa zikhaleleni lina labantwana benu, 29 ngoba khangelani, ziyeza insuku

abazakutsho ngazo ukuthi: Zibusisiwe inyumba, lezizalo ezingazalanga, lamabele angamunyasanga. 30 Khona bezaqalisa ukuthi ezintabeni: Welani phezu kwethu; lemaqageni: Sisibekeleni. 31 Ngoba uba besenza lezizinto esihlahleni esimanzi, kuzakwenzakalani kwesomileyo? 32 Kwaqhutshwa labanye abenzi bobubi ababili, ukuthi babulawe kanye laye. 33 Sebefikile endaweni ethiwa luKhakhayi, bambethela khona, labenzi bobubi, omunye ngakwesokunene, lomunye ngakwesokholo. 34 UJesu wasesithi: Baba, bathethelele; ngoba kabakwazi abakwenzayo. Njalo babelana izembatho zakhe, benza inkatho yokuphosa. 35 Labantu bema babukela. Lababusi kanye labo bamklolodela, besithi: Wasindisa abanye, kazisindise yena, uba yena enguKristu, okhethiweyo kaNkulunkulu. 36 Labebutho bamklolodela, beza kuye bamnika iviniga, 37 besithi: Uba wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda, zisindise wena. 38 Kwakukhona lombhalo ngaphezu kwakhe kulotshiwe ngamabala esiGriki langesiRoma langesiHebheru othi: LO UYINKOSI YAMAJUDA. 39 Lomunye wabenzi bobubi ababelengisiwe wamthuka, esithi: Uba wena unguKristu, zisindise wena lathi. 40 Kodwa omunye waphendula emkhuzi, esithi: Wena kawumesabi yini uNkulunkulu, lokhu lawe ukulokhukulahlwa? 41 Thina kambe kusilungele, ngoba semukela okulingene ukwenza kwethu; kodwa lo kenzanga lutho olungafanelanga. 42 Wasesithi kuJesu: Ungikhumbule, Nkosi, lapha ufika embusweni wakho. 43 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Ngiqinisile ngithi kuwe: Lamuhla uzakuba lami eParadise. 44 Kwakungaba lihola lesithupha, kwaba khona ubumnyama phezu komhlaba wonke kwaze kwaba lihola lesificamunwemunye, 45 futhi ilanga lalifiphaziwe, leveyili lethempeli ladatshulwa phakathi. 46 UJesu wasememeza ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Baba, ezandleni zakho ngibeka umoya wami; esetshilo lokhu waphefumula okokucina. 47 Kwathi induna yekhulu isibonile okwenzekileyo, yamdumisa uNkulunkulu, isithi: Isibili lumuntu ubelungile. 48 Lamaxuku wonke ayebuthene ukubukela lokho, sebebonyile izinto ezenzekileyo, babuyela betshaya izifuba zabo. 49 Bonke abazana laye, labesifazana ababemlandela bevela eGalili, bema khatshana, bebona lezizinto. 50 Njalo khangelana, indoda ethiwa nguJosefa, ilunga lomphakathi, indoda

elungileyo eqotho; 51 yena wayengavumelananga lecebo lesenzo sabo; wayevela eArimathiya umuzi wamaJuda, laye ngokwakhe wayelindele umbuso kaNkulunkulu; 52 lowo waya kuPilatu wacela isidumbu sikaJesu. 53 Wasesethula wasigoqela ngelembu elicolekileyo, wasibeka engcwabeni elaligujwe edwaleni, lapho okwakungazanga kubekwe khona umuntu. 54 Kwakulusuku lwamalungiselelo, lesabatha laselisondela. 55 Labesifazana, ababeze laye bevela eGalili, balandela, balibona ingcwaba, lokuthi isidumbu sibekwe njani. 56 Basebebuyela emuva balungisa amakha lamagcobo. Ngesabatha basebephumula njengokomlayo.

24 Kodwa ngosuku lokuqala lweviki, emadabukakusa, baya engcwabeni, bephethe amakha ababewalungisile, labanye ababelabo. 2 Bafica ilitshelwile ligiqiwe lasuswa engcwabeni. 3 Kuthe bengena kabasitholanga isidumbu seNkosi uJesu. 4 Kwasekusithi bedidekile kakhulu ngalokhu, futhi khangelana, amadoda ababili ema labo embethe izembatho ezicwazimulayo; 5 njalo besesaba, bakhothamisa ubuso emhlabathini, athi kubo: Lidingelani ophilayo kwabafileyo? 6 Kakho lapha, kodwa uvukile; khumbulani ukuthi wakhuluma njani kini, eseseGalili, 7 esithi: INdodana yomuntu imele ukunikelwa ezandleni zabantu abayizoni, ibethelwe, ibuye ivuke ngosuku lwesithathu. 8 Basebewakhumbula amazwi akhe. 9 Sebebuyile bevela engcwabeni, babika konke lokhu kwabalitshumi lanye lakubo bonke abanye. 10 KwakunguMariya Magadalena loJowana loMariya unina kaJakobe, labanye ababekanye labo, abatshele abaphostoli lezizinto. 11 Kodwa amazwi abo akhanya kubo njengokukhuluma okuyize, futhi kabaze bawakholwa. 12 Kodwa uPetro wasukuma wagijimela engcwabeni, wakhothama walunguza wabona amalembu acolekileyo ebekiwe ewodwa; wasuka, emangele ngaphakathi kwakhe ngokwenzekileyo. 13 Futhi khangelana, ngalona lolosuku ababili babo babehamba besiya emzaneni, obizo lawo yiEmawusi, ongamastadiyu angamatshumi ayisithupha kusukela eJerusalema. 14 Njalo bona babekhulumisana ngazo zonke lezizinto ezenzekileyo. 15 Kwasekusithi bekhulumisana bebuzana, uJesu uqobo wasondela wahamba kanye labo, 16 kodwa amehlo abo ayebanjwe ukuze bangamazi. 17 Wasesithi kubo:

Ngamazwi bani la elikhulumisana ngawo lihamba, becabanga ukuthi babona umoya. 38 Wasesithi lidanile? 18 Omunye, obizo lakhe linguKleyopha, kubo: Likhathazekelani, njalo kuvukelani imicabango wasephendula wathi kuye: Wena nguwe wedwa enhliziyweni zenu? 39 Khangelani izandla zami isihambi eJerusalema, njalo awazi yini izinto lenyawo zami, ukuthi yimi uqobo; ngibambani ezenzekileyo phakathi kwayo kulezinsuku? 19 libone, ngoba umoya kawulanyama lamathambo, Wasesithi kubo: Yizinto bani? Basebesithi kuye: njengoba lingibona ngilakho. 40 Esekutshilo lokho Ezimayelana loJesu weNazareth, obeyindoda wabatshengisa izandla lenyawo zakhe. 41 Kodwa umprofethi olamandla ngesenzo langelizwi phambi belokhu bengakholwa ngenxa yentokozo bemangala, kukaNkulunkulu labantu bonke; 20 lokuthi abapristi wathi kubo: Lilalo ulutho lokudla lapha yini? 42 abakhulu lababusi bethu bamnikela njani ekulahlweni lwenyosi. 43 Wasekuthatha wakudla phambi kwabo. kokufa, bambethela. 21 Kodwa thina besithemba 44 Wasesithi kubo: Yila amazwi, engawakhuluma ukuthi nguye obezakhulula ulsrayeli. Kodwa-ke phezu kini ngiseselani okuthi, kumele ukuthi kugcwaliseke kwakho konke lokhu lamuhla lusuku lwesithathu konke okwabhalwa ngami emlayweni kaMozisi selokhu lezizinto zenzakele. 22 Kodwa njalo labaprofethi leziHlabelo. 45 Wasevula ingqondo abesifazana abathile abangakithi basimangalisile, yabo, ukuze baqedisise imibhalo; 46 wasesithi kubo: ababesengcwabeni ekuseni kakhulu; 23 kuthe Kulotshiwe kanje, njalo uKristu kumele ahlupheke bengasitholi isidumbu sakhe, babuya besithi kanje, njalo avuke kwabafileyo ngosuku lwesithathu, babone lombono wezingilosi, ezithe uyaphila. 24 47 njalo kutshunyayelwe ebizweni lakhe ukuphenduka Labathile abebelathi baya engcwabeni, bafica lothethelelo lwezono ezizweni zonke, kuqalwa kunjalo njengokutsho kwabesifazana labo; kodwa eJerusalema. 48 Lina-ke lingabafakazi balezizinto. 49 O lina elingelakuqedisisa elilenhliziyo ezivilaphela Futhi khangelani, mina ngiyathumela kini isithembiso ukukholwa konke lokho abaprofethi abakutshoyo! sikaBaba; kodwa lina hlalani emzini weJerusalema, 26 UKristu ubengamele yini ukuthi ahlupheke lize lembathiswe amandla avela phezulu. 50 ngalezizinto, abesengena ebukhosini bakhe? 27 Wasebakhokhela ephuma phandle baze bafika eBethani; ephakamisa izandla zakhe wababusisa. 51 Njalo esukela kuMozisi lakubo bonke abaprofethi, 52 Kwasekusithi esababusisa, wehlukana labo, wenyukiselwa ezulwini. 53 Basebemkhonza, babuyela eJerusalema belentokozo enkulu; 53 baqhubeka besethempelini, bebonga bedumisa uNkulunkulu. Amen.

28 Basebesondela emzaneni ababesiya 30 Kwasekusithi ehlezi kuwo; yena wasesenza angathi uyedlula. 29 ekudleni labo, wathatha isinkwa wasibusisa, kodwa bamcindezela, besithi: Hlala lathi, ngoba wasihlephuna wabanika. 31 Amehlo abo asevuleka, sekuzakuhlwa, lelanga selitshonile. Wangena- basebemazi; wasenyamalala esuka emehlweni abo. 32 Basebekhulumisana besithi: Kambe inhliziyu zethu bezingavuthi yini phakathi kwethu, lapho ekhuluma lathi endleleni, lalapho esivulela imibhalo? 33 lalabo abalitshumi lanye bebuthene ndawonye Basebesukuma ngaleloholo, babuyela eJerusalema, 34 besithi: Isibili iNkosi ivukile, ibonwe nguSimoni. 35 Basebelandisa okwenzekileyo endleleni, lokuthi yaziwa njani yibo ekuhlephuneni isinkwa. 36 Besakhuluma lezizinto, uJesu uqobo wema phakathi kwabo, wathi kubo: Ukuthula kakube kini. 37 Kodwa batshaywa luvalo besaba

UJohane

1 Ekuqaleni wayekhona uLizwi, njalo uLizwi wayeloNkulunkulu, njalo uLizwi wayenguNkulunkulu. **2** Yena lo wayeloNkulunkulu ekuqaleni. **3** Zonke izinto zenziwa ngaye, njalo ngaphandle kwakhe kakulalutho lolulodwa olwenziwayo lolo olwenziweyo. **4** Impilo yayikuye, njalo impilo yayiyikukhanya kwabantu, **5** lokukhanya kukhanya emnyameni, kodwa ubumnyama kabukwemukelanga. **6** Kwavela umuntu ethunywe nguNkulunkulu, obizo lakhe linguJohane; **7** yena lo wezela ubufakazi, ukuze afakaze ngokukhanya, ukuze bonke bakholwe ngaye. **8** Yena wayengayisikho ukukhanya, kodwa ukuze afakaze ngokukhanya. **9** Kwakuyikukhanya okuqotho, okukhanyisa wonke umuntu oza emhlabeni. **10** Wayekhona emhlabeni, njalo umhlaba wenziwa ngaye, kodwa umhlaba kawumazanga. **11** Weza kokwakhe, kodwa abakhe kabamemukelanga. **12** Kodwa bonke abamemukelayo, wabapha amandla okuthi babe ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, labo abakholwa ebizweni lakhe; **13** abazalwa kungeyisikho ngegazi, langentando yenyama, langentando yendoda, kodwa nguNkulunkulu. **14** ULizwi wasesiba yinyama, wahlala phakathi kwethu, njalo sabona inkazimulo yakhe, inkazimulo injengeyozelwe yedwa kaYise, egcwele umusa leqiniso. **15** UJohane wafakaza ngaye, wamemeza wathi: Nguye lo ebengisitsho ngaye ukuthi: Lowo ozayo emva kwami uphambi kwami; ngoba wayekhona kuqala kulami. **16** Lekugcwaleni kwakhe thina semukele sonke, futhi umusa ngomusa; **17** ngoba umlayo wanikwa ngoMozisi, umusa leqiniso kweza ngoJesu Kristu. **18** Kakho owake wabona uNkulunkulu; iNdodana ezelwe yodwa, esesifubeni sikaYise, yiyo emvezileyo. **19** Njalo lobu yibufakazi bukaJohane, mhla amaJuda ethuma abapristi lamaLevi bevela eJerusalema ukuze bambuze ukuthi: Wena ungubani? **20** Wasevuma, kaphikanga; futhi wavuma wathi: Kangisuye uKristu mina. **21** Bambuza futhi bathi: Kuyini pho? Wena unguElija yini? Wasesithi: Kangisuye. Wena ungulowomProfethi yini? Wasephendula wathi: Hatshi. **22** Basebesithi kuye: Ungubani? Ukuze sibaphe impendulo abasithumileyo; uthini ngawe? **23** Wathi: Mina ngiyilizwi lomemezayo enkangala: Lungisani indlela yeNkosi, njengoba

ulsaya umprofethi watsho. **24** Lalabo ababethunyiwe babevela kubaFarisi. **25** Basebembuza, bathi kuye: Ubhabhathizelani pho, uba wena ungeyisuye uKristu, loElija, lalowomProfethi? **26** UJohane wabaphendula, wathi: Mina ngibhabhathiza ngamanzi; kodwa phakathi kwenu kumi, lina elingamaziyo; **27** nguye ozayo emva kwami, ophambi kwami, engingafanele mina ukuthukulula umchilo wenyathela lakhe. **28** Lezizinto zenzeka eBethabara ngaphetsheya kweJordani, lapho uJohane ayebhabhathiza khona. **29** Kusisa uJohane wabona uJesu esiza kuye, wathi: Khangelani iWundlu likaNkulunkulu, elisusa isono somhlaba. **30** Nguye lo mina ebengilitshela ngaye ukuthi: Emva kwami kuza indoda, eyayikhona phambi kwami, ngoba yayikhona kuqala kulami. **31** Lami bengingamazi; kodwa ukuze abonakaliswe kulseyeli, ngalokho mina ngizile ngibhabhathiza ngamanzi. **32** UJohane wasefakaza, esithi: Ngibonile uMoya esehla ezulwini njengejuba, wahlala phezu kwakhe. **33** Lami bengingamazi; kodwa owangithumayo ukubhabhathiza ngamanzi, yena wathi kimi: Lowo ozabona uMoya esehlela phezu kwakhe ahlale kuye, nguye obhabhathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele. **34** Mina ngibonile, ngafakaza ukuthi lo uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **35** Kusisa futhi uJohane wayemi, lababili kubafundi bakhe; **36** wasekhangela uJesu ehambahamba, wathi: Khangelani iWundlu likaNkulunkulu. **37** Abafundi ababili bamuzwa ekhuluma, basebemlandela uJesu. **38** Kwathi uJesu enyemukula ebabona belandela, wathi kubo: Lidingani? Basebesithi kuye: Rabi, (okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa, Mfundisi) uhlala ngaphi? **39** Wathi kubo: Wozani libone. Beza babona lapho ayehlala khona; bahlala laye ngalolosuku; kwakungaba lihola letshumi. **40** UAndreya umfowabo kaSimoni Petro wayengomunye wababili ababekuzwe ngoJohane bamlandela. **41** Yena wathola kuqala umfowabo uqobo uSimoni, wathi kuye: Simtholile uMesiya, okuphendulelwa ngokuthi, uKristu. **42** Wasemletha kuJesu. UJesu esemkhangele wathi: Wena unguSimoni indodana kaJona; uzathiwa nguKefasi, okuphendulelwa ngokuthi uPetro. **43** Kusisa uJesu wayefuna ukusuka aye eGalili, wathola uFiliphu, wathi kuye: Ngilandela. **44** UFiliphu-ke wayengoweBhethisayida, emzini wakibo kaAndreya loPetro. **45** UFiliphu wathola uNathaniyeli, wathi kuye: Simtholile lowo abhala ngaye uMozisi emlayweni

labaprofethi, uJesu weNazaretha, indodana kaJosefa. 46 UNathaniyeli wasesithi kuye: Kambe kungavela okuhle eNazaretha? UFiliphu wathi kuye: Woza ubone. 47 UJesu wabona uNathaniyeli esiza kuye, wathi ngaye: Khangelani umlrayeli uqobo, okungekho nkohliso kuye. 48 UNathaniyeli wathi kuye: Ungazela ngaphi? UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: UFiliphu engakubizi, ungaphansi komkhiwa, ngakubona. 49 UNathaniyeli waphendula wathi kuye: Rabi, wena uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, wena uyiNkosi kalsrayeli. 50 UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Uyakholwa ngoba ngithe kuwe, bengikubona ungaphansi komkhiwa. Uzabona izinto ezinkulu kulalezi. 51 Wasesithi kuye: Ngqiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Kusukela khathesi libabona izulu livulekile, lengilosi zikaNkulunkulu zisenyuka zisehla phezu kweNdodana yomuntu.

2 Kwathi ngosuku lwesithathu kwaba khona umtshado eKana yeGalili; lonina kaJesu wayekhona lapho; 2 njalo uJesu laye wayenxusiwe labafundi bakhe emtshadweni. 3 Kwathi iwayini selisweleka, unina kaJesu wathi kuye: Kabalalo iwayini. 4 UJesu wathi kuye: Mama, ngilani lawe? Ihola lami kalikafiki. 5 Unina wathi kuzinceku: Yenzani loba yikuphi azalitshela khona. 6 Kwakukhona lapho imbiza zamanzi ezamatshe zimiswe njengokokuhlambulula kwamaJuda, inye ingena amaphoco amabili kumbe amathathu. 7 UJesu wathi kuzo: Gcwalisani imbiza zamanzi ngamanzi. Zasezizigcwalisa zathi kliki. 8 Wasesithi kuzo: Khanini khathesi, lise kumphathi wokudla. Zasezikusa. 9 Umphathi wokudla esizwa amanzi asebe liwayini, engazi ukuthi livela ngaphi (kodwa inceku ezaziwakhile amanzi zazisazi), umphathi wokudla wabiza umyeni, 10 wasesithi kuye: Wonke umuntu uletha iwayini eliminandi kuqala, kuthi lapho sebenathile kakhulu, abeseletha elibi; wena ugcinile iwayini eliminandi kwaze kwaba khathesi. 11 Lokho kuyikuqala kwezibonakaliso uJesu akwenza eKana yeGalili wabonakalisa inkazimulo yakhe; labafundi bakhe bakholwa kuye. 12 Emva kwalokho wehlela eKapenawume, yena, lonina, labafowabo, labafundi bakhe; njalo bahlala khona kungeyisikho okwensuku ezinengi. 13 Iphasika lamaJuda laselisondele, uJesu wasesenyukela eJerusalema. 14 Wafica ethempelini labo abathengisa inkabi lezimvu lamajuba, labantshintshi bemali

behlezi. 15 Esenze isiswepu sezintambo wabaxotsha bonke ethempelini, izimvu kanye lenkabi; wachitha imali yabantshintshisayo, wagenqula amatafula; 16 wasesithi kwabathengisa amajuba: Susani lezizinto lapha; lingenzi indlu kaBaba indlu yokuthengisela. 17 Abafundi bakhe basebekhumbula ukuthi kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ukutshisekela indlu yakho kungidlile. 18 Ngakho amaJuda aphenndula athi kuye: Usitshengisa isibonakaliso bani, sokuthi wenze lezizinto? 19 UJesu waphendula wathi kuwo: Dilizani lelithepeli, njalo ngensuku ezintathu ngizalivusa. 20 AmaJuda asesithi: Okweminyaka engamatshumi amane lesithupha lelithepeli lakhiwa, wena-ke uzalivusa ngensuku ezintathu yini? 21 Kodwa yena wayekhuluma ngethepeli lomzimba wakhe. 22 Ngakho, kwathi esevukile kwabafileyo, abafundi bakhe bakhumbula ukuthi wayekutshilo lokhu kubo; bakholwa umbhalo, lelizwi ayelitshilo uJesu. 23 Njalo kwathi eseJerusalema ngephasika, emkhosini, abanengi bakholwa ebizweni lakhe, bebona izibonakaliso zakhe azenzayo; 24 kodwa uJesu ngokwakhe kazinikelanga yena kubo, ngoba yena wayebazi bonke, 25 langenxa yokuthi wayengasweli ukuthi loba ngubani afakaze ngomuntu; ngoba yena wayekwazi okusemuntwini.

3 Kwakukhona-ke umuntu wakubaFarisi, nguNikodima ibizo lakhe, isikhulu samaJuda; 2 lo weza kuJesu ebusuku, wathi kuye: Rabi, siyazi ukuthi ungumfundisi ovela kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kakho ongenza lezizibonakaliso ozenzayo wena, uba uNkulunkulu engelaye. 3 UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Ngqiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kuwe: Ngaphandle kokuthi umuntu azalwe ngokutsha, angewubone umbuso kaNkulunkulu. 4 UNikodima wathi kuye: Umuntu angazalwa njani esemdala? Angangena yini ngokwesibili esiswini sikanina azalwe? 5 UJesu waphendula wathi: Ngqiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kuwe: Uba umuntu engazalwanga ngamanzi langoMoya, angengene embusweni kaNkulunkulu. 6 Lokho okuzelwe yinyama kuyinyama; lalokho okuzelwe nguMoya kungumoya. 7 Ungamangali ukuthi ngithe kuwe: Kufanele ukuthi lizalwe ngokutsha. 8 Umoya uphephethela lapho othanda khona, uyawuzwa umdumo wawo, kodwa kawazi lapho ovela khona lalapho oya khona; unjalo wonke ozelwe nguMoya. 9 UNikodima waphendula wathi kuye: Lezizinto zingenzeka njani? 10 UJesu waphendula wathi kuye:

Wena ungumfundisi wakolSrayeli, kodwa kawuzazi lezinto yini? **11** Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kuwe: Sikhuluma esikwaziyo, sifakaze esikubonileyo; kodwa kalibemukeli ubufakazi bethu. **12** Nxa ngilitshelile izinto zomhlaba njalo lingakholwa, lizakholwa njani, uba ngilitshela izinto zezulwini? **13** Njalo kakho owake wenyukela ezulwini, ngaphandle kowehla ezulwini, iNdodana yomuntu esezulwini. **14** Futhi njengoba uMozisi waphakamisa inyoka enkangala, ngokunjalo iNdodana yomuntu imele ukuphakanyiswa; **15** ukuze wonke okholwa kuyo angabhubhi, kodwa abe lempilo elaphakade. (aiōnios g166) **16** Ngoba uNkulunkulu wawuthanda umhlaba ngokunjalo, ngakho wanika iNdodana yakhe ezelwe yodwa, ukuze wonke okholwa kuyo angabhubhi, kodwa abe lempilo elaphakade. (aiōnios g166) **17** Ngoba uNkulunkulu kayithumanga iNdodana yakhe emhlabeni ukuthi iwulahle umhlaba, kodwa ukuze umhlaba usindiswe ngayo. **18** Okholwa kiyo kalahlwa; kodwa ongakholwayo uselahlwe, ngoba engakholwanga ebizweni leNdodana kaNkulunkulu ezelwe yodwa. **19** Ukulahlwa kuyilokhu, ukuthi ukukhanya kufikile emhlabeni, kodwa abantu bathanda ubumnyama kulokukhanya; ngoba imisebenzi yabo yayimibi. **20** Ngoba wonke owenza okubi uzonda ukukhanya, njalo kezi ekukhanyeni, ukuze imisebenzi yakhe ingasolwa. **21** Kodwa owenza iqiniso uyeza ekukhanyeni, ukuze imisebenzi yakhe ibonakale, ukuthi yenziwe kuNkulunkulu. **22** Emva kwalezizinto uJesu weza elizweni leJudiya labafundi bakhe; njalo wahlala khona kanye labo njalo wabhabhathiza. **23** UJohane laye wayebhabhathiza eEnoni eduze leSalima, ngoba kwakulamanzi amanengi khona; njalo babesiza bebhhabhathizwa. **24** Ngoba uJohane wayengakaphoselwa entolongweni. **25** Kwasekusiba khona ukuphikisana phakathi kwabafundi bakaJohane lamaJuda ngokuhlambulula. **26** Basebesiza kuJohane bathi kuye: Rabi, lowo owawulaye ngaphetsheya kweJordani, owamfakazelayo, khangela yena uyabhabhathiza, njalo bayeza kuye bonke. **27** UJohane waphendula wathi: Umuntu angemukele ulutho, ngaphandle kokuthi alunikwe luvela ezulwini. **28** Lina ngokwenu liyangifakazela ukuthi ngathi: Kangisuye uKristu mina, kodwa ukuthi ngithunyiwe ngaphambi kwakhe. **29** Olomakoti ungumyeni; kodwa umngane womyeni, omiyo emuzwa, uthokoza

ngentokozo ngelizwi lomyeni; ngakho lintokozo yami isiphelele. **30** Umele ukukhula yena, kodwa mina nginciphe. **31** Ovela phezulu uphezu kwakho konke. Ovela emhlabeni, ungowomhlaba, njalo ukhuluma okomhlaba; ovela ezulwini uphezu kwakho konke. **32** Lalokho akubonileyo lakuzwileyo, ufakaza khona; kodwa kakho owemukela ubufakazi bakhe. **33** Owemukele ubufakazi bakhe uphawulile ukuthi uNkulunkulu uqinisile. **34** Ngoba lowo uNkulunkulu amthumileyo, ukhuluma amazwi kaNkulunkulu; ngoba uNkulunkulu umnika uMoya kungeyisikho ngesilinganiso. **35** UYise uyayithanda iNdodana, njalo unikele izinto zonke esandleni sayo. **36** Yena okholwa eNdodaneni ulempilo elaphakade; kodwa yena ongakholwayo eNdodaneni, kayikubona impilo, kodwa ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luhlezi phezulu kwakhe. (aiōnios g166)

4 Kwathi-ke iNkosi isisazi ukuthi abaFarisi sebezwire ukuthi uJesu wenza wabhabhathiza abafundi abanengi kuloJohane, **2** lanxa uJesu ngokwakhe wayengabhabhathizi, kodwa abafundi bakhe, **3** wasuka eJudiya, wasuka waya futhi eGalili. **4** Kodwa kwakumele ukuthi adabule eSamariya. **5** Wafika-ke emzini weSamariya okuthiwa yiSikari, eduze lesiqinti uJakobe asinika indodana yakhe uJosefa; **6** lomthombo kaJakobe wawulapho. Ngakho uJesu ekhathele ngohambo wahlala ngokunjalo emthonjeni. Kwakungaba liholo lesithupha. **7** Kwafika owesifazana evela eSamariya ukuzakukha amanzi; uJesu wathi kuye: Nginathisa. **8** (Ngoba abafundi bakhe babehambile baya emzini, ukuze bathenge ukudla.) **9** Ngakho owesifazana umSamariya wathi kuye: Kungani wena ungumJuda ucela ukunatha kimi, owesifazana ongumSamariya? Ngoba amaJuda awalabudlelwano lamaSamariya. **10** UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Aluba ubusazi isipho sikaNkulunkulu, lokuthi ungubani othi kuwe: Nginathisa; ubuzacela kuye, njalo ubezakunika amanzi aphilayo. **11** Owesifazana wathi kuye: Nkosi, kawulalutho lokukha, lomgodi uyatshona; uwathethe ngaphi pho amanzi aphilayo? **12** Wena umkhulu yini kulobaba wethu uJakobe, owasinika umgodi, wanatha kuwo yena, labantwana bakhe, lemihlambi yakhe? **13** UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Wonke onatha lamanzi, uzakoma futhi; **14** kodwa loba ngubani onatha amanzi mina engizamnika wona, kasoze ome kuze

kube laphakade; kodwa amanzi engizamnika wona azakuba ngumthombo wamanzi phakathi kwakhe ogobhozela empilweni elaphakade. (aiōn g165, aiōnios g166) 15 Owesifazana wathi kuye: Nkosi, ngipha lawomanzi, ukuze ngingomi, ngingabe ngiseza lapha ukukha. 16 UJesu wathi kuye: Hamba, ubize umkakho, uze lapha. 17 Owesifazana waphendula wathi: Kangilandoda. UJesu wathi kuye: Utsho kuhle ukuthi: Kangilandoda; 18 ngoba usuke waba lamadoda amahlanu, le olayo khathesi kayisiyo indoda yakho; lokhu ukutsho uqinisile. 19 Owesifazana wathi kuye: Nkosi, ngiyabona ukuthi wena ungumprofethi. 20 Obaba bethu babekhonza kulintaba; kodwa lina lithi iseJerusema indawo lapho okufanele umuntu akhonze khona. 21 UJesu wathi kuye: Mama, kholwa kimi, ukuthi ihola liyeza, lapho elizakhonza uBaba kungeyisikho kulintaba, kumbe eJerusema. 22 Lina likhonza elingakwaziyo; thina sikhonza esikwaziyo; ngoba usindiso luvela kumaJuda. 23 Kodwa ihola liyeza njalo seliyilo, lapho abakhonzi abaqotho bazakhonza uBaba ngomoya langeqiniso; ngoba-ke uBaba udinga abanjalo abamkhonzayo. 24 UNkulunkulu unguMoya; lalabo abamkhonzayo, bafanele ukukhonza ngomoya langeqiniso. 25 Owesifazana wathi kuye: Ngiyazi ukuthi uMesiya uyeza okuthiwa nguKristu; nxa lo esefikile, uzasitshela konke. 26 UJesu wathi kuye: Mina nginguye, okhuluma lawe. 27 Kwathi ngalesosikhathi bafika abafundi bakhe, bamangala ukuthi wayekhuluma lowesifazana; kodwa kakho owathi: Udingani? Kumbe: Ukhulumelani laye? 28 Ngakho owesifazana wasetshiya inkonxa yakhe, wasesuka waya emzini, wathi ebantwini: 29 Wozani, libone umuntu, ongitshele konke engakwenzayo; kambe kayisuye yini uKristu lo? 30 Ngakho baphuma emzini, beza kuye. 31 Kusenjalo abafundi bamncenga besithi: Rabi, dlana. 32 Kodwa wathi kubo: Mina ngilokudla engikudlayo lina elingakwaziyo. 33 Basebekhulumisana abafundi besithi: Kambe ukhona omlethele ukudla? 34 UJesu wathi kubo: Ukudla kwami kuyikuthi ngenze intando yongithumileyo, lokuthi ngiqede umsebenzi wakhe. 35 Kalitsho yini ukuthi: Kuseselenyanga ezine ukuthi kufike ukuvuna? Khangelani, ngithi kini: Phakamisani amehlo enu, libone amasimu, ngoba asehle emhlophe elungele isivuno. 36 Njalo ovunayo wemukela umvuzo, njalo abuthe isithelo empilweni elaphakade; ukuze bobabili

ohlanyelayo lovunayo bathokoze bendawonye. (aiōnios g166) 37 Ngoba kulokhu ilizwi liqinisele elokuthi: Omunye ngohlanyelayo, lomunye ngovunayo. 38 Mina ngalithuma ukuvuna lokho elingakusebenzelanga; abanye basebenzile, lina-ke selingenile emsebenzini wabo. 39 Njalo amaSamariya amanengi akulowomuzi akholwa kuye ngenxa yelizwi lowesifazana, owafakaza esithi: Ungitshele konke engikwenzileyo. 40 Kwathi esefikile kuye amaSamariya, amncenga ukuthi ahlale lawo; wasehlala khona insuku ezimbili. 41 Abanengi bengezelelwa bakholwa ngenxa yelizwi lakhe. 42 Basebesithi kowesifazana: Kasisakholwa ngenxa yokutsho kwakho; ngoba sesizizwele thina, siyazi ukuthi oqotho lo unguMsindisi womhlaba, uKristu. 43 Kwathi emva kwensuku ezimbili wasuka lapho, waya eGalili; 44 ngoba uJesu ngokwakhe wafakaza ukuthi umprofethi kaladumo elizweni lakibo. 45 Wathi esefikile eGalili, amaGalili amemukela, ebonile konke akwenzayo eJerusema emkhosini; ngoba lawo ayeyile emkhosini. 46 UJesu wafika-ke futhi eKana yeGalili, lapho enza khona amanzi aba liwayini. Kwakukhona othile owesikhosini, ondodana yakhe yayigula eKapenawume. 47 Esezwire ukuthi uJesu usefikile eGalili evela eJudiya, waya kuye, wamncenga ukuthi ehle, asilise indodana yakhe, ngoba yayisizaphela. 48 Ngakho uJesu wathi kuye: Ngaphandle kokuthi libone izibonakaliso lezimangaliso, kalisoze likholwe. 49 Owesikhosini wathi kuye: Nkosi, yehla engakafi umntanami. 50 UJesu wathi kuye: Hamba; indodana yakho iyaphila. Umuntu wasekholwa ilizwi uJesu alikhuluma laye, wasuka wahamba. 51 Kwathi esesehla, inceku zakhe zamhlangebeza, zabika zathi: Umntanakho uyaphila. 52 Wasezibuza ihola aqale ngalo ukuba ngcono. Zasezisithi kuye: Izolo ngehola lesikhombisa uqhuhlo lomyekele. 53 Ngakho uyise wazi ukuthi kwakungaleloholo uJesu athi ngalo kuye: Indodana yakho iyaphila; wasekholwa yena lendlu yakhe yonke. 54 UJesu waphinda wakwenza lokhu kwaba yisibonakaliso sesibili, efikile eGalili evela eJudiya.

5 Emva kwalezizinto kwaba khona umkhosi wamaJuda; uJesu wasesenyukela eJerusema. 2 Kwakukhona-ke lapho eJerusema eduze lesango lezimvu ichibi, elithiwa ngesiHebheru iBethesda, lilamakhulusi amahlanu. 3 Kwakulele kuwo ixuku elikhulu labagulayo, eleziphofu, eleziqhuli,

elabatswabheneyo, belindele ukuzanyanzanyiswa kwamanzi. 4 Ngoba ingilosi yayisehlela echibini ngezikhathi ezithile, izamazamise amanzi; kuthi lowo ongene kuqala emva kokuzanyazanyiswa kwamanzi, asiliswe, loba yisiphi isifo ebesimbambile. 5 Njalo kwakukhona lapho umuntu othile owayelesifo okweminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lexisificaminwembili. 6 Kwathi uJesu embona elele, esazi ukuthi ulesikhathi eside enjalo, wathi kuye: Uyafuna ukuthi uphile yini? 7 Ogulayo wamphendula wathi: Nkosi, kangilamuntu wokungifaka echibini, nxa amanzi ezanyazanyiswa; kuthi nxa ngizayo mina, kwehle omunye phambi kwami. 8 UJesu wathi kuye: Sukuma, uthathe icansi lakho, uhambe. 9 Lowomuntu wahle waphila, wathatha icansi lakhe wahamba. Njalo kwakulisabatha mhlalokho. 10 Ngakho amaJuda athi kosilisiweyo: Kulisabatha; ngakho kawuvunyela ukuthwala icansi. 11 Wawaphendula wathi: Ongiphilisiweyo, yena uthe kimi: Thatha icansi lakho uhambe. 12 Ngakho ambuza: Ngubani umuntu othe kuwe: Thatha icansi lakho uhambe? 13 Kodwa osilisiweyo wayengamazi ukuthi ungubani; ngoba uJesu wayesesithele, ngoba kukhona ixuku kuleyondawo. 14 Emva kwalezizinto uJesu wamfika ethempelini, wasesithi kuye: Khangela usuphilile; ungabe usona futhi, hlezi kwehle kuwe okunye okubi kulalokhu. 15 Umuntu wasuka, watshela amaJuda ukuthi nguJesu owayemenze waphila. 16 Njalo ngenxa yalokhu amaJuda amzingela uJesu, asedinga ukumbulala, ngoba wenza lezizinto ngesabatha. 17 Kodwa uJesu wawaphendula wathi: UBaba uyasebenza kuze kube lamuhla, lami ngiyasebenza. 18 Ngenxa yalokhu-ke amaJuda adinga kakhulu ukumbulala, ngoba wayengephulanga isabatha kuphela, kodwa wabuya wathi uNkulunkulu unguYise wakhe, ezenza olingana loNkulunkulu. 19 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Ngqiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: INdodana ingenze lutho ngokwayo, ngaphandle kwalokho ebona uYise ekwenza; ngoba loba yini yena ayenzayo, leNdodana iyenza lezizinto ngokunjalo. 20 Ngoba uYise uyayithanda iNdodana, uyayitshengisa konke akwenzayo yena; njalo uzayitshengisa imisebenzi emikhulu kulale, ukuze lina limangale. 21 Ngoba njengalokhu uYise evusa abafileyo abaphilise, kunjalo-ke leNdodana iyabaphilisa labo ethandaukubaphilisa. 22 Ngoba loYise kahluleli muntu, kodwa unike iNdodana konke ukwahlulela; 23 ukuze bonke badumise iNdodana, njengalokhu bedumisa uYise. Ongayidumisiyo iNdodana, kamdumisi uYise oyithumileyo. 24 Ngqiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Olizwayo ilizwi lami, akholwe kuye ongithumileyo, ulempilo elaphakade; njalo kangeni ekulahlweni, kodwa usedlule ekufeni waya empilweni. (aiōnios g166) 25 Ngqiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Ihola liyeza, njalo selikhona, lapho abafileyo bezalizwa ilizwi leNdodana kaNkulunkulu, labo abalizwileyo bazaphila. 26 Ngoba njengoba uYise elempilo ngokwakhe, kunjalo uyinikile layo iNdodana ukuthi ibe lempilo ngokwayo; 27 njalo uyiphile amandla lawokwahlulela, ngoba iyiNdodana yomuntu. 28 Lingamangali ngalokhu; ngoba ihola liyeza, lapho bonke abasemangcwabeni bazalizwa ilizwi layo, 29 babesebephuma, labo abenze okulungileyo, ekuvukeni kwempilo; labo abenze okubi, ekuvukeni kokulahlwa. 30 Mina ngingenze lutho ngokwami; njengokuzwa kwami, ngiyahlulela; njalo ukwahlulela kwami kulungile; ngoba kangidingi intando yami, kodwa intando kaBaba ongithumileyo. 31 Aluba ngizifakazela mina, ubufakazi bami abusiloqiniso. 32 Ukhona omunye ongifakazelayo mina, njalo ngiyazi ukuthi ubufakazi abufakaza ngami buliqiniso. 33 Lina lathumela kuJohane, walifakazela iqiniso. 34 Kodwa mina kangibemukeli ubufakazi obuvela emuntwini, kodwa ngitsho lezizinto ukuze lina lisindiswe. 35 Yena wayeyisibane esivuthayo lesikhanyayo, lani lavuma ukuthokoza okwesikhatshana ekukhanyeni kwakhe. 36 Kodwa mina ngilobufakazi obukhulu kulobukaJohane; ngoba imisebenzi uBaba anginike yona ukuze ngiyiqede, yonale imisebenzi mina engiyenzayo, iyangifakazela ukuthi uBaba ungithumile. 37 Laye uBaba ongithumileyo, yena ungifakazele. Kalikaze lilizwe ilizwi lakhe lanini, lesimo sakhe kalikaze lisibone, 38 njalo kalilalizwi lakhe elihlala phakathi kwenu, ngoba amthumileyo yena, lowo lina kalimkholwa. 39 Hlolani imibhalo, ngoba lina licabanga ukuthi lilempilo elaphakade kiyo, njalo yiyo engifakazelayo; (aiōnios g166) 40 kodwa kalivumi ukuza kimi, ukuze libe lempilo. 41 Angemukeli udumo ebantwini; 42 kodwa ngiyalazi lina, ukuthi kalilalo uthando lukaNkulunkulu phakathi kwenu. 43 Mina ngizile ebizweni likaBaba, kodwa kalingemukeli; uba omunye esiza ngelakhe ibizo, lizamemukela yena.

44 Lingakholwa njani lina, nxa lisemukela udumo omunye komunye, kodwa lingaludingi udumo oluvela kuNkulunkulu oyedwa? 45 Lingacabangi ukuthi mina ngizalimangalela kuBaba; ukhona olimangalelayo, uMozisi, elithemba kuye lina. 46 Ngoba uba belikholwa uMozisi, belizakholwa mina; ngoba yena wabhala ngami. 47 Kodwa uba lingakholwa imibhalo yakhe, lizakholwa njani amazwi ami?

6 Emva kwalezizinto uJesu wasuka waya ngaphetsheya kolwandle lweGalili, lweTiberiyasi. 2 Laselimandela ixuku elikhulu, ngoba babebone izibonakaliso zakhe azenza kulabo abagulayo. 3 UJesu wasesenyukela entabeni, wahlala phansi khona labafundi bakhe. 4 Iphasika, umkhosi wamaJuda, laselisondele. 5 Kwathi uJesu ephakamisa amehlo, wasebona ixuku elikhulu lisiza kuye, wathi kuFiliphu: Sizathenga ngaphi izinkwa, ukuze laba badle? 6 Njalo watsho lokhu emhlola, ngoba yena wayekwazi azakwenza. 7 UFiliphu wamphendula wathi: Izinkwa zabodenariyo abangamakhulu amabili zingebanele, ukuthi wonke ngamunye wabo azuze ingcosana. 8 Omunye wabafundi bakhe, uAndreya umfowabo kaSimoni Petro, wathi kuye: 9 Kukhona umfanyana lapha, olezinkwa ezinhlanu zebhali lenhlanzana ezimbili; kodwa ziyini kwabanengi kangaka? 10 Kodwa uJesu wathi: Hlalisani abantu phansi. Kwakukhona utshani obunengi kuleyondawo. Ngakho amadoda ahlala phansi inani lawo lalingaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu. 11 UJesu wasezithatha izinkwa, esebongile wazinika abafundi, labafundi kulabo ababehlezi phansi; ngokunjalo lenhlanzana ngangokufuna kwabo. 12 Bathi sebesuthi, wathi kubafundi bakhe: Buthani imvuthu eziseleyo, ukuze kungachitheki lutho. 13 Basebebutha, bagcwalisa izitsha ezilithumi lambili ngemvuthu zezinkwa ezinhlanu zebhali, ezasalayo kulabo abadlayo. 14 Kwathi lababantu bebona isimangaliso asenzileyo uJesu, bathi: Ngeqiniso lo nguye umProfethi omele ukuza emhlabeni. 15 Kwathi uJesu esazi ukuthi bazakuza bambambe ngamandla, ukumbeka abe yinkosi, wabuyela futhi entabeni yena eyedwa. 16 Sekuhlwile, abafundi bakhe behlela elwandle, 17 sebengenile emkhunjini, beza ngaphetsheya kolwandle ukuya eKapenawume. Kwasekumnyama, uJesu wayengafikanga kubo. 18 Lwaseluvuka ulwandle ngoba umoya olamandla wawuvunguza. 19 Sebegwedlile amastadiyu angaba

ngamatshumi amabili lanhlanu kumbe amatshumi amathathu, babona uJesu ehamba phezu kolwandle, esondela emkhunjini; basebesethuka. 20 Kodwa wathi kubo: Yimi, lingesabi. 21 Basebevuma ukumemukela emkhunjini; njalo wahle wafika umkhumbi elizweni ababesiya kilo. 22 Kusisa ixuku elalimi ngaphetsheya kolwandle, libona ukuthi kwakungela lamunye umkolo lapho ngaphandle kwalowo ababengene kuwo abafundi bakhe, lokuthi uJesu wayengangenanga emkolweni labafundi bakhe, kodwa abafundi bakhe babehambe bodwa, 23 kodwa eminye imikolo evela eTiberiyasi yafika eduze lendawo lapho ababedle khona isinkwa, emva kokuthi iNkosi isibongile; 24 ngakho ixuku selibonile ukuthi uJesu wayengekho lapho loba abafundi bakhe, bangena labo emkhunjini, bafika eKapenawume, bedinga uJesu. 25 Bathi sebemtholile ngaphetsheya kolwandle, bathi kuye: Rabi, ufike nini lapha? 26 UJesu wabaphendula wathi: Ngqiqinisele, ngiqinisele, ngithi kini: Liyangidinga, kungeyisikho ukuthi labona izibonakaliso, kodwa ngoba ladla izinkwa lasutha. 27 Lingasebenzeli ukudla okuphelayo, kodwa ukudla okuhlala kuze kube yimpilo elaphakade, ezalinika khona iNdodana yomuntu; ngoba yena uNkulunkulu uYise umphawulile. (aiōnios g166) 28 Basebesithi kuye: Sizakwenzani, ukuze senze imisebenzi kaNkulunkulu? 29 UJesu waphendula wathi kubo: Lo ngumsebenzi kaNkulunkulu, ukuze likholwe kulowo yena amthumileyo. 30 Ngakho bathi kuye: Pho wena wenza isibonakaliso bani, ukuze sibone sikholve kuwe? Usebenzani? 31 Obaba bethu badla imana enkangala, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Wabanika isinkwa esivela ezulwini ukuthi badle. 32 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngqiqinisele, ngiqinisele, ngithi kini: Umozisi kalinikanga isinkwa esivela ezulwini; kodwa uBaba ulinika isinkwa soqobo esivela ezulwini. 33 Ngoba isinkwa sikaNkulunkulu singuye owehla evela ezulwini esinika impilo emhlabeni. 34 Basebesithi kuye: Nkosi, sinike lesosinkwa njalonjalo. 35 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Mina ngiyisinkwa sempilo; lowo oza kimi, kasoze alambe; lalowo okholwa kimi, kasoze ome lakanye. 36 Kodwa ngithe kini: Lani lingibonile, kodwa kalikholwa. 37 Bonke uBaba anginika bona bazakuza kimi; lozayo kimi angisoze ngimxotshela phandle. 38 Ngoba ngehlile ezulwini, hatshi ukuthi ngenze intando yami, kodwa intando yalowo ongithumileyo. 39 Lalokhu kuyintando kaBaba ongithumileyo, ukuze konke

anginike khona, ngingalahlekela lutho kikhohlo, kodwa ngikuvuse ngosuku lokucina. **40** Lalokhu kuyintando yongithumileyo, ukuthi wonke obona iNdodana njalo akholwe kuyo, abe lempilo elaphakade, njalo mina ngizamvusa ngosuku lokucina. (aiōnios g166) **41** Ngalokho amaJuda akhonona ngaye, ngoba wathi: Mina ngiyisinkwa esehla sivela ezulwini. **42** Athi-ke: Lo kayisuye yini uJesu indodana kaJosefa, uyise lonina thina esibaziyo? Pho yena utsho njani, ukuthi: Ngehle ngivela ezulwini? **43** UJesu wasephendula wathi kuwo: Lingakhononi phakathi kwenu. **44** Kakho ongeza kimi, ngaphandle kokuthi uBaba ongithumileyo amdonse, njalo mina ngizamvusa ngosuku lokucina. **45** Kulotshiwe kubaprofethi ukuthi: Njalo bonke bazafundiswa nguNkulunkulu. Ngakho wonke ozwileyo ngoBaba wafunda, uyeza kimi. **46** Kayisikho ukuthi ukhona obone uBaba, ngaphandle kwakhe ovela kuNkulunkulu, yena umbonile uBaba. **47** Ngqiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Okholwayo kimi, ulempilo elaphakade. (aiōnios g166) **48** Mina ngiyisinkwa sempilo. **49** Oyihlo badla imana enkangala, futhi bafa; **50** lesi yisinkwa esehla sivela ezulwini, ukuze umuntu adle okwaso angafi. **51** Mina ngiyisinkwa esiphilayo, esehla sivela ezulwini; uba umuntu esidla lesisinkwa, uzaphila ephakadeni. Njalo lesinkwa mina engizasinika, siyinyama yami, mina engizayinikela impilo yomhlaba. (aiōn g165) **52** AmaJuda asephikisana esithi: Lo angasinika njani inyama yakhe siyidle? **53** Ngakho uJesu wathi kuwo: Ngqiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Ngaphandle kokuthi lidle inyama yeNdodana yomuntu linathe igazi layo, kalilampilo phakathi kwenu. **54** Odla inyama yami anathe igazi lami, ulempilo elaphakade, njalo mina ngizamvusa ngosuku lokucina. (aiōnios g166) **55** Ngoba inyama yami iyikudla oqotho, legazi lami lingokunathwayo oqotho. **56** Odla inyama yami anathe igazi lami, uhlala kimi, lami kuye. **57** Njengalokhu uBaba ophilayo engithumile, lami ngiphila ngoBaba; ngakho ongidlayo, laye uzaphila ngami. **58** Lesi yisinkwa esehla sivela ezulwini; akunjengaboyihlo abadla imana, sebafa; odla lesisinkwa, uzaphila okulaphakade. (aiōn g165) **59** Watsho lezizinto esinagogeni efundisa eKapenawume. **60** Kwathi abanengi kubafundi bakhe besizwa bathi: Lilukhuni lelilizwi; ngubani ongalizwa? **61** Kodwa uJesu esazi phakathi kwakhe ukuthi abafundi bakhe bayasola ngalokhu, wathi kubo: Lokhu kuyalikhuba

yini? **62** Pho, lizathini uba libona iNdodana yomuntu isenyukela lapho eyayikhona kuqala? **63** KunguMoya ophilisayo, inyama kayisizi lutho; amazwi mina engiwakhuluma kini, angumoya njalo ayimpilo. **64** Kodwa bakhona abanye kini abangakhulwayo. Ngoba uJesu wayekwazi kusukela ekuqaleni, ukuthi ngobani abangakhulwayo, lokuthi ngubani ozamnikela. **65** Wasesithi: Kungenxa yalokhu ngithe kini: Kakho ongeza kimi, ngaphandle kokuthi ekunikwe nguBaba. **66** Kusukela lapho abanengi babafundi bakhe babuyela emuva, kababe besahamba laye. **67** UJesu wasesithi kwabalitshumi lambili: Lani lithanda ukuzihambela yini? **68** USimoni Petro wasemphendula wathi: Nkosi, sizakuya kubani? Amazwi empilo elaphakade akuwe, (aiōnios g166) **69** njalo thina siyakholwa, sesisazi ukuthi wena unguKristu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu ophilayo. **70** UJesu wabaphendula wathi: Mina kangilikhethanga yini lina abalitshumi lambili, kodwa omunye wenu ungudiyabhola? **71** Wayekhuluma ngoJudasi Iskariyothi kaSimoni; ngoba nguye owayezamnikela, engomunye wabalitshumi lambili.

7 Njalo emva kwalezizinto uJesu wayehamba eGalili; ngoba wayengathandi ukuhamba eJudiya, ngenxa yokuthi amaJuda ayedinga ukumbulala. **2** Wawusondele umkhosi wamaJuda wokwakha amadumba. **3** Ngakho abafowabo bathi kuye: Suka lapha, uye eJudiya, ukuze labafundi bakho babone imisebenzi yakho oyenzayo. **4** Ngoba kakho owenza ulutho ensitha, kodwa yena ngokwakhe edinga ukuba sobala. Uba uzenza lezizinto, ziveze wena emhlabeni. **5** Ngoba labafowabo babengakhulwa kuye. **6** Ngakho uJesu wathi kubo: Isikhathi sami kasikafiki, kodwa esenu isikhathi sihlala silungile. **7** Ungelizonde umhlaba lina; kodwa uyangizonda, ngoba mina ngifakaza ngawo, ukuthi imisebenzi yawo mibi. **8** Yenyukelani lina emkhosini lo; mina angikenyukeli kulumkhosi, ngoba isikhathi sami kasikagcwaleseki. **9** Esetshilo lezizinto kubo, wahlala eGalili. **10** Kodwa sebenyukile abafowabo, laye wasesenyukela emkhosini, kungeyisikho obala, kodwa kungathi kusensitha. **11** AmaJuda asemdinga emkhosini, athi: Ungaphi yena? **12** Kwakukhona ukukhonona okukhulu ngaye phakathi kwamaxuku; abanye bathi: Ulungile. Kodwa abanye bathi: Hatshi, kodwa uyaliduhisa ixuku. **13** Loba kunjalo

kwakungekho muntu owakhuluma obala ngaye ngokwesaba amaJuda. 14 Kuthe sekuphakathi komkhosi, uJesu wenyukela ethempelini, wafundisa. 15 AmaJuda asemangala athi: Lo uyazi njani imibhalo, engafundanga? 16 UJesu wawaphendula wathi: Imfundiso yami kayisiyo eyami kodwa ngeyalowo ongithumileyo. 17 Uba umuntu ethanda ukwenza intando yakhe, uzakwazi ngemfundiso, ukuthi ivela kuNkulunkulu, kumbe ngizikhuluma mina ngokwami. 18 Ozikhuluma ngokwakhe, uzidingela udumo lwakhe; kodwa odinga udumo lwalowo omthumileyo, lowo uqinisele, njalo kakukho ukungalingi kuye. 19 Kalinikanga yini uMozisi umlayo, kanti kakho kini ogcina umlayo? Lidingelani ukungibulala? 20 Ixuku laphendula lathi: Uledimoni; ngubani odinga ukukubulala? 21 UJesu waphendula wathi kubo: Ngenze umsebenzi owodwa, njalo lonke liyamangala. 22 Ngakho uMozisi walinika ukusoka (kungethisikho ukuthi kwavela kuMozisi, kodwa kubobaba), njalo liyamsoka umuntu langesabatha. 23 Uba ngesabatha umuntu esemukela ukusoka, ukuze kungephulwa umlayo kaMozisi, lingithukuthelela ngoba ngaphilisa umuntu ngokupheleleyo ngesabatha yini? 24 Lingahluleli ngokubona, kodwa yahlulelani ukwahlulela okuqondileyo. 25 Abanye kwabeJerusalema basebesithi: Lo kayisuye yini abadinga ukumbulala? 26 Kodwa khangela ukhuluma obala, kodwa kabatsho lutho kuye. Kungaba yikuthi ababusi sebesazi oqotho ukuthi lo unguKristu uqobo yini? 27 Kodwa lo siyazi lapho avela khona; kodwa uKristu nxa efika, kakho ozakwazi lapho avela khona. 28 Ngakho uJesu efundisa ethempelini wamemeza wathi: Lami liyangazi, liyakwazi lalapho engivela khona; njalo kangizizelanga ngokwami, kodwa ongithumileyo uqinisele, elingamaziyo lina. 29 Kodwa ngiyamazi mina, ngoba ngivela kuye, njalo yena ungithumile. 30 Ngakho badinga ukumbamba, kodwa kakubanga khona owabeka isandla phezu kwakhe, ngoba ihola lakhe lalingakafiki. 31 Kodwa abanengi bexuku bakholwa kuye, bathi: Nxa uKristu esefikile, uzakwenza yini izibonakaliso ezinengi kulalezi azenzileyo lo? 32 AbaFarisi bezwa ixuku likhonona lezizinto ngaye; abapristi abakhulu labaFarisi basebethuma abancedisi ukuze bambambe. 33 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngiselani okwesikhatshana, besengihamba ngiye kongithumileyo. 34 Lizangidinga, lingangitholi, lalapho

mina engikhona, lina lingeze leza. 35 Ngakho amaJuda akhulumisana athi: Uzakuya ngaphi lo ukuthi thina singayikumthola? Kayikuya yini kwabahlakazekileyo bamaGriki, afundise amaGriki? 36 Yilizwi bani leli alitshoyo elokuthi: Lizangidinga, aliyikungithola; lellokuthi: Lapho engikhona mina, lina lingeze leza? 37 Kwathi ngosuku lokucina olukhulu lomkhosi uJesu wema wamemeza, esithi: Uba ekhona owomileyo, keze kimi anathe. 38 Okholwa kimi, njengokutsho kombhalo, kuzageleza kuphuma esiswini sakhe imifula yamanzi aphilayo. 39 Lalokhu wakutsho ngoMoya ababezamemukela abakholwa kuye; ngoba uMoya oNgcwele wayengakafiki, lokhu uJesu wayengakadunyiswa. 40 Ngakho abanengi bexuku besizwa lelilizwi bathi: Oqotho lo ungulowomProfethi. 41 Abanye bathi: Lo unguKristu. Kodwa abanye bathi: Kambe uKristu uzavela eGalili? 42 Kawutsho yini umbhalo ukuthi uKristu uzavela enzalweni kaDavida, leBhethelhehema, emzaneni lapho uDavida ayekhona? 43 Ngakho kwaba khona ukwehlukana ngaye phakathi kwexuku. 44 Abanye babo bafuna ukumbamba, kodwa kakubanga khona owambeka izandla. 45 Khona abancedisi baya kubapristi abakhulu lakubaFarisi; bona basebesithi kubo: Kungani lingamlethanga? 46 Abancedisi baphendula bathi: Kakuzange kukhulume umuntu kanje, njengalumuntu. 47 AbaFarisi basebebaphendula bathi: Lani seliduhisiwe yini? 48 Ukhona yini kubabusi kumbe kubaFarisi okholwe kuye? 49 Kodwa lelixuku elingawaziyo umlayo liqalekisiwe. 50 UNikodima, lowo oweza kuye ebusuku, owayengomunye wabo, wathi kubo: 51 Kanti umlayo wakithi uyamgweba umuntu, ngaphandle kokuthi umuzwe kuqala ukwazi akwenzayo? 52 Baphendula bathi kuye: Kanti lawe ungoweGalili? Hlolisisa ubone ukuthi kakuvukanga umprofethi eGalili. 53 Ngulowo lalowo wasesuka waya ekhaya.

8 Kodwa uJesu waya entabeni yeMihlwathi. 2 Kwathi ekuseni kakhulu wabuya weza ethempelini, isizwe sonke sasesisiza kuye; wasehlala phansi wabafundisa. 3 Ababhali labaFarisi basebeletha kuye owesifazana owayebanjwe efeba, bammisa phakathi, 4 bathi kuye: Mfundisi, lo owesifazana ubanjwe eseqotsheni lokuphinga; 5 lemlayweni uMozisi wasilaya ukuthi abanje bakhandwe ngamatshe; ngakho wena uthini? 6 Kodwa batsho lokhu bemlinga, ukuze bazuze okokummangalela ngakho. Kodwa

uJesu ekhothamela phansi, wabhala emhlabathini ngomunwe, wenza angathi kabezwa. 7 Kwathi bephikelela ukumbuza, walulama wathi kubo: Ongelasono phakathi kwenu, kaqale ukumjikijela ngelitshe. 8 Wasebuya ekhothamela phansi wabhala emhlabathini. 9 Kodwa bona, bekuzwa, balahlwa yisazela sabo, baphuma ngamunye ngamunye kuqala komdala kwaze kwaba kowokucina; uJesu wasesala yedwa, lowesifazana emi phakathi. 10 UJesu waseselulama, engaboni muntu ngaphandle kowesifazana, wathi kuye: Mama, bangaphi labo abakumangalelayo? Kakho okulahlayo yini? 11 Wasesithi: Kakho, Nkosi. UJesu wasesithi kuye: Lami kangikulahli; hamba ungabe usona futhi. 12 Ngakho uJesu wakhuluma labo futhi wathi: Mina ngiyikukhanya komhlaba; ongilandelayo, kasoze ahambe emnyameni, kodwa uzakuba lokukhanya kwempilo. 13 Ngakho abaFarisi bathi kuye: Wena uyazifakazela; ubufakazi bakho kabulaqiniso. 14 UJesu waphendula wathi kubo: Lanxa ngizifakazela mina, buqinisele ubufakazi bami; ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi ngivela ngaphi, lokuthi ngiya ngaphi; kodwa lina kalazi ukuthi ngivela ngaphi, lokuthi ngiya ngaphi. 15 Lina lahlulela ngokwenyama; mina kangahluleli muntu. 16 Kodwa uba lami ngisahlulela, ukwahlulela kwami kuqinisele; ngoba kangingedwa, kodwa yimi loBaba ongithumileyo. 17 Njalo emlayweni wenu kulotshiwe ukuthi ubufakazi babantu ababili bungobuqiniseleyo. 18 Mina ngingozifakazelayo, loBaba ongithumileyo ufakaza ngami. 19 Ngakho bathi kuye: Ungaphi uYihlo? UJesu waphendula wathi: Kalingazi mina, loba uBaba. Uba belingazi mina, laye uBaba belizamazi. 20 UJesu wakhuluma la amazwi ngasesitsheni somnikelo, efundisa ethempelini; futhi kakho owambambayo, ngoba ihola lakhe lalingakafiki. 21 Ngakho uJesu wathi kubo futhi: Ngiyahamba mina, njalo lizangidinga, njalo lizafela esonweni senu; lapho engiya khona mina, lingeze leza lina. 22 Ngakho amaJuda athi: Uzazibulala yini? Ngoba uthi: Lapho engiya khona mina, lingeze leza khona lina. 23 Wasesithi kuwo: Lina livela phansi, mina ngivela phezulu; lina lingabomhlaba lo, mina kangisuye owalumhlaba. 24 Ngakho ngithe kini, lizafela ezonweni zenu; ngoba uba lingakholwa ukuthi nginguye, lizafela ezonweni zenu. 25 Ngakho athi kuye: Wena ungubani? UJesu wasesithi kuwo: Lokho engalitshela khona futhi ekuqaleni.

26 Ngilezinto ezinengi engilokuzikhuluma ngani lokwahlulela ngazo; kodwa ongithumileyo uqinisele, lezinto engizizwe kuye lezi ngizikhuluma emhlabeni. 27 Kawaqedisisanga ukuthi ukhuluma lawo ngoYise. 28 Ngakho uJesu wathi kuwo: Nxa seliyiphakamisile iNdodana yomuntu, khona lizakwazi ukuthi nginguye, njalo kangizenzeli lutho ngokwami, kodwa ngikhuluma lezizinto njengalokhu uBaba engifundisile; 29 njalo yena ongithumileyo ulami; uBaba kangitshiyanga ngedwa, ngoba mina ngihlala ngisenza lezizinto ezimthokoziwayo yena. 30 Esakhuluma lezizinto abanengi bakholwa kuye. 31 Ngakho uJesu wathi kumaJuda akholwe kuye: Uba lina lihlala elizwini lami, lingabafundi bami oqotho; 32 lizalazi iqiniso, leqiniso lizalikhulula. 33 Amphendula athi: Siyinzalo kaAbrahama, kasizanga sibe yizigqili zamuntu; wena utsho njani ukuthi: Lizakuba ngabakhululekileyo? 34 UJesu wawaphendula wathi: Ngiqinisele, ngiqinisele, ngithi kini: Wonke owenza isono uyisigqili sesono. 35 Njalo isigqili kasihlali phakade ekhaya; indodana ihlala phakade. (aiōn g165) 36 Ngakho uba iNdodana ilikhulula, lizakuba ngabakhululekileyo oqotho. 37 Ngiyazi ukuthi liyinzalo kaAbrahama; kodwa lidinga ukungibulala, ngoba ilizwi lami kalilandawo kini. 38 Mina ngikhuluma lokho engikubonileyo kuBaba; lani-ke lenza lokho elikubonileyo kuyihlo. 39 Aphendula athi kuye: Ubaba wethu nguAbrahama. UJesu wathi kuwo: Uba belingabantwana bakaAbrahama, belizakwenza imisebenzi kaAbrahama. 40 Kodwa khathesi lidinga ukungibulala, umuntu olitshela iqiniso, engilizwe kuNkulunkulu; lokho uAbrahama kakwenzanga. 41 Lina lenza imisebenzi kayihlo. Ngakho athi kuye: Kasizalwanga ngobufefe thina; siloBaba munye, uNkulunkulu. 42 UJesu wathi kuwo: Uba uNkulunkulu ubenguYihlo, belizangithanda; ngoba mina ngiphume ngivela kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kangizizelanga ngokwami, kodwa yena ungithumile. 43 Kungani lingaqedisisi inkulumo yami? Ngoba lingeke lilizwe ilizwi lami. 44 Lina lingabakayihlo udiyabhola, lithanda ukwenza inkuluko zikayihlo. Yena wayengumbulali kusukela ekuqaleni, njalo kemi eqinisweni, ngoba iqiniso kalikho kuye. Nxa eqamba amanga, ukhuluma ngokwakhe; ngoba engumqambimanga loyise wawo. 45 Mina-ke ngoba ngikhuluma iqiniso, kalingikhulwa. 46 Nguwuphi kini ngilahla ngesono? Njalo uba ngilitshela iqiniso, lina

kalingikholwa ngani? 47 Yena ongokaNkulunkulu uyawezwa amazwi kaNkulunkulu; kungakho lina lingezwa, ngoba kalisibo abakaNkulunkulu. 48 Ngakho amaJuda aphenndula athi kuye: Kasitsho kuhle yini thina ukuthi wena ungumSamariya, lokuthi uledimoni? 49 UJesu waphendula wathi: Mina kangiladimoni, kodwa ngiyadumisa uBaba; kodwa lina liyangigcona. 50 Mina-ke kangizidingeli udumo lwami; ukhona odingayo lowahlulelayo. 51 Ngqiqinile, ngiqinile, ngithi kini: Uba umuntu elondoloza ilizwi lami, kasoze abone ukufa laphakade. (aiōn g165) 52 Ngakho amaJuda athi kuye: Khathesi sesisazi ukuthi uledimoni; uAbrahama wafa, labaprofethi, kodwa wena uthi: Uba umuntu elondoloza ilizwi lami, kasoze ezwe ukufa laphakade. (aiōn g165) 53 Wena umkhulu yini kulobaba wethu uAbrahama, owafayo? Labaprofethi bafa; uzenza bani wena? 54 UJesu waphendula wathi: Uba ngizidumisa mina, udumo lwami luyize; nguBaba ongidumisayo, elitsho ngaye lina ukuthi unguNkulunkulu wenu, 55 njalo kalimazanga; kodwa mina ngiyamazi, njalo uba ngisithi kangimazi, ngizakuba ngumqambi wamanga njengani; kodwa ngiyamazi, ngiyalilondoloza ilizwi lakhe. 56 Uyihlo uAbrahama wababula kakhulu ukubona usuku lwami, njalo walubona wathokoza. 57 Ngakho amaJuda athi kuye: Kawukabi leminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu, njalo wena wabona uAbrahama yini? 58 UJesu wathi kuwo: Ngqiqinile, ngiqinile, ngithi kini: UAbrahama engakabi khona, mina ngikhona. 59 Asedobha amatshe ukuze amjikijele; kodwa uJesu wacatsha, waphuma ethempelini, edabula phakathi kwawo; wadlula ngokunjalo.

9 Wathi esedlula wabona umuntu oyisiphofu kusukela ekuzalweni. 2 Abafundi bakhe basebembuza bathi: Rabi, ngubani owonayo, lo kumbe abazali bakhe, aze azalwe eyisiphofu? 3 UJesu waphendula wathi: Konanga lo loba abazali bakhe; kodwa ukuze kubonakaliswe imisebenzi kaNkulunkulu kuye. 4 Kufanele ngisebenze imisebenzi yongithumileyo kusesemini; ubusuku buyeza, lapho okungekho olakho ukusebenza khona. 5 Ngisekhona emhlabeni, ngiyikukhanya komhlaba. 6 Esetshilo lezizinto, wakhafulela emhlabathini, wenza udaka ngamathe, waninda loludaka emehlweni esiphofu, 7 wasesithi kuso: Hamba uyegeza echibini leSilowama (okuphendulelwa ngokuthi, oThunyiwewo). Ngakho

sahamba sageza, sabuya sesibona. 8 Ngakho abakhelene laso lalabo ababesibonile ngaphambili ukuthi sasiyisiphofu, bathi: Kayisuye yini lo owayehlezi ephanza? 9 Abanye bathi: Lo nguyeyi; kodwa abanye bathi: Unjengaye. Yena wathi: Nginguye. 10 Ngakho bathi kuye: Avulwe njani amehlo akho? 11 Yena waphendula wathi: Umuntu othiwa nguJesu wenze udaka, waninda amehlo ami, wathi kimi: Hamba uye echibini leSilowama, ugeze. Njalo ngahamba ngageza, ngabuye ngabona. 12 Ngakho bathi kuye: Ungaphi yena? Wathi: Kangazi. 13 Basebemletha kubaFarisi, lowo owayekade eyisiphofu. 14 Njalo kwakulisabatha mhla uJesu esenza udaka, evula amehlo akhe. 15 AbaFarisi labo basebembuza futhi, ukuthi wemukele njani ukubona. Wasesithi kubo: Ufake udaka emehlweni ami, ngasengigeza, sengibona. 16 Ngakho abanye babaFarisi bathi: Lumuntu kaveli kuNkulunkulu, ngoba kagcini isabatha. Abanye bathi: Umuntu oyisoni angazenza njani izibonakaliso ezinje? Kwasekusiba khona ukwehlukana phakathi kwabo. 17 Baphinda bathi kuso isiphofu: Wena uthini ngaye, lokhu evule amehlo akho? Wasesithi: Ungumprofethi. 18 AmaJuda-ke kawakhohlwanga ngaye, ukuthi wayeyisiphofu usemukele ukubona, aze abiza abazali bakhe osebuye wabona, 19 asebabuza athi: Lo uyindodana yenu, lina elithi yazalwa iyisiphofu yini? Pho isibona njani khathesi? 20 Abazali bakhe bawaphendula bathi: Siyazi ukuthi lo uyindodana yethu, lokuthi wazalwa eyisiphofu; 21 kodwa ukuthi ubona njani khathesi, kasikwazi; kumbe ngubani ovule amehlo akhe, thina kasikwazi; yena usekhulile; mbuzeni, uzazikhulumelela yena. 22 Abazali bakhe batsho lezizinto, ngoba besesaba amaJuda; ngoba amaJuda ayesevumelene ngokuthi, uba loba engubani ovuma ukuthi unguKristu, kakhutshwe esinagogeni. 23 Kungakho abazali bakhe bathi: Usekhulile, mbuzeni. 24 Ambiza-ke ngokwesibili lowomuntu owayeyisiphofu, athi kuye: Phana uNkulunkulu udumo; thina siyazi ukuthi lowomuntu uyisoni. 25 Yena wasephendula esithi: Loba eyisoni kangazi, kunye engikwaziyo, ukuthi bengiyisiphofu, khathesi sengibona. 26 Asesithi kuye futhi: Wenzeni kuwe? Uwavule njani amehlo akho? 27 Wawaphendula wathi: Sengilitshelile, kodwa kalizwanga, lifunelani ukuzwa futhi? Liyafisa lani ukuba ngabafundi bakhe yini? 28 Ngakho amthuka, esithi: Nguwe ongumfundi wakhe; kodwa

thina singabafundi bakaMozisi. **29** Thina siyazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu wakhuluma loMozisi; kodwa lo kasimazi lapho avela khona. **30** Umuntu waphendula wathi kuwo: Ngoba kulokhu kuyisimanga ukuthi lina kalimazi lapho avela khona, kanti uvule amehlo ami. **31** Njalo siyazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu kazizwa izoni; kodwa uba umuntu engokhonza uNkulunkulu, esenza intando yakhe, uyamuzwa lowo. **32** Loba nini kakukaze kuzwakale ukuthi kukhona owavula amehlo owawalwa eyisiphofu. (aiōn g165) **33** Uba lo ubengaveli kuNkulunkulu, ubengebe lamandla okwenza ulutho. **34** Aphenndula athi kuye: Wena wazalelwa esonweni ngokupheleleyo, njalo wena uyasifundisa yini? Asemxotshela phandle. **35** UJesu wezwa ukuthi amxotshela phandle; kwathi esemficile, wathi kuye: Wena uyakholwa yini eNdodaneni kaNkulunkulu? **36** Yena waphendula wathi: Ingubani, Nkosi, ukuze ngikhohle kuyo? **37** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Lawe usuyibonile, njalo okhuluma lawe uyoyi. **38** Wasesithi: Nkosi, ngiyakholwa; wasemkhonza. **39** UJesu wasesithi: Mina ngizele ukwahlulela kulumhlaba, ukuze abangaboniyo babone, lalabo ababonayo babe yiziphofu. **40** Lalabo kubaFarisi ababelaye bezwa lezizinto, bathi kuye: Lathi siyiziphofu yini? **41** UJesu wathi kubo: Uba beliyiziphofu, ngabe kalilasono. Kodwa khathezi lithi: Siyabona; ngakho isono senu simi.

10 Ngqiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Ongangeni ngesango esibayeni sezimvu, kodwa akhwele kwenye indawo, lowo ulisela lomphangi; **2** kodwa ongena ngesango ungumelusi wezimvu. **3** Umlindi wesango uyamvulela, lezimvu ziyalizwa ilizwi lakhe, njalo uyazibiza ezakhe izimvu ngamabizo, azikhokhelele phandle. **4** Nxa esezikhuphile ezakhe izimvu, uhamba phambi kwazo; lezimvu zimlandele, ngoba ziyalazi ilizwi lakhe. **5** Kodwa owemzini kazisoze zimlandele, kodwa zizambalekela; ngoba kazilazi ilizwi labemzini. **6** UJesu wakhuluma lumfanekiso kubo; kodwa bona kabaqedisisanga ukuthi ziyini izinto azitshoyo kubo. **7** Ngakho uJesu waphinda wathi kubo: Ngqiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Mina ngilisango lezimvu; **8** bonke abake bafika phambi kwami bangamasela labaphangi; kodwa izimvu kazibezwanga. **9** Mina ngilisango; uba umuntu engena ngami, uzasindiswa, angene aphume, athole idlelo. **10** Isela kalizi ngaphandle kokuzakweba

lokubulala lokubhubhisa; mina ngizile ukuze babe lempilo, babe layo iphuphume. **11** Mina ngingumelusi olungileyo. Umelusi olungileyo uzibekela phansi izimvu impilo yakhe. **12** Kodwa oqhathshiweyo, engesuye umelusi, izimvu zingesizo ezakhe, ubona impisi isiza, atshiye izimvu, abaleke; kuthi impisi izibambe, izichithachithe izimvu. **13** Oqhathshiweyo uyabaleka-ke, ngoba engoqhathshiweyo, njalo engazikhathaleli izimvu. **14** Mina ngingumelusi olungileyo, ngiyazazi ezami, ngiyaziwa ngezami, **15** njengalokhu uBaba engazi, lami ngiyamazi uBaba; ngizibekela phansi izimvu impilo yami. **16** Njalo ngilezinye izimvu, ezingesizo zalesisibaya; lazo kumele ngizilethe, njalo zizakuzwa ilizwi lami; njalo kube mhlambi munye, melusi munye. **17** Ngenxa yalokhu uBaba uyangithanda, ngoba mina ngibeka phansi impilo yami, ukuze ngibuye ngiyithathe. **18** Kakho ongemuka yona, kodwa mina ngiyibeka phansi ngokwami. Ngilamandla okuyibeka phansi, njalo ngilamandla okubuya ngiyithathe. Lumlayo ngiwemukele kuBaba. **19** Ngakho kwaba khona futhi ukwehlukana phakathi kwamaJuda ngenxa yalamazwi. **20** Labanengi bawo bathi: Uledimoni futhi uyahlanya; limlalelelani? **21** Amanye athi: Lamazwi kawasiwo wongenwe lidimoni; kambe idimoni lingavula amehlo eziphofu yini? **22** Kwakukhona umkhosi wokuvuselela eJerusalem, kwakusebusika; **23** uJesu wasehambahamba ethempelini ekhulusini likaSolomoni. **24** AmaJuda asemhanqa, athi kuye: Koze kube nini usilibazisa? Uba wena unguKristu, sithele ngokucacileyo. **25** UJesu wawaphendula wathi: Ngalitshela, kodwa kalikholwanga; imisebenzi mina engiyenza ebizweni likaBaba, yiyo engifakazelayo; **26** kodwa lina kalikholwa; ngoba kalisibo abezimvu zami, njengokutsho kwami kini. **27** Izimvu zami ziyalizwa ilizwi lami, lami ngiyazazi, futhi ziyangilandela; **28** njalo mina ngizininika impilo elaphakade; futhi kazisoze zabhubha laphakade, njalo kungekho ozazihluthuna esandleni sami. (aiōn g165, aiōnios g166) **29** UBaba ozinike mina, mkhulu kulabo bonke; kungekho njalo ongazihluthuna esandleni sikaBaba. **30** Mina loBaba simunye. **31** Ngakho amaJuda aphinda athatha amatshe ukuze amkhande ngawo. **32** UJesu wawaphendula wathi: Ngilitshengise imisebenzi emineni emihle evela kuBaba; yiwuphi umsebenzi kuyo elingikhandela wona ngamatshe?

33 AmaJuda amphendula athi: Kasikukhandi ngamatshe ngenxa yomsebenzi omuhle, kodwa ngenxa yenhamba, langokuthi wena ungumuntu uzenza uNkulunkulu. 34 UJesu wawaphendula wathi: Kakulotshiwe yini emlayweni wenu ukuthi: Mina ngathi: Lingonkulunkulu? 35 Uba wababiza bona ngokuthi ngonkulunkulu, eleza kubo ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, njalo umbhalo ungephulwe, 36 lowo uBaba amehlukanisileyo wamthuma emhlabeni, kanti lina lithi: Uyahlambaza, ngoba ngithe: NgayiNdodana kaNkulunkulu? 37 Uba ngingenzi imisebenzi kaBaba, kalingakholwa kimi. 38 Kodwa uba ngiyenza, lanxa lingakholwa kimi, kholwani imisebenzi; ukuze lazi likholwe ukuthi uBaba ukimi, lami ngikuye. 39 Ngakho adinga futhi ukumbamba; kodwa waphunyuka esandleni sabo. 40 Wasebuya wasuka waya ngaphetsheya kweJordan kundawo lapho uJohane ayebhabhathiza khona kuqala; wasehlala khona. 41 Labanengi beza kuye, bathi: UJohane kenzanga sibonakaliso; kodwa konke uJohane akutsho ngalo, kwakuliqiniso. 42 Abanengi basebekholwa kuye lapho.

11 Kwakukhona-ke othile owayegula othiwa nguLazaro weBethani, emzaneni kaMariya loMarta udadewabo. 2 Kwakunguye uMariya owagcoba iNkosi ngamagcobo, wesula inyawo zayo ngenwele zakhe, omnewabo uLazaro wayegula. 3 Ngakho odadewabo bathumela kuye besithi: Nkosi, khangela lowo omthandayo uyagula. 4 UJesu esezwile wathi: Lokhu ukugula kakusikho okokufa, kodwa kungokodumo lukaNkulunkulu ukuze iNdodana kaNkulunkulu idunyiswe ngakho. 5 UJesu wayebathanda-ke oMarta lodadewabo loLazaro. 6 Ngakho esezwile ukuthi uyagula, wasehlala insuku ezimbili endaweni lapho ayekhona. 7 Emva kwalokhu wasesithi kubafundi: Asiphinde siye eJudiya. 8 Abafundi bathi kuye: Rabi, amaJuda asanda ukudinga ukukukhanda ngamatshe, njalo uya khona futhi yini? 9 UJesu waphendula wathi: Kawakho amahola alitshumi lambili emini yini? Nxa umuntu ehamba emini, kakhubeki, ngoba uyabona ukukhanya kwalumhlaba. 10 Kodwa uba umuntu ehamba ebusuku, uyakhubeka, ngoba ukukhanya kakukho kuye. 11 Wakhuluma lezizinto, emva kwalokhu wasesithi kubo: Umngane wethu uLazaro uselele; kodwa ngiyahamba ukuze ngimvuse ebuthongweni. 12 Ngakho abafundi bakhe

bathi kuye: Nkosi, uba elele, uzaphila. 13 Kodwa uJesu wakhuluma ngokufa kwakhe; kodwa bona bacabanga ukuthi wakhuluma ngokuphumula kobuthongo. 14 Ngakho uJesu wasebatshela ngokucacileyo: ULazaro ufile. 15 Njalo ngiyathokoza ngenxa yenu ukuthi bengingekho lapho, ukuze likholwe; kodwa asiye kuye. 16 Ngakho uTomasi, othiwa nguDidimusi, wathi kubafundi kanye laye: Asihambeni lathi, ukuze sife kanye laye. 17 Kwathi esefika uJesu, wamfika eselensuku ezine engcwabeni. 18 LeBethani yayiseduze leJerusalema, okungaba ngamastadiyu alitshumi lanhlano ukusuka lapho; 19 labanengi kumaJuda babefikile kuMarta loMariya, ukuze babaduduze ngomnewabo. 20 Ngakho uMarta, esezwile ukuthi uJesu uyeza, wayamhlangabeza; kodwa uMariya wahlala endlini. 21 UMarta wasesithi kuJesu: Nkosi, aluba ubukhona lapha, umnewethu ngabe kafanga; 22 kodwa lakhathesi ngiyazi ukuthi loba yini ongayicela kuNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uzakunika yona. 23 UJesu wathi kuye: Umnewenu uzabuya avuke. 24 UMarta wathi kuye: Ngiyazi ukuthi uzabuya avuke ekuvukeni ngosuku lokucina. 25 UJesu wathi kuye: Mina ngiyikuvuka lempilo; okholwa kimi, loba esefile, uzaphila; 26 njalo wonke ophilayo ekholwa kimi, kasoze afe laphakade. Uyakukholwa lokhu yini? (aiōn g165) 27 Wathi kuye: Yebo, Nkosi; mina ngiyakholwa ukuthi wena ungukristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, obezakuba emhlabeni. 28 Esetshilo lokhu uMarta wasuka, wayabiza udadewabo uMariya ensitha, wathi: UMfundisi ulapha uyakubiza. 29 Yena-ke esezwile lokhu, wahle wasukuma waya kuye. 30 Kodwa uJesu wayengakafiki emzaneni, kodwa wayesendaweni lapho uMarta amhlangabeza khona. 31 Ngakho amaJuda ayesendlini laye emduduzi, ebona uMariya ukuthi wasukuma ngokuphangisa ephuma, amlandela, esithi: Uya engcwabeni, ukuze akhale khona. 32 Kwathi uMariya, esefike lapho uJesu akhona, embona, wawela enyaweni zakhe, esithi kuye: Nkosi, ngabe ubukhona lapha, umnewethu ngabe kafanga. 33 Ngakho uJesu wathi embona ekhala, lamaJuda afika laye ekhala, wabubula emoyeni, wazikhathaza, 34 wathi: Limbeke ngaphi? Bathi kuye: Nkosi, woza ubone. 35 UJesu walila. 36 Ngakho amaJuda athi: Khangelani ukuthi ubemthanda njani. 37 Kodwa amanye awo athi: Lo, owavula amehlo esiphofu, ubengekwenze yini ukuthi lalo

angafi? **38** Ngakho uJesu ebubula futhi phakathi kwakhe wafika engcwabeni. Njalo lalilubhalu, lelitshe libekwe phezu kwalo. **39** UJesu wathi: Susani ilitshe. UMarta udadewabo wofileyo wathi kuye: Nkosi, usenuka; ngoba uselensuku ezine. **40** UJesu wathi kuye: Kangitshongo yini kuwe, ukuthi uba ukholwa, uzabona inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu? **41** Balisusa-ke ilitshe, lapho okwakulele khona ofileyo. UJesu wasephakamisela amehlo akhe phezulu, wathi: Baba, ngiyakubonga ngoba wena ungizwile. **42** Kodwa mina bengisazi ukuthi uyangizwa njalonjalo; kodwa ngenxa yexuku elingiphahlileyo ngitshilo lokhu, ukuze bakholwe ukuthi ungingumile. **43** Esetshilo lezizinto, wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu wathi: Lazaro, phuma! **44** Wasephuma owayefile, ebotsiwe inyawo lezandla ngamalembu okuthandela isidumbu, lobuso bakhe bugoqelwe ngeqhiye. UJesu wathi kubo: Mthukululeni, limyekele ahambe. **45** Ngakho abanengi kumaJuda, ababeze kuMariya bebona izinto azenzileyo uJesu, bakholwa kuye. **46** Kodwa abanye babo baya kubaFarisi, babatshela izinto azenzileyo uJesu. **47** Ngakho abapristi abakhulu labaFarisi baqoqa umphakathi, bathi: Sizakwenzani? Ngoba umuntu lo wenza izibonakaliso ezinengi; **48** uba simyekele njalo, bonke bazakholwa kuye; amaRoma asezakuza athathe lindawo lesizwe sakithi. **49** Kodwa omunye wabo, uKayafasi, owayengumpristi omkhulu ngalowomnyaka, wathi kubo: Kalazi lutho lina, **50** futhi kalinakani ukuthi kusilungele ukuthi umuntu oyedwa afele abantu, lokuthi isizwe sonke singabhubhi. **51** Kodwa kazitsholongo lokhu ngokwakhe, kodwa engumpristi omkhulu ngalowomnyaka, waprofetha ukuthi uJesu uzafela lesosizwe, **52** njalo kungabi yisizwe kuphela, kodwa ukuze abuthele ndawonye labantwana bakaNkulunkulu abahlakazekileyo babe munye. **53** Ngakho kusukela kulolosuku benza ndawonye icebo ukuze bambulale. **54** Ngakho uJesu kabesahamba obala phakathi kwamaJuda, kodwa wasuka lapho waya elizweni eliseduze lenkangala, emzini othiwa yiEfrayimi, wasehlala khona labafundi bakhe. **55** Laselisondele iphasika lamaJuda; labanengi abavela emaphandleni benyukela eJerusalema lingakafiki iphasika, ukuze bazihlambulule. **56** Ngakho bamdinga uJesu, bekhumulisana bemi ethempelini besithi: Licabangani? Lithi isibili kayikuza emkhosini yini? **57** Kodwa bonke abapristi abakhulu labaFarisi

babekhuphe umlayo wokuthi uba ekhona owaziyo lapho akhona, akubike ukuze bambambe.

12 Kwathi kuselensuku eziyisithupha lingakafiki iphasika, uJesu wafika eBethani, lapho okwakuloLazaro khona owayefile, ayemvuse kwabafileyo. **2** Basebemenzela ukudla kwantambama lapho, loMarta wayesebenza; njalo uLazaro wayengomunye walabo ababehlezi ekudleni laye. **3** UMariya wasethatha iphawundi yamagcobo awenadi uqobo adulayo, wagcoba inyawo zikaJesu, wesula inyawo zakhe ngenwele zakhe; lendlu yagcwala iphunga lamagcobo. **4** Ngakho omunye wabafundi bakhe, uJudasi Iskariyothi kaSimoni, owayezamnikela, wathi: **5** Kungani amafutha la engathengiswanga ngabodenariyo abangamakhulu amathathu, kwasekunikwa abayanga? **6** Wakutshoke lokhu, kungeyisikho ukuthi ekhathalele abayanga, kodwa ngoba wayelisela, wayelesikhwama, ethwala okwakufakwa phakathi kwaso. **7** UJesu wasesithi: Myekeleni; uwalondolozele usuku lokungcwatshwa kwami. **8** Ngoba abayanga lihlala lilabo, kodwa mina kalihlali lilami. **9** Ngakho ixuku elikhulu lamaJuda lakwazi ukuthi ulapho; laselisiza kungesikuthi ngenxa kaJesu kuphela, kodwa lokuthi babone loLazaro, ayemvuse kwabafileyo. **10** Abapristi abakhulu basebesenza icebo lokuthi babulale loLazaro; **11** ngoba ngenxa yakhe amaJuda amanengi asuka, akholwa kuJesu. **12** Kusisa ixuku elikhulu elalizile emkhosini, lezwa ukuthi uJesu uyeza eJerusalema, **13** bathatha ingatsha zezihlahla zelala, baphuma ukuyamhlangabeza, bamemeza besithi: Hosana! Ubusisiwe ozayo ebizweni leNkosi, iNkosi kalsrayeli. **14** UJesu wasefica ithole likababhemi, wahlala phezu kwalo, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: **15** Ungesabi, ndodakazi yeSiyoni; khangela, inkosi yakho iyeza, ihlezi phezu kwethole likababhemi. **16** Kodwa abafundi bakhe kabaqedisisanga lezizinto ekuqaleni; kodwa uJesu esedunyisiwe, basebekhumbula ukuthi lezizinto zazilotshiwe ngaye, lokuthi babezenzile lezizinto kuye. **17** Ngakho ixuku elalilaye lapho ebiza uLazaro ukuthi aphume engcwabeni, emvusa kwabafileyo, lafakaza. **18** Ngenxa yalokhu ixuku laphuma futhi ukuyamhlangabeza, ngoba lezwa ukuthi wenze lesisibonakaliso. **19** Ngakho abaFarisi bakhulumisana besithi: Liyabona ukuthi kalisizi lutho; khangelani umhlaba uyamlandela. **20** Kwakukhona amaGriki

phakathi kwalabo ababenyukelele ukukhonza emkhosini; 21 wona-ke eza kuFiliphu oweBhethisayida yeGalili, basebemcela besithi: Nkosi, sithanda ukubona uJesu. 22 UFiliphu weza watshela uAndreya; uAndreya loFiliphu basebetshela uJesu futhi. 23 UJesu wasebaphendula esithi: Ihola selifikile lokuthi iNdodana yomuntu idunyiswe. 24 Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Ngaphandle kokuthi uhlamvu lwebele luwele emhlabathini lufe, lona luhlala lulodwa; kodwa aluba lusifa, luthela isithelo sande. 25 Yena othanda impilo yakhe uyalahlekelwa yiyo; lozonda impilo yakhe kulumhlaba uzayilondoloza kuze kube yimpilo engulaphakade. (aiōnios g166) 26 Uba umuntu engisebenzela, kangilande; lapho engikhona mina, lenceku yami izakuba khona. Futhi uba umuntu engisebenzela, uBaba uzamhlonipha. 27 Khathesi umphefumulo wami ukhathazekile; sengizathini? Baba, ngisindise kuleihola. Kodwa ngenxa yalokhu ngifikile kuleihola. 28 Baba, dumisa ibizo lakho. Kwasekusiza ilizwi livela ezulwini lisithi: Sengilidumisile, ngizaphinda ngilidumise. 29 Ngakho ixuku elalimi khona lisizwa lathi kube lomdumo. Abanye bathi: Ingilosi ikhulume laye. 30 UJesu waphendula wathi: Lelilizwi kalizanga ngenxa yami, kodwa ngenxa yenu. 31 Khathesi kulesigwebo salumhlaba; khathesi umbusi walumhlaba uzaxotshelwa phandle. 32 Mina-ke nxa ngiphakanyiswa emhlabeni, ngizadonsela bonke kimi. 33 Watsho-ke lokhu etshengisa uhlobo lokufa ayezakufa ngalo. 34 Ixuku lamphendula lathi: Thina sezwa emlayweni ukuthi uKristu uhlala phakade; njalo ungatsho njani ukuthi: INdodana yomuntu imele ukuphakanyiswa? Ingubani le iNdodana yomuntu? (aiōn g165) 35 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Kuseyisikhatshana ukukhanya lilakho. Hambani liselokukhanya, hlezi umnyama ulehle; njalo ohamba emnyameni kazi lapho aya khona. 36 Liselokukhanya, kholwani kukho ukukhanya, ukuze libe ngabantwana bokukhanya. UJesu wakhuluma lezizinto, wasuka, wabacatshela. 37 Lanxa wayenze izibonakaliso ezinengi kangaka phambi kwabo, kabakholwanga kuye; 38 ukuze ligcwaliseke ilizwi likalsaya umprofethi, alikhulumayo elokuthi: Nkosi, ngubani okholwe intshumayelo yethu? Lengalo yeNkosi yembulelwa bani? 39 Ngakho babangelakho ukukholwa, ngoba ulsaya wabuya wathi: 40 Uphumputhekisile amehlo abo,

wayenza lukhuni inhliziyi yabo; ukuze bangaboni ngamehlo abo, baqedisise ngenhliziyo, baphenduke, besengibasilisa. 41 Ulsaya wakhuluma lezizinto, lapho ebona inkazimulo yakhe, wakhuluma ngaye. 42 Loba kunjalo-ke labanengi bababusi bakholwa kuye; kodwa ngenxa yabaFarisi kabavumanga, ukuze bangakhutshwa esinagogeni; 43 ngoba bathanda udumo lwabantu kulodumo lukaNkulunkulu. 44 UJesu wasememeza esithi: Okholwa kimi, kakholwa kimi, kodwa kuye ongithumileyo; 45 njalo obona mina, ubona ongithumileyo. 46 Mina ngizile ngiyikukhanya emhlabeni, ukuze wonke okholwa kimi, angahlali emnyameni. 47 Njalo uba ekhona owezwayo amazwi ami angakholwa, mina kangingwebi; ngoba kangizanga ukuthi ngigwebe umhlaba, kodwa ukuze ngisindise umhlaba. 48 Yena ongalayo engawemukeli amazwi ami, ulaye omgwebayo; ilizwi esengilikhulumile, lona lizamgweba ngosuku lokucina. 49 Ngoba mina kangizikhulumelanga ngokwami; kodwa uBaba ongithumileyo, nguye onginike umlayo, wokuthi ngizathini lokuthi ngizakhulumani. 50 Njalo ngiyazi ukuthi umlayo wakhe uyimpilo elaphakade; ngakho izinto mina engizikhulumayo, njengokutsho kukaBaba kimi, ngokunjalo ngiyakhuluma. (aiōnios g166)

13 Kwathi ungakafiki umkhosi wephasika, uJesu esazi ukuthi ihola lakhe laselifikile ukuthi asuke kulumhlaba aye kuYise, esebathandile abakhe abasemhlabeni, wabathanda kwaze kwaba sekupheleni. 2 Ukudla kwantambama sekwenziwe, udiyabhola esekufakile enhliziyweni kaJudasi Iskariyothi, kaSimoni, ukuthi amnikele, 3 uJesu ekwazi ukuthi uYise unikele izinto zonke ezandleni zakhe, lokuthi wavela kuNkulunkulu njalo uya kuNkulunkulu, 4 wasukuma ekudleni kwantambama, wakhupha izembatho zakhe, wathatha ilembu wazithandela ngalo. 5 Emva kwalokhu wathela amanzi emganwini, waqala ukugezisa inyawo zabafundi, lokuzesula ngelembu ayezithandele ngalo. 6 Wasefika kuSimoni Petro; yena wasesithi kuye: Nkosi, wena ugezisa inyawo zami yini? 7 UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Engikwenzayo mina, kawukwazi khathesi, kodwa uzakwazi emva kwalezizinto. 8 UPetro wathi kuye: Kawusoze ugezise inyawo zami kuze kube laphakade. UJesu wamphendula wathi: Uba ngingakugezisi, kawulasabelo lami. (aiōn g165) 9 USimoni Petro

wathi kuye: Nkosi, kakungabi zinyawo zami zodwa, kodwa lezandla lekhandla. **10** UJesu wathi kuye: Ogezisiweyo kasweli lutho ngaphandle kokugeziswa inyawo, kodwa uhlambulukile ngokupheleleyo; lina-ke lihambulukile, kodwa-ke kakusini lonke. **11** Ngoba wayemazi lowo owayezamnikela; ngenxa yalokhu wathi: Kalihlambulukanga lonke. **12** Esegezisile inyawo zabo, wathatha izembatho zakhe, wabuya wahlala phansi, wathi kubo: Liyakwazi yini engikwenze kini? **13** Lina lingibiza lithi: Mfundisi, lokuthi Nkosi; likutsho kuhle, ngoba ngiyikho. **14** Ngakho uba mina, iNkosi loMfundisi, ngigezise inyawo zenu, lani-ke lifanele ukugezisana inyawo. **15** Ngoba ngilinkile isibonelo, ukuze lenze lani njengoba mina ngenzile kini. **16** Ngqiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Inceku kayinkulu kulenkosi yayo, lothuniweyo kamkhulu kulomthumileyo. **17** Uba lisazi lezizinto, libusisiwe uba lizenza. **18** Kangikhulumi ngani lonke; mina ngiyabazi engibakhethileyo; kodwa ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo othi: Odla lami isinkwa ungiphakamisele isithende sakhe. **19** Sengilitshela kusukela khathesi kungakenzeki, ukuze, nxa sekusenzeka, likholwe ukuthi nginguye. **20** Ngqiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Owemukela loba ngubani engimthumileyo, wemukela mina; lowemukela mina, wemukela ongithumileyo. **21** UJesu esetshilo lezizinto wakhathazeka emoyeni, wafakaza wathi: Ngqiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini, omunye wenu uzanginikela. **22** Ngakho abafundi bakhangelana, bengaqondi ukuthi ukhuluma ngobani. **23** Kwakweyeme esifubeni sikaJesu omunye wabafundi bakhe, uJesu ayemthanda; **24** ngakho uSimoni Petro wamqhweba ukubuza ukuthi ngubani akhuluma ngaye. **25** Yena-ke eqamela esifubeni sikaJesu, wathi kuye: Nkosi, ngubani? **26** UJesu waphendula wathi: Ngulowo mina engizamnika ucezu sengilutshebile. Kwathi eselutshebile ucezu, walunika uJudasi Iskariyothi kaSimoni. **27** Futhi emva kocezu, uSathane wasengena kuye. UJesu wasesithi kuye: Okwenzayo, kwenze masinyane. **28** Kodwa kakho kwababehlezi ekudleni owayekwazi ukuthi ukutsholoni kuye. **29** Ngoba abanye bacabanga ukuthi, njengoba uJudasi wayelesikhwama, uJesu wathi kuye: Thenga esikuswelayo emkhosini; loba ukuthi kanike abayanga okunye. **30** Lowo wathi eselwemukela ucezu, wahle waphuma; kwakusebusuku. **31** Ngakho

kwathi esephumile, uJesu wathi: Khathesi iNdodana yomuntu idunyisiwe, loNkulunkulu udunyisiwe kuyo. **32** Uba uNkulunkulu edunyisiwe kuyo, loNkulunkulu uzayidumisa kuye ngokwakhe, njalo uzahle ayidumise. **33** Bantwanya, ngiselani isikhatshana. Lizangidinga, futhi njengalokhu ngatsho kumaJuda ukuthi: Lapho mina engiya khona, lingeze leza lina; ngitsho lakini khathesi. **34** Ngilinka umlayo omutsha, ukuthi lithandane; njengalokhu ngilithandle, lani-ke lithandane. **35** Ngalokhu bonke bazakwazi ukuthi lingabafundi bami, uba lilothando omunye komunye. **36** USimoni Petro wathi kuye: Nkosi, uya ngaphi? UJesu wamphendula wathi: Lapho engiya khona, ungengilandele khathesi, kodwa uzangilandela emva kwalokhu. **37** UPetro wathi kuye: Nkosi, ngingekulandele khathesi ngani? Impilo yami ngizayibekela wena phansi. **38** UJesu wamphendula wathi: Impilo yakho uzayibekela mina phansi yini? Ngqiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kuwe: Iqhude kalisoze likhale uze ungiphike kathathu.

14 Inhliziyo yenu kayingakhathazeki; liyakholwa kuNkulunkulu, kholwani lakimi. **2** Ekhaya likaBaba kukhona izindlu ezinengi; kodwa uba kwakungenjalo, ngabe ngalitshela. Ngiyahamba ukuyalilungisela indawo. **3** Njalo nxa ngihamba ngisiyalilungisela indawo, ngizabuya futhi ngilemukele kimi; ukuze kuthi lapho mina engikhona, libe khona lani. **4** Lalapho mina engiya khona liyakwazi, lendlela liyayazi. **5** UTomasi wathi kuye: Nkosi, kasikwazi lapho oya khona; pho, singayazi njani indlela? **6** UJesu wathi kuye: Mina ngiyindlela, leqiniso, lempilo; kakho oza kuBaba, kodwa ngami. **7** Uba belingazile, belizamazi loBaba; njalo kusukela khathesi liyamazi, selimbonile. **8** UFiliphu wathi kuye: Nkosi, sitshengise uYihlo, njalo kusanele. **9** UJesu wathi kuye: Sengilani isikhathi eside kangaka, kawukangazi, Filiphu? Yena obone mina, ubone uBaba; njalo utsho njani ukuthi: Sitshengise uYihlo? **10** Kawukholwa yini ukuthi mina ngikuBaba, loBaba ukimi? Amazwi mina engiwakhuluma kini, kangizikhulumeli ngokwami; kodwa uBaba ohlezi kimi, yena wenza imisebenzi. **11** Ngikhulwani ukuthi mina ngikuBaba, loBaba ukimi; njalo uba kungenjalo, ngikhulwani ngenxa yemisebenzi ngokwayo. **12** Ngqiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Okholwa kimi, imisebenzi engiyenzayo uzayenza laye, lemikhulu kulale uzayenza; ngoba mina ngiya kuBaba. **13** Njalo

loba yini eliyicelayo ngebizo lami, le ngizayenza, ukuze uYise adunyiswe eNdodaneni. **14** Uba licela loba yini ebizweni lami, mina ngizayenza. **15** Uba lingithanda, londolozani imilayo yami. **16** Lami ngizacela kuBaba, laye uzalinika omunye uMduduzi, ukuze ahlale lani laphakade, (aiōn g165) **17** uMoya weqiniso, ongememukele umhlaba, ngoba ungamboni, ungamazi. Kodwa lina liyamazi, ngoba uhlala lani, njalo uzakuba kini. **18** Kangiyikulitshiya lizintandane, ngizakuza kini. **19** Kube kanti okwesikhatshana, lomhlaba kawusayikungibona, kodwa lina lizangibona; ngoba mina ngiyaphila, lani lizaphila. **20** Ngalolosuku lina lizakwazi ukuthi mina ngikuBaba, lani likimi, lami ngikini. **21** Olemilayo yami ayilondoloze, nguye ongithandayo; njalo yena ongithandayo, uzathandwa nguBaba; lami ngizamthanda, ngizazibonakalisa kuye. **22** UJudasi, ongesuye uSkariyothi, wathi kuye: Nkosi, kungani uzazibonakalisa kithi, kodwa kungeyisikho kumhlaba? **23** UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Uba umuntu engithanda, uzalondoloza ilizwi lami, loBaba uzamthanda, njalo sizakuza kuye, sihlale laye. **24** Yena ongangithandiyo, kawalondolozi amazwi ami; lelizwi elilizwayo kayisilo elami, kodwa ngelikaBaba ongithumileyo. **25** Lezizinto ngizikhulume kini ngihlezi lani. **26** Kodwa uMduduzi, uMoya oyiNgcwele, uBaba azamthuma ebizweni lami, yena uzalifundisa zonke izinto, njalo alikhumbuze konke engakutshoyo kini. **27** Ukuthula ngikutshiya kini, ukuthula kwami ngilinka khona; kungeyisikho njengoba umhlaba unika, mina ngiyalinika. Inhliziyo yenu kayingakhathazwa, ingesabi. **28** Lizwile ukuthi mina ngithe kini: Ngiyahamba njalo ngizabuya kini. Uba belingithanda, belizathokoza, ngoba ngithe: Ngiya kuBaba; ngoba uBaba mkhulu kulami. **29** Njalo khathesi ngilitshelile kungakenzeki; ukuze, lapho sekusenzeka, likholwe. **30** Kangisayikuhuluma okunengi lani; ngoba umbusi walumhlaba uyeza, kodwa kalalutho kimi; **31** kodwa ukuze umhlaba wazi ukuthi ngiyamthanda uBaba, lokuthi njengoba uBaba engilayile, ngenze njalo. Sukumani, sisuke lapha.

15 Mina ngilivini eliqotho, njalo uBaba ungumlimi. **2** Lonke ugatsha olukimi olungatheliyo isithelo, uyalususa; lalo lonke oluthela isithelo, uyaluthena, ukuze lwengeze ukuthela. **3** Selihlambululekile lina ngelizwi engikhulume kini. **4** Hlalani kimi, lami kini. Njengalokhu ugatsha lungethele isithelo

ngokwalo, uba lungahlali evinini, ngokunjalo lani lingeke, uba lingahlali kimi. **5** Mina ngilivini, lina lizingatsha. Lowo ohlala kimi, lami kuye, yena uyathela isithelo sande; ngoba ngaphandle kwami lingenze lutho. **6** Uba umuntu engahlali kimi, ulahlelwa phandle njengogatsha, abe esebuna, bazibuthe baziphose emlilweni, zitshiswe. **7** Uba lihlala kimi, lamazwi ami ehlala kini, lizacela elikuthandayo, lizakwenzelwa. **8** UBaba uyadunyiswa ngalokhu, ukuthi lithele isithelo sande; njalo lizakuba ngabafundi bami. **9** Njengalokhu uBaba engithandile, lami ngilithandile; hlalani ethandweni lwami. **10** Uba lilondoloza imilayo yami, lizahlala ethandweni lwami; njengalokhu mina ngilondoloze imilayo kaBaba, njalo ngihlala ethandweni lwakhe. **11** Lezizinto ngizikhulume kini, ukuze intokozo yami ihlale kini, njalo intokozo yenu igcwele. **12** Lo ngumlayo wami, ukuthi lithandane, njengalokhu ngilithandile. **13** Kakho olothando olukhulu kulalolu, lokuthi umuntu ababekele phansi abangane bakhe impilo yakhe. **14** Lina lingabangane bami, uba lisenza loba yini mina engililaya yona. **15** Kangisalibizi ngokuthi lizinceku, ngoba inceku kayikwazi ukuthi inkosi yayo yenzani; kodwa sengilibize ngokuthi lingabangane, ngoba konke engikuzwileyo kuBaba ngilazise khona. **16** Kalingikhethanga lina, kodwa mina ngilikhethile, njalo ngilimisile, ukuze lina lihambe lithele isithelo, lesithelo senu sihlale; ukuze loba yini eliyicela kuBaba ngebizo lami, alinike. **17** Ngililaya lezizinto, ukuze lithandane. **18** Uba umhlaba ulizonda, yazini ukuthi wangizonda mina ngaphambi kwenu. **19** Uba belingabomhlaba, umhlaba ubuzathanda abawo; kodwa ngoba lingeyisibo abomhlaba, kodwa ngalikhetha mina emhlabeni, ngakho umhlaba uyalizonda. **20** Khumbulani ilizwi mina engalitsho kini: Inceku kayinkulu kulenkosi yayo. Uba bengizingele mina, bazalizingela lani; uba belondoloza ilizwi lami, bazalondoloza lelenu. **21** Kodwa bazakwenza konke lokhu ngenxa yebizo lami, ngoba bengamazi ongithumileyo. **22** Uba bengingafikanga ngakhuluma labo, ngabe kabalasono; kodwa khathesi kabalazaba ngesono sabo. **23** Ongizondayo, uzonda loBaba. **24** Uba bengingenzanga phakathi kwabo imisebenzi kungekho omunye owayenzayo, ngabe kabalasono; kodwa khathesi sebeyibonile sebezonde sonke mina loBaba. **25** Kodwa ukuze ligcwaliseke ilizwi elilotshiweyo emlayweni wabo elokuthi: Bangizonda

kungelasizatho. 26 Kodwa nxa esefikile uMduduzi, engizamthuma mina kini evela kuBaba, uMoya weqiniso, ophuma kuBaba, lo uzangifakazela; 27 lani futhi lizafakaza, ngoba belilami kusukela ekuqaleni.

16 Lezizinto ngizikhulume kini, ukuze lingakhubeki. 2 Bazalikhupha emasinagogeni; yebo isikhathi siyeza, lapho wonke oilbulalayo ezacabanga ukuthi wenzela uNkulunkulu inkonzo. 3 Lalezizinto bazazenza kini, ngoba bengamazanga uBaba loba mina. 4 Kodwa ngikhulume lezizinto kini, ukuze lapho sesifikile isikhathi, lizikhumbule ukuthi mina ngalitshela. Kodwa lezizinto kangizikhulumanga kini kwasekuqaleni, ngoba bengilani. 5 Kodwa khathesi ngiyahamba ngiya kongithumileyo, kanti kakho kini ongibuza ukuthi: Uya ngaphi? 6 Kodwa ngoba ngikhulume lezizinto kini, usizi lugwalise inhliziyu yenu. 7 Kodwa mina ngilitshela iqiniso: Kulilungele ukuthi mina ngihambe; ngoba nxa ngingahambi, uMduduzi kayikuza kini; kodwa nxa ngihamba, ngizamthuma kini. 8 Njalo nxa esefikile yena uzaqinisekisa umhlaba ngesono langokulunga langesigwebo; 9 ngesono, ngoba kabakholwa kimi; 10 langokulunga, ngoba ngiya kuBaba, kalisayikungibona; 11 langesigwebo, ngoba umbusi walumhlaba usegwetshiwe. 12 Ngiseselezinto ezinengi engingalitshela zona, kodwa lingezithwale khathesi; 13 kodwa nxa yena esefikile, uMoya weqiniso, uzalikhokhelela eqiniseni lonke; ngoba kayikuzikhulumela ngokwakhe, kodwa loba yini ayizwayo uzayikhuluma, alibikele izinto ezizayo. 14 Yena uzangidumisa, ngoba uzathatha okungokwami, alibikele khona. 15 Konke uBaba alakho, kungokwami; yikho-ke ngisithi uzathatha okungokwami, alibikele khona. 16 Okwesikhatshana futhi kaliyikungibona, kubuye kube yisikhatshana libe selingibona, ngoba mina ngiya kuBaba. 17 Ngakho abanye kubafundi bakhe bakhulumisana besithi: Kuyini lokho akutsho kithi: Okwesikhatshana, futhi kaliyikungibona, kubuye kube yisikhatshana libe selingibona; lokuthi: Ngoba mina ngiya kuBaba? 18 Basebesithi: Kuyini lokhu akutshoyo ukuthi: Okwesikhatshana? Kasazi ukuthi utshoni. 19 UJesu wayesesazi ukuthi babethanda ukumbuza, wasesithi kubo: Liyabuzana ngalokho yini, ukuthi ngithe: Okwesikhatshana futhi kaliyikungibona, kubuye kube yisikhatshana libe selingibona? 20 Ngqiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Lina lizakhala

lilile, kodwa umhlaba uzathokoza; futhi lizakuba losizi lina, kodwa usizi lwenu luzaphendulwa lube yintokozo. 21 Owesifazana nxa ebeletha ulobuhlungu, ngoba ihola lakhe selifikile; kodwa nxa esebelethe usane, kasakhumbuli ubuhlungu, ngenxa yentokozo yokuthi kuzelwe umuntu emhlabeni. 22 Ngakho lani-ke lilosizi khathesi; kodwa ngizabuya ngilibone, lenhliziyo yenu ithokoze, njalo kakho ongalemuka intokozo yenu. 23 Langelolosuku kaliyikungibuza lutho. Ngqiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Loba kuyini elizakucela kuBaba ebizweni lami uzalinika. 24 Kuze kube khathesi kalicelanga lutho ebizweni lami; celani, lizakwemukeliswa, ukuze intokozo yenu igcwalwe. 25 Ngikhulume izinto lezi kini ngemifanekiso; kodwa isikhathi siyeza lapho ngingasayikukhuluma kini ngemifanekiso, kodwa ngizalitshela ngoBaba ngokucacileyo. 26 Ngalolosuku lizacela ebizweni lami; njalo kangitsho kini ukuthi ngizalicelela mina kuBaba; 27 ngoba uBaba uqobo uyalithanda, ngoba lina lingithandile, likholiwe ukuthi mina ngiphume kuNkulunkulu. 28 Ngiphume kuBaba, njalo ngeza emhlabeni; ngiyasuka futhi emhlabeni, ngiya kuBaba. 29 Abafundi bakhe bathi kuye: Khangela khathesi ukhuluma ngokucacileyo, njalo kawukhulumi lamfanekiso. 30 Khathesi siyazi ukuthi uyazi izinto zonke, njalo kawudingi ukuthi umuntu akubuze; ngalokhu siyakholwa ukuthi uphume kuNkulunkulu. 31 UJesu wabaphendula wathi: Selikholwa yini? 32 Khangelani, ihola liyeza, yebo selifikile, elokuthi lihlakazeke ngulowo lalowo aye kubo, lingitshiye ngingedwa; kanti kangingedwa, ngoba uBaba ulami. 33 Ngikhulume lezizinto kini, ukuze libe lokuthula kimi. Emhlabeni lizakuba lenhlupheko; kodwa manini isibindi, mina ngiwnqobile umhlaba.

17 UJesu wakhuluma lezizinto, waphakamisela amehlo akhe ezulwini, wathi: Baba, ihola selifikile; dumisa iNdodana yakho, ukuze layo iNdodana yakho ikudumise; 2 njengoba uyinikile amandla phezu kwayo yonke inyama, ukuze bonke obanike yona, ibanike impilo elaphakade. (aiōnios g166) 3 Lalokhu yimpilo elaphakade, ukuthi bazi wena uNkulunkulu wedwa weqiniso, loJesu Kristu omthumileyo. (aiōnios g166) 4 Mina ngikudumisile emhlabeni; ngiwuqedile umsebenzi obunginike wona ukuthi ngiwenze; 5 khathesi-ke ngidumise wena, Baba, ngilawe uqobo ngenkazimulo

engangilayo kanye lawe ungakabi khona umhlaba. 6 Ngilibonakalisile ibizo lakho ebantwini onginike bona bevela emhlabeni; babengabakho, njalo wanginika bona; balilondolozile ilizwi lakho. 7 Khathezi sebesazi ukuthi konke, loba yikuphi onginike khona, kuvela kuwe; 8 ngoba amazwi onginike wona, ngibanikile wona; bawemukela, njalo bayazi ngeqiniso ukuthi ngiphuma kuwe, bakholiwe ukuthi ungithumile wena. 9 Mina ngiyabakhulekela bona; kangikhulekeli umhlaba, kodwa labo onginike bona, ngoba bangabakho; 10 njalo konke okwami kungokwakho, lokwakho kungokwami; njalo ngidunyisiwe kubo. 11 Njalo kangisekho emhlabeni, kodwa basemhlabeni bona, njalo mina ngiyeza kuwe. Baba oNgcwele, balondoloze ebizweni lakho labo onginike bona, ukuze babe munye, njengathi. 12 Lapho ngiselabo emhlabeni, mina ngabalondoloza ebizweni lakho; labo onginike bona ngibalindle, njalo kakho kubo olahlekileyo, ngaphandle kwendodana yokulahlwa, ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo. 13 Kodwa khathezi ngiza kuwe, njalo lezizinto ngizikhuluma emhlabeni, ukuze babe lentokozo yami igcwalisekile kubo. 14 Mina ngibanikile ilizwi lakho, lomhlaba ubazondile, ngoba bengeyisibo abomhlaba, njengoba mina ngingesuye owomhlaba. 15 Kangiceli ukuthi ubasuse emhlabeni, kodwa ukuze ubalondoloze kokubi. 16 Kabasibo abomhlaba, njengalokhu mina ngingesuye owomhlaba. 17 Bangcwelise eqinisweni lakho; ilizwi lakho liliqiniso. 18 Njengalokhu wangithuma emhlabeni, lami ngibathumile emhlabeni. 19 Njalo mina ngizehlukanisela bona, ukuze labo behlukaniswe eqinisweni. 20 Njalo kangicelile laba bodwa, kodwa lalabo abazakholwa kimi ngelizwi labo; 21 ukuze bonke babe munye; njengalokhu wena, Baba, ukimi, lami ngikuwe, ukuze labo babe munye kithi; ukuze umhlaba ukholwe ukuthi wena ungithumile. 22 Lenkazimulo mina onginike yona, ngibanikile bona, ukuze babe munye, njengathi simunye. 23 Mina ngikubo, lawe ukimi, ukuze bapheleliswe babe munye, lokuze umhlaba wazi ukuthi wena ungithumile, lokuthi ubathandle, njengalokhu ungithandle. 24 Baba, labo onginike bona, ngithanda ukuthi lapho mina engikhona, labo babe lami; ukuze babone inkazimulo yami, onginike yona, ngoba wangithanda kungakasekelwa umhlaba. 25 Baba olungileyo, ngitsho umhlaba kawukwazanga, kodwa mina ngikwazile,

lalaba bayazi ukuthi wena ungithumile; 26 njalo ngibazisile ibizo lakho, njalo ngizabazisa lona; ukuze uthando ongithande ngalo lube kubo, lami kubo.

18 UJesu esekhulumile lezizinto waphuma kanye labafundi bakhewaya ngaphetsheya kwesifudlana iKidroni, lapho okwakukhona isivande, angena kuso yena labafundi bakhe. 2 Njalo uJudasi laye, owamnikelayo, wayeyazi lindawo; ngoba uJesu wayebuthana khona labafundi bakhe kanengi. 3 Ngakho uJudasi, esethe the isigaba samabutho, labancedisi abavela kubapristi abakhulu labaFarisi, waya khona belezibane lamalambi lezikhali. 4 Kwathi uJesu, ekwazi konke okwakuzamehlela, waphuma wathi kubo: Lidinga bani? 5 Bamphendula bathi: UJesu weNazareth. UJesu wathi kubo: Mina nginguye. LoJudasi owamnikelayo laye wayemi labo. 6 Ngakho kuthe esithi kubo: Mina nginguye; bahlehla nyovane, bawela phansi. 7 Wasephinda wababuza wathi: Lidinga bani? Basebesithi: UJesu weNazareth. 8 UJesu waphendula wathi: Ngilitshelele ukuthi mina nginguye; ngakho uba lidinga mina, yekelani laba bahambe; 9 ukuze ligcwaliseke ilizwi ayelikhulumile elokuthi: Kulabo owanginika bona, angilahlekelwanga lamunye wabo. 10 Kwathi uSimoni Petro elenkemba wayihwatsha, wagadla inceku yompristi omkhulu, waquma indlebe yayo yokunene. Lebizo lenceku lalinguMalikusi. 11 UJesu wasesithi kuPetro: Faka inkemba yakho esikhwameni; inkezo uBaba anginike yona, kangiyikuyinatha yini? 12 Ngakho isigaba samabutho lenduna labancedisi bamaJuda bambamba uJesu, bambopha, 13 basebemusa kuqala kuAnasi; ngoba wayenguyisezala kaKayafasi, owayengumpristi omkhulu ngalowomnyaka. 14 Kwakunguye uKayafasi owayecebise amaJuda, ukuthi kwakulungile ukuthi umuntu oyedwa afele isizwe. 15 USimoni Petro wasemlandela uJesu, lomunye umfundi. Lalowomfundi wayesaziwa ngumpristi omkhulu, wangena loJesu egumeni lompristi omkhulu; 16 kodwa uPetro wayemi ngaphandle emnyango. Wasephuma lowomfundi omunye owayesaziwa ngumpristi omkhulu, wasekhuluma lomlindisangokazi, wamngenisisa uPetro. 17 Incekukazi encane engumlindisango yasisithi kuPetro: Kawusuye lawe omunye wabafundi balumuntu yini? Yena wathi: Kangisuye. 18 Njalo izinceku labancedisi babemi bebase umlilo wamaladle, ngoba kwakumakhaza,

njalo besotha; uPetro laye wayemi labo esotha. **19** Umpristi omkhulu wasembuza uJesu ngabafundi bakhe, langemfundiso yakhe. **20** UJesu wamphendula wathi: Mina ngikhulume obala emhlabeni; ngezikhathi zonke mina bengifundisa esinagogeni lethempelini, lapho amaJuda abuthana khona ngesikhathi sonke, njalo kangikhuluma lutho ensitha. **21** Ubuzelani kimi? Buza labo abakuzwayo lokho engakukhuluma labo; khangela, bona bayazazi izinto mina engazitshoyo. **22** Kwathi esetshilo lezizinto, omunye wabancedisi owayemi khona wamwakala uJesu, esithi: Kanti uphendula njalo umpristi omkhulu? **23** UJesu wamphendula wathi: Uba ngikhulume kubi, fakaza ngobubi; kodwa uba kuhle, ungitshayelani? **24** UAnasi wasemthuma ebotsiwe kuKayafasi umpristi omkhulu. **25** Kodwa uSimoni Petro wayemi esotha; basebesithi kuye: Kawusuye lawe omunye wabafundi bakhe yini? Waphika yena, wathi: Kangisuye. **26** Omunye wezinceku zompristi omkhulu, oyisini somuntu uPetro aquma indlebe yakhe, wathi: Mina kangikubonanga yini esivandeni ulaye? **27** UPetro wasebuya ephika; njalo lahle lakhala iqhude. **28** Basebemkhupha uJesu kuKayafasi bamusa endlini yombusi; njalo kwakusekuseni, kodwa kabangenanga bona endlini yombusi, ukuze bangangcoli, kodwa ukuze badle iphasika. **29** Ngakho uPilatu waphumela kubo, wathi: Limbeka cala bani lumuntu? **30** Basebephendula bathi kuye: Uba lo ubengesuye owenza okubi, ngabe kasimnikelanga kuwe. **31** UPilatu wasesithi kubo: Mthatheni lina, limahlulele njengomlayo wakini. Ngakho amaJuda athi kuye: Kakuvunyelwa kithi ukubulala umuntu; **32** ukuze kugcwaliseke ilizwi uJesu alikhulumayo, ukutshengisa uhlobo lokufa ayezakufa ngalo. **33** Ngakho uPilatu wabuye wangena endlini yombusi, wambiza uJesu, wathi kuye: Wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda yini? **34** UJesu wamphendula wathi: Uyazitsholo lokhu wena yini, kumbe abanye bakutshelile ngami? **35** UPilatu waphendula wathi: Kanti ngingumJuda mina? Isizwe sakini labapristi abakhulu bakunikele kimi; wenzeni? **36** UJesu waphendula wathi: Umbuso wami kawusiwo walumhlaba; uba umbuso wami ubungowalumhlaba, inceku zami bezizakulwa, ukuze nginganikelwa kumaJuda; kodwa khathezi umbuso wami kawusiwo owalapha. **37** UPilatu wasesithi kuye: Ngakho uyinkosi yini? UJesu waphendula wathi: Uyatsho wena,

ukuthi mina ngiyinkosi. Mina ngazalelwa lokhu, njalo ngizele lokhu emhlabeni, ukuze ngifakazele iqiniso. Wonke oweqiniso uyalizwa ilizwi lami. **38** UPilatu wathi kuye: Liyini iqiniso? Kwathi esetshilo lokhu, wabuya waphumela kumaJuda, wathi kuwo: Mina kangitholi lacala kuye. **39** Kodwa lilomkhuba, wokuthi ngilikhululele omunye ngephasika; ngakho liyathanda ukuthi ngilikhululele iNkosi yamaJuda yini? **40** Wonke asememeza futhi, athi: Hatshi lo, kodwa uBarabasi; kodwa uBarabasi wayengumphangi.

19 Ngakho uPilatu wamthatha uJesu, wamtshaya ngesiswepu. **2** Labebutho beluka umqhele wameva bawubeka ekhanda lakhe, bamgqokisa isembatho esiyibubende, **3** basebesithi: Bayethe, Nkosi yamaJuda! Basebemtshaya ngempama. **4** UPilatu wasebuya waphumela phandle, wathi kubo: Khangelani, ngiyamkhuphela phandle kini, ukuze lazi ukuthi kangitholi lacala kuye. **5** UJesu wasephumela phandle, ethwele umqhele wameva embethe isembatho esiyibubende. UPilatu wasesithi kubo: Khangelani lumuntu! **6** Kwathi abapristi abakhulu labancedisi bembona, bamemeza bathi: Bethela, bethela! UPilatu wathi kubo: Mthatheni lina, limbethele; ngoba mina kangitholi cala kuye. **7** AmaJuda amphendula athi: Silomlayo thina, langokomlayo wethu ufanele ukufa, ngoba uzenze iNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **8** Kwathi uPilatu esizwa lelolizwi, wesaba kakhulu, **9** wangena futhi endlini yombusi, wathi kuJesu: Uvela ngaphi wena? Kodwa uJesu kamnikanga mpendulo. **10** Khona uPilatu wathi kuye: Kawukhulumi lami yini? Kawazi yini ukuthi ngilamandla okukubethela, njalo ngilamandla okukukhulula? **11** UJesu wamphendula wathi: Ungeke ube lamandla phezu kwami, uba ungawanikwanga evela phezulu; ngakho onginikele kuwe ulesono esikhulu. **12** Kusukela lapho uPilatu wadinga ukumkhulula. Kodwa amaJuda amemeza athi: Uba ukhulula lo, kawusuye umngane kaKesari; wonke ozenza inkosi, uphikisana loKesari. **13** Kwathi uPilatu esizwa lelolizwi wamkhuphela phandle uJesu, wahlala phansi esihlalweni sokwahlulela, endaweni ebizwa ngokuthi Gandelwe ngaMatshe, kodwa ngesiHebheru yiGabatha; **14** njalo kwakungamalungiselelo ephasika, njalo kwakungaba liholo lesithupha; wasesithi kumaJuda: Khangelani inkosi yenu! **15** Kodwa amemeza athi: Susa, susa, mbethele! UPilatu

wathi kuwo: Ngibethele yini inkosi yenu? Abapristi abakhulu baphendula bathi: Kasilankosi ngaphandle kukaKesari. 16 Ngakho wasemnikela kubo, ukuze abethelwe. Basebemthatha uJesu bamqhuba. 17 Kwathi ethwele isiphambano sakhe waphuma waya endaweni ethiwa yiNdawo yokhakhayi, ethiwa ngesiHebheru yiGolgotha; 18 lapho abambethela khona, labanye ababili kanye laye, ngapha langapha, loJesu ephakathi. 19 UPilatu wasebhala lesaziso, wasiphanyeka esiphambanweni; njalo kwakubhalwe ukuthi: UJESU UMNAZARETHA INKOSI YAMAJUDA. 20 Lalesisaziso abanengi bamaJuda basifunda, ngoba indawo lapho uJesu ayebethelwe khona yayiseduze lomuzi; njalo kwakubhalwe ngesiHebheru, ngesiGriki, langesiRoma. 21 Abapristi abakhulu bamaJuda basebesithi kuPilatu: Ungabhali ukuthi: Inkosi yamaJuda; kodwa ukuthi lo wathi: NgiyiNkosi yamaJuda. 22 UPilatu waphendula wathi: Engikubhalileyo, ngikubhalile. 23 Kwathi abebutho, sebembethele uJesu, bathatha izembatho zakhe, basebenza izabelo ezine, ngulowo lalowo owebutho waba lesabelo, lesigqoko; kodwa isigqoko sasingelamthungo, selukiwe sonke kusukela phezulu. 24 Ngakho bakhulumisana besithi: Kasingasidabuli, kodwa asisenzele inkatho, ukuthi sizakuba ngesikabani; ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo othi: Babelana izembatho zami, benza inkatho yokuphosa ngesigqoko sami. Azenza-ke lezizinto amabutho. 25 Kwakumi esiphambanweni sikaJesu unina, lodadewabo kanina, uMariyaumkaKlophasi, loMariya Magdalena. 26 Ngakho uJesu ebona unina, lomfundi amthandayo emi khona, wathi kunina: Mama, khangela indodana yakho. 27 Emva kwalokho wathi kumfundi: Khangela unyoko. Kusukela ngaleloholo lowomfundi wamthatha wamusa kwakhe. 28 Emva kwalokhu uJesu ekwazi ukuthi konke kwasekuphelile, ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo, wathi: Ngomile. 29 Kwakubekwe isitsha sigcwele iviniga; basebegcwalisa uzipho ngeviniga, baluhloma kuhisope, balusa emlonyeni wakhe. 30 Kwathi-ke uJesu elemukele iviniga, wathi: Kuphelile; wasekthamisa ikhanda, wanikela umoya. 31 Ngakho amaJuda, ngoba kwakungamalungiselelo, ukuze izidumbu zingahlali esiphambanweni ngesabatha (ngoba lolosuku lwesabatha lwalulukhulu), acela uPilatu ukuthi yephulwe imilenze yabo, njalo

basuswe. 32 Ngakho abebutho beza, bephula imilenze yowokuqala leyomunye ababebethelwe laye; 33 kodwa sebefika kuJesu, kwathi bebona ukuthi wayesefile, kabayephulanga imilenze yakhe; 34 kodwa omunye webutho wamgwaza ngomkhonto ehlangothini, njalo kwahle kwaphuma igazi lamanzi. 35 Yena owabonayo ufakazile, njalo ubufakazi bakhe buqinisele, yena-ke uyazi ukuthi ukhuluma okuliqiniso, ukuze lina likholwe. 36 Ngoba lezizinto zenzeka ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo othi: Kakuyikwephulwa thambo lakhe. 37 Njalo lomunye umbhalo uthi: Bazamkhangela abamgwazileyo. 38 Kwathi emva kwalezizinto uJosefa weArimathiya, owayengumfundi kaJesu, kodwa ngasese ngenxa yokwesaba amaJuda, wacela kuPilatu ukuthi asuse isidumbu sikaJesu; futhi uPilatu wavuma. Ngakho weza wasisusa isidumbu sikaJesu. 39 Kwasekusiza loNikodima, owafika kuJesu kuqala ebusuku, ephethe inhlanganisano yemure lenhlaba engaba amaphawundi alikhulu. 40 Basebesithatha isidumbu sikaJesu, basibopha ngamalembu acolekileyo kanye lamakha, njengomkhuba wamaJuda wokungcwaba. 41 Njalo kwakukhona kuleyondawo ayebethelwe khona isivande, lesivandeni kwakulengcwaba elitsha, okwakungazange kubekwe muntu kulo. 42 Basebembeka lapho uJesu ngenxa yamalungiselelo amaJuda, ngoba ingcwaba laliseduze.

20 Kwathi ngolokuqala lweviki uMariya Magdalena wafika engcwabeni ekuseni kakhulu, kusesemnyama, wabona ilitshe lisusiwe engcwabeni. 2 Ngakho wagijima weza kuSimoni Petro lakomunye umfundi uJesu ayemthanda, wathi kubo: Bayisusile iNkosi engcwabeni, njalo kasazi lapho abayibeke khona. 3 Ngakho uPetro waphuma lomunye umfundi, bafika engcwabeni. 4 Basebegijima bobabili kanyekanye; omunye umfundi wasegijima phambili ngesiqubu kuloPetro, wafika kuqala engcwabeni. 5 Kwathi ekhothama elunguza wabona amalembu acolekileyo endlelwe, kodwa kangenanga. 6 USimoni Petro wasefika emlandela, wangena engcwabeni, wabona amalembu acolekileyo endlelwe, 7 lelembu lobuso elalisekhanda lakhe, lingabekwanga lamalembu acolekileyo, kodwa lenduliwe lisendaweni yalo lodwa. 8 Ngakho wasengena laye omunye umfundi owayefike kuqala engcwabeni, wabona, wakholwa; 9 ngoba babengakaqedisisi umbhalo,

ukuthi ubemele ukuvuka kwabafileyo. **10** Basebesuka futhi abafundi baya kubo. **11** Kodwa uMariya wema engcwabeni phandle ekhala; kwathi esakhala, wakhothama walunguza engcwabeni, **12** wasebona ingilosi ezimbili zembethe ezimhlophe zihlezi, enye ingasekhanda, lenye ingasenyaweni, lapho isidumbu sikaJesu ebesele khona. **13** Zona zasezisithi kuye: Mama, ukhalelani? Wathi kuzo: Ngoba bayithethe iNkosi yami, njalo kangazi lapho abayibeke khona. **14** Kwathi esetshilo lezizinto watshibilika, wabona uJesu emi, kodwa wayengazi ukuthi nguJesu. **15** UJesu wathi kuye: Mama, ukhalelani? Udinga bani? Yena ecabanga ukuthi ngumphathi wesivande, wathi kuye: Nkosi, uba wena umsusile, ngitshele lapho ombeke khona, mina-ke ngizamthatha. **16** UJesu wathi kuye: Mariya! Yena watshibilika wathi kuye: Raboni! okuyikuthi: Mfundisi. **17** UJesu wathi kuye: Ungangibambi, ngoba kangikenyukeli kuBaba; kodwa yana kubafowethu, uthi kubo: Ngiyenyukela kuBaba loYihlo, lakuNkulunkulu wami loNkulunkulu wenu. **18** UMariya Magadalena weza wababikela abafundi ukuthi uyibonile iNkosi, njalo imtshele lezizinto. **19** Kwathi kusihlwa ngalolosuku, olokuqala lweviki, leminyango ivaliwe lapho abafundi ababehlangene khona, ngenxa yokwesaba amaJuda, uJesu wafika wema phakathi, wathi kubo: Ukuthula kakube kini. **20** Njalo esetshilo lokhu wabatshengisa izandla zakhe lohlangothi lwakhe. Ngakho abafundi bathokoza beyibona iNkosi. **21** UJesu wasebuya esithi kubo: Ukuthula kakube kini; njengoba uBaba engithumile, lami ngiyalithuma. **22** Kwathi esetshilo lokhu waphephetha phezu kwabo wathi kubo: Yemukelani uMoya oNgcwele. **23** Loba ngobani elithethelela izono zabo, bathethelelwe; loba ngobani elibamba ezabo, zibanjiwe. **24** Kodwa uTomas, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, othiwa nguDidimusi, wayengekho labo mhla uJesu efika. **25** Ngakho abanye abafundi bathi kuye: Siyibonile iNkosi. Kodwa yena wathi kubo: Uba ngingaboni ezandleni zayo amanxeba ezipikili, njalo ngifake umunwe wami enxebeni lezipikili, njalo ngibeke izandla zami ehlangothini lwayo, kangisoze ngikholwe. **26** Njalo emva kwensuku eziyisificaminwembili abafundi bakhe babephakathi futhi, loTomas elabo. UJesu wafika, iminyango ivaliwe, wema phakathi wathi: Ukuthula kakube kini. **27** Wasesithi kuTomas: Letha umunwe wakho lapha,

ubone izandla zami; njalo lethla isandla sakho, usifake ehlangothini lwami; njalo ungabi ngongakholwayo, kodwa okholwayo. **28** UTomas wasephendula, wathi kuye: Nkosi yami loNkulunkulu wami! **29** UJesu wathi kuye: Ngoba usungibonile, Tomas, ukholiwe; babusisiwe abangabonanga, kanti bakholiwe. **30** Njalo uJesu wazenza lezinye izibonakaliso ezinengi phambi kwabafundi bakhe, ezingalotshwanga kulolugwalo. **31** Kodwa lezi zilotshiwe, ukuze likholwe ukuthi uJesu unguKristu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, njalo ukuze lithi, likholwa, libe lempilo ebizweni lakhe.

21 Emva kwalezizinto uJesu wabuya wazibonakalisa kubafundi elwandle lweTiberiyasi; njalo wazibonakalisa ngalindlela. **2** Babendawonye oSimoni Petro, loTomas othiwa nguDidimusi, loNathaniyeli oweKana yeGalili, lamadodana kaZebediya, labanye ababili babafundi bakhe. **3** USimoni Petro wathi kubo: Ngiyagola inhlanzi. Bathi kuye: Lathi sizahamba lawe. Basebephuma bahle bangena emkhunjini, kodwa ngalobobusuku kababambanga lutho. **4** Kwathi sekusemadabukakusa uJesu wema ekhunjin; kodwa abafundi babengazi ukuthi nguJesu. **5** Ngakho uJesu wathi kubo: Bantwana, lilokudla yini? Bamphendula bathi: Hatshi. **6** Wasesithi kubo: Phosani imbule ehlangothini lokunene lomkhumbi, njalo lizathola. Basebephosa, njalo babengaselakho ukulidonsa ngenxa yobunengi benhlanzi. **7** Ngakho lowomfundi uJesu ayemthanda wathi kuPetro: YiNkosi. USimoni Petro, esezwile ukuthi yiNkosi, waggoka isembatho (ngoba wayenqunu), waseziphosela olwandle. **8** Kodwa abanye abafundi beza ngomkolo, bedonsa imbule lenhlanzi, ngoba babengekhatshana lomhlabathi, kodwa kungaba zingalo ezingamakhulu amabili. **9** Kwathi sebekhuphukele emhlabathini, babona umlilo wamalale khona, lenhlanzi zibekwe phezu kwawo, lesinkwa. **10** UJesu wathi kubo: Lethani ezinye zezinhlanzi elisanda kuzibamba. **11** USimoni Petro wasekhwela, wahudulela imbule emhlabathini, ligcwele inhlanzi ezinkulu, ikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lantathu; njalo lanxa zazinengi kangaka, imbule kalidabukanga. **12** UJesu wathi kubo: Wozani lidle. Kodwa kakho kubafundi owaba lesibindi sokumbuza ukuthi: Ungubani wena? besazi ukuthi yiNkosi. **13** UJesu wasesiza, wathatha isinkwa, wabanika, lenhlanzi ngokufananayo. **14** Lokhu

sekungokwesithathu uJesu ebonakaliswa kubafundi, esevukile kwabafileyo. **15** Sebedlile, uJesu wathi kuSimoni Petro: Simoni kaJona, uyangithanda kulalaba yini? Wathi kuye: Yebo Nkosi; wena uyazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda. Wathi kuye: Phana amawundlu ami ukudla. **16** Wabuya wathi kuye ngokwesibili: Simoni kaJona, uyangithanda yini? Wathi kuye: Yebo Nkosi, wena uyazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda. Wathi kuye: Yelusa izimvu zami. **17** Wathi kuye ngokwesithathu: Simoni kaJona, uyangithanda yini? UPetro wadabuka ngoba wathi kuye ngokwesithathu: Uyangithanda yini? Wasesithi kuye: Nkosi, wena uyakwazi konke; wena uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda. UJesu wathi kuye: Phana izimvu zami ukudla. **18** Ngqiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kuwe: Usemutsha, wawuzibhinca, uhamba lapho othanda khona; kodwa nxa usumdala, uzakwelula izandla zakho, omunye abesekubopha, akuse lapho ongathandi khona. **19** Lalokhu wakutsho, etshengisa indlela yokufa ayezadumisa uNkulunkulu ngayo. Esetshilo lokhu wathi kuye: Ngilandela. **20** UPetro etshibilika wabona umfundi uJesu amthandayo elandela, yena futhi owayeyeme esifubeni sakhe ekudleni kwantambama wathi: Nkosi, ngubani ozakunikela? **21** Kwathi uPetro embona wathi kuJesu: Nkosi, lo-ke? **22** UJesu wathi kuye: Uba ngithanda ukuthi ahlale ngize ngifike, ulani lakho? Ngilandela wena. **23** Ngakho lelilizwi laphumela kubazalwane, ukuthi lowomfundi kayikufa; kanti uJesu katshongo kuye ukuthi kayikufa; kodwa wathi: Uba ngithanda ukuthi ahlale ngize ngifike, ulani lakho? **24** Nguye lowomfundi ofakaza ngalezizinto, lozibhalileyo; njalo siyazi ukuthi ubufakazi bakhe buliqiniso. **25** Njalo zikhona lezinye izinto ezinengi uJesu azenzayo, uba bezilotshiwe zonke ngazinye, ngicabanga ukuthi lomhlaba lawo ubungebe lendawo yezingwalo ezilotshiweyo. Amen.

Imisebenzi

1 Ukulandisa kokuqala ngakwenza, Teyofilu, ngakho konke uJesu aqala kokubili ukukwenza lokukufundisa, **2** kwaze kwaba lusuku akhutshulwa ngalo, esebalayile ngoMoya oNgcwele abaphostoli ayebakhethile; **3** wazibonakalisa futhi kubo ephilile emva kokuhlupheka kwakhe ngobufakazi obunengi obuqinisekileyo, wabonwa yibo okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane, ekhuluma ngezinto ezimayelana lombuso kaNkulunkulu. **4** Kwathi ehlangene labo, wabalaya ukuthi bangasuki eJerusalem, kodwa balindele isithembiso sikaBaba, elasizwa ngami; **5** ngoba ngeqiniso uJohane wabhabhathiza ngamanzi, kodwa lina lizabhabhathizwa ngoMoya oNgcwele kungakadluli insuku ezinengi. **6** Kwathi sebubuthene bambuza bathi: Nkosi, uzabuyisela umbuso kulrayeli kulesisikhathi yini? **7** Wasesithi kubo: Kakusikho okwenu ukwazi izikhathi kumbe imizuzu ayimisileyo uBaba ngawakhe amandla; **8** kodwa lizakwemukela amandla, esefikile phezu kwenu uMoya oNgcwele; njalo libe ngabafakazi bami eJerusalem kanye layo yonke iJudiya leSamariya, njalo kuze kube semkhawulweni womhlaba. **9** Kwathi esetshilo lezizinto, wakhutshulwa bekhangele, leyezi lamsusa emehlweni abo. **10** Bathi besajolozele ezulwini, esenyuka, njalo khangela, amadoda amabili ema labo elezembatho ezimhlophe, **11** njalo athi: Madoda maGalili, limeleni lijolozele ezulwini? UJesu lo, osuswe kini wenyukiselwa ezulwini, uzabuya ngokunjalo ngendlela elimbone esiya ngayo ezulwini. **12** Basebebuyela eJerusalem bevela entabeni ethiwa ngeyoMhlwathi, eseduze leJerusalem, ummango wohambo lwesabatha. **13** Kwathi seengenile, benyukela endlini ephezulu, lapho ababehlala khona, uPetro loJakobe loJohane loAndriya, uFiliphu loTomasi, uBartolomewu loMathewu, uJakobe kaAlfewu loSimoni umZelothi, loJudasi kaJakobe. **14** Bonke laba baphikelela bengqondonye emkhulekweni lekuncengeni, kanye labesifazana loMariya unina kaJesu, njalo labafowabo. **15** Kwathi ngalezonsuku uPetro wasukuma phakathi kwabafundi, kwakulexuku labantu ndawonye elalingaba likhulu lamatshumi amabili, wathi: **16** Madoda bazalwane, kwakumele ukuthi lumbhalo ugcwaliswe, uMoya

oyiNgcwele awukhuluma ngaphambili ngomlomo kaDavida ngoJudasi, owayengumkhokheli walabo abambambayo uJesu, **17** ngoba wayebalwe kanye lathi, njalo wemukela isabelo salinkonzo. **18** Lo-ke wathenga isiqinti ngomvuzo wobubi, wawa ngekhandla waqhekezeka phakathi, lemibilini yakhe yonke yachitheka. **19** Njalo kwaziwa yibo bonke abakhileyo eJerusalem, saze sabizwa lesosiqinti ngolimi lwakibo ngokuthi iAkdama, okuyikuthi iSiqinti segazi. **20** Ngoba kulotshiwe egwalweni lweziHlabelelo ukuthi: Umuzi wakhe kawube lunxiwa, njalo kungabi khona ohlala kuwo; lokuthi: Omunye kathathe ubuphathi bakhe. **21** Ngakho kumele ukuthi kulawomadoda ayehamba lathi kuso sonke isikhathi lapho iNkosi uJesu yayingena njalo iphuma phakathi kwethu, **22** kusukela ebhabhathizweni lukaJohane, kwaze kwaba lusuku akhutshulwa ngalo kithi, omunye wabo kabe ngumfakazi kanye lathi wokuvuka kwakhe. **23** Basebemisa ababili, uJosefa othiwa nguBarsaba, othiwa futhi nguJustusi, loMathiyasi. **24** Basebekhuleka besithi: Wena Nkosi, wena owaziyo inhliziyi zabo bonke, tshengisa kulaba ababili oyedwa, omkhethileyo, **25** ukwemukela isabelo kulinkonzo lobuphostoli, uJudasi aphambuka kuso, ukuthi aye endaweni engeyakhe. **26** Basebebapha inkatho yabo; lenkatho yadla uMathiyasi, wasebalwa kanye labaphostoli abalitsumi lanye.

2 Kwathi selugcwalisekile usuku lwePentekoste, babendawonye bengqondonye bonke. **2** Kwahle kwezwakala-ke umdumo ovela ezulwini onjengowokuvunguza komoya olamandla, njalo wagcwalisa indlu yonke ababehlezi kuyo, **3** kwasekubonakala kubo inlimi ezehlukaniisweyo kungathi ngezomlilo, zasezihlala phezu kwalowo lalowo wabo. **4** Basebegcwaliswa bonke ngoMoya oNgcwele, baqala ukukhuluma ngezinye indimi, njengalokhu uMoya wabanika ukuphumisela. **5** Kwakuhlala-ke eJerusalem amaJuda, amadoda aqotho, avela kuso sonke isizwe salezo ezingaphansi kwezulu. **6** Kwathi sekulalo umdumo, ixuku labuthana ndawonye lasanganiseka, ngoba ngulowo lalowo wabezwa bekhuluma ngolimi lwakibo. **7** Basebemangala kakhulu bonke bababaza, bakhulumisana bathi: Khangelani, bonke laba abakhulumayo kaysibo abeGalili yini? **8** Kungani, pho, thina sibezwa ngamunye wabo ngolimi

Iwakithi esazalwa lalo? 9 AmaPathiya lamaMede lamaElamu, labahlali beMesopotamiya, labeJudiya labeKaphadosiya, abePontusi labeAsiya, 10 abeFrigiya labePamfiliya, abeGibhithe labengxenye zelLibiya eduze leKurene, lezihambi ezingamaRoma, kokubili amaJuda labaphendukela kumaJuda, 11 amaKrete lamaArabhiya, siyabezwa bekhuluma ngendimi zakithi imisebenzi emikhulu kaNkulunkulu. 12 Bonke basebemangala kakhulu badideka, bakhulumisana besithi: Lokhu kungaba yini? 13 Kodwa abanye bahleka usulu bathi: Basuthi iwayini elitsha. 14 Kodwa uPetro emi labalitshumi lanye, waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe, wasesithi kubo: Madoda maJuda, lani lonke elihlala eJerusema, kakwaziwe kini lokhu, njalo lilalelisise amazwi ami. 15 Ngoba laba kabadakwanga, njengoba lina licabanga; ngoba kulihola lesithathu losuku; 16 kodwa lokhu yikho okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi uJoweli: 17 Njalo kuzakuthi ensukwini zokucina, utsho uNkulunkulu, ngizathulula okoMoya wami phezu kwayo yonke inyama; lamadodana enu lamadodakazi enu azaprofetha, lamajaha enu abone imibono, labadala benu baphuphe amaphupho; 18 njalo laphezu kwenceku zami laphezu kwencekukazi zami ngalezonsuku ngizathulula okoMoya wami, njalo zizaprofetha. 19 Njalo ngizaveza izimangaliso ezulwini phezu, lezibonakaliso emhlabeni phansi, igazi, lomlilo, leyezi lentuthu; 20 ilanga lizaphendulwa umnyama, lenyanga igazi, lungakafiki usuku lweNkosi olukhulu loludumisekayo; 21 kuzakuthi, wonke obiza ibizo leNkosi uzasindiswa. 22 Madoda malsrayeli, zwanini la amazwi: UJesu weNazareth, umuntu ofakazelwe nguNkulunkulu phambi kwenu ngemisebenzi yamandla langezimangaliso langezibonakaliso, uNkulunkulu azenza ngaye phakathi kwenu, njengalokhu lisazi lani uqobo lwenu, 23 yena lo esenikelwe ngecebo elimisiweyo langokwazi okuphambili kukaNkulunkulu lamthatha, ngezandla zabangelamthetho lambethela lambulala; 24 yena uNkulunkulu wamvusa, esethukulule inhlungu zokufa, ngoba kwakungelakwenzeka ukuthi abanjwe yikho. 25 Ngoba uDavida uthi ngaye: Ngangibona iNkosi phambi kwami njalonjalo; ngoba ingakwesokunene sami, ukuze nginganyikinyeki; 26 ngakho inhliziyo yami yajabula, lolimi lwami lwathokoza; ngitsho lenyama yami izahlala ethembeni; 27 ngoba kawuyikutshiya

umphefumulo wami esihogweni, kawuyikunikela oNgcwele wakho ukuthi abone ukubola. (Hadēs g86) 28 Wangazisa indlela zempilo; uzangigcwalisa ngenjabulo ebusweni bakho. 29 Madoda bazalwane, ake ngikhulume kini ngokusobala ngokhokho uDavida, ukuthi wafa njalo wangcwatshwa, lengcwaba lakhe likhona kithi kuze kube lamuhla. 30 Ngakho, yena engumprofethi, ekwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu wafunga ngesifungo kuye, ukuthi esithelweni sokhalo lwakhe ngokwenyama uzavusa uKristu, ukuze ahlale esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, 31 ebonile ngaphambili wakhuluma ngokuvuka kukaKristu, ukuthi umphefumulo wakhe kawutshiywanga esihogweni, lenyama yakhe kayikubonanga ukubola. (Hadēs g86) 32 UJesu lo uNkulunkulu wamvusa, esingabafakazi balokhu thina sonke. 33 Ngakho ephakanyiswe ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, esemukele kuBaba isithembiso sikaMoya oNgcwele, uthulule lokhu elikubonayo lelikuzwayo khathesi. 34 Ngoba uDavida kenyekelelanga emazulwini, kodwa yena uqobo lwakhe uthi: INkosi yathi eNkosini yami: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami, 35 ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho. 36 Ngakho indlu kalsrayeli yonke kayazi isibili, ukuthi uNkulunkulu umenzile kokubili ukuba yiNkosi loKristu, uJesu lo elambethelayo lina. 37 Sebekuzwa lokhu bahlabeka enhliziyweni, basebesithi kuPetro lakwabanye abaphostoli: Madoda bazalwane, sizakwenzani? 38 UPetro wasesithi kubo: Phendukani, libhabhathizwe lonke ngamunye wenu ebizweni likaJesu Kristu ethethelelweni lwezono, njalo lizakwemukela isipho sikaMoya oNgcwele. 39 Ngoba isithembiso ngesenu, lesabantwana benu, lesabo bonke abakhatshana, bonke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ezababizela kuyo. 40 Langamanye amazwi amanengi wafakaza wakhuthaza wathi: Zisindiseni kulesisizukulwana esiphambeneyo. 41 Ngakho abalemukelayo ilizwi lakhe ngokuthokoza babhabhathizwa; njalo ngalolosuku kwengezelelwa imiphefumulo engaba zinkulungwane ezintathu. 42 Basebephelela ekufundiseni kwabaphostoli lebudlelwaneni, lekuhlephuleni isinkwa lemikhulekweni. 43 Lokwesaba kwehlela phezu kwayo yonke imiphefumulo; njalo kwenziwa ngabaphostoli izimangaliso lezibonakaliso ezinengi. 44 Njalo bonke abakholwayo babendawonye, babelezinto zonke bezihlanganyela,

45 basebethengisa izinto lempahla zabo, basebesabelana bonke, njengokuswela komunye lomunye. 46 Insuku ngensuku basebephikelela nganhliziyonye ethempelini, behlephula isinkwa izindlu ngezindlu, besidla ndawonye ngentokozo langenhliziyonye emhlophe, 47 bedumisa uNkulunkulu, bethandeka ebantwini bonke. LeNkosi yengezelela ebandleni insuku ngensuku labo abasindiswayo.

3 UPetro loJohane basebesenyukela bonke ethempelini ngehola lomkhuleko elesificamunwemunye. 2 Kwasekuthwalwa indoda ethile eyayiyisiqhuli kusukela esizalweni sikanina; ababeyibeka insuku ngensuku esangweni lethempeli elithiwa eLihle, ukuthi icele isipho kulabo abangenayo ethempelini. 3 Eyathi ibona uPetro loJohane sebezangena ethempelini, yacela isipho. 4 UPetro waseyijolozela eloJohane, wathi: Sikhangele! 5 Yasibananzelela, ilindele ukuthi izakwemukela ulutho kubo. 6 UPetro wasesithi: Isiliva legolide kangilakho; kodwa lokho engilakho, ngikunika khona; ebizweni likaJesu Kristu umNazaretha, sukuma uhambe. 7 Waseyibamba ngesandla sokunene wayisukumisa; njalo kwahle kwaqiniswa inyawo lenqagala zayo. 8 Yasisithi lothu yema yasihamba, yangena labo ethempelini, ihamba iseqa idumisa uNkulunkulu. 9 Njalo bonke abantu bayibona ihamba, idumisa uNkulunkulu; 10 basebeyazi ukuthi yiyo eyayihlalela isipho esangweni eLihle lethempeli; basebegcwala ukumangala lokusanganiseka ngalokho okwenzeka kuyo. 11 Kwathi isiqhuli esasisilisiwe sibambelele kuPetro loJohane, bonke abantu bagijimela kubo ndawonye ekhulusini elithiwa elikaSolomoni, bemangala kakhulu. 12 Kwathi uPetro ekubona lokho waphendula ebantwini wathi: Madoda malsrayeli, limangalelani ngalokhu, kumbe lisijolozelelani, ngokungathi ngawethu amandla kumbe ukulunga simenze ukuthi lo ahambe? 13 UNkulunkulu kaAbrahama lokalsaka lokaJakobe, uNkulunkulu wabobaba bethu, uyidumisile iNdodana yakhe uJesu; elayinikelayo lina, layiphika phambi kobuso bukaPilatu, yena esequme ukuyikhulula. 14 Kodwa lina lamphika oNgcwele loLungileyo, lacela ukuthi liphwe indoda engumbulali, 15 labulala uMqali wempilo; amvusayo uNkulunkulu kwabafileyo, esingabafakazi bakho thina. 16 Njalo ngokholo ebizweni lakhe, lo elimbonayo lelimaziyo ibizo lakhe

limqinisile; lokholo olungaye lumnike lokhukusila okupheleleyo phambi kwenu lonke. 17 Njalo khathesi, bazalwane, ngiyazi ukuthi lakwenza ngokungazi, njengababusi benu futhi. 18 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wagcwalisa ngokunjalo lokhu akukhuluma phambili ngomlomo wabaprofethi bakhe bonke, ukuthi uKristu uzahlopheka. 19 Ngakho phendukani libuye futhi, ukuze kwesulwe izono zenu, ukuze kufike izikhathi zokukhudumala ezivela ebusweni beNkosi, 20 njalo ithume lo owamenezelwa kini phambili, uJesu Kristu; 21 okumele ukuthi izulu limemukele kuze kufike izikhathi zokubuyisela konke, uNkulunkulu akutshoyo ngomlomo wabo bonke abaprofethi bakhe abangcwele endulo. (aiōn g165) 22 Ngoba uMozisi wathi kubobaba: INkosi uNkulunkulu wenu izalivusela umprofethi kubazalwane benu onjengami; yena lizamlalela kukho konke azakukhuluma kini. 23 Njalo kuzakuthi, wonke umphefumulo, loba ngubani ongayikumlalela lowomprofethi, uzachithwa ebantwini. 24 Njalo labaprofethi bonke, kusukela kuSamuweli labalandelayo, bonke abakhulumayo, bamemezela phambili lezinsuku. 25 Lina lingabantwana babaprofethi, labesivumelwano uNkulunkulu asenza labobaba bethu, esithi kuAbrahama: Langenzalo yakho zizabusiwa zonke izizukulwana zomhlaba. 26 UNkulunkulu, eseyivusile iNdodana yakhe uJesu, wayithuma kini kuqala ukulibusisa, ngokuliphendula ngulowo lalowo ebubini bakhe.

4 Kwathi besakhuluma ebantwini, abapristi lenduna yethempeli labaSadusi babafikela, 2 benengekile ngoba babefundisa abantu, njalo betshumayela ukuvuka kwabafileyo ngoJesu. 3 Babadumela ngezandla, babafaka esitokisini kwaze kwaba kusisa; ngoba kwasekuhlwile. 4 Kodwa abanengi abalizwayo ilizwi bakholwa; lenani lamadoda lalingaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu. 5 Kwasekusithi kusisa kwabuthana ababusi labadala lababhali babo eJerusalema, 6 loAnasi umpristi omkhulu, loKayafasi, loJohane, loAleksandro, labo bonke abendlu yompristi omkhulu. 7 Sebebamise phakathi, babuza: Lokhu lina likwenze ngawaphi amandla kumbe ngaliphi ibizo? 8 Khona uPetro egcwaliswe nguMoya oNgcwele wathi kubo: Babusi babantu labadala bakolsrayeli, 9 nxa thina sibuzwa lamuhla ngomsebenzi omuhle emuntwini obuthakathaka emzimbeni, ukuthi yena usiliswe ngani; 10 kakwaziwe yini lonke laso

sonke isizwe sakolsrayeli, ukuthi ngebizo likaJesu Kristu umNazaretha, lina elambethelayo, uNkulunkulu owamvusayo kwabafileyo, ngaye lo umi lapha phambi kwenu esesilile. **11** Yena lo uyilitshe elaliwa yini abakhi, eseliyinhloko yengonsi. **12** Njalo kalukho usindiso komunye; ngoba kalikho lelinye ibizo ngaphansi kwezulu elinikiweyo phakathi kwabantu, esimele sisindiswe ngalo. **13** Kwathi bebona isibindi sikaPetro loJohane, njalo besazi ukuthi babengabantu abangafundanga njalo bengabantu nje, bamangala, njalo babazi ukuthi babeloJesu, **14** kodwa bebona umuntu osilisiweyo emi labo, babengelakuphika lutho. **15** Kodwa sebebalyile ukuthi baphume phandle emphakathini, bacebisana bodwa, **16** besithi: Sizabenzani lababantu? Ngoba ukuthi isibonakaliso esidumisekayo senziwa yibo, kusobala kubo bonke abahlezi eJerusalema, njalo singekuphike; **17** kodwa ukuze kungabe kusanda phakathi kwabantu, asibaqongosele ukuthi bangabe besakhuluma lamuntu ngalelibizo. **18** Basebebabiza, babalaya ukuthi bangakhulumi lakanye njalo bangafundisi ngebizo likaJesu. **19** Kodwa uPetro loJohane babaphendula bathi: Yehlukanisani ukuthi kulungile phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukulalela lina kuloNkulunkulu. **20** Ngoba thina kasilakuyekela ukukhuluma izinto esizibonileyo lesizizwileyo. **21** Kwathi sebebaqongosele futhi, babayekela bahamba; bengatholi lutho lokuthi bangabajezisa njani, ngenxa yabantu, ngoba bonke badumisa uNkulunkulu ngalokho okwenzakeleyo. **22** Ngoba umuntu wayeleminyaka edlula amatshumi amane esenziwa kuye lesisibonakaliso seselapho. **23** Kwathi sebeyekelwe basuka baya kwabakibo, bababikela konke abapristi abakhulu labadala abakutshiloyo kubo. **24** Kwathi bona sebezwise baphakamisela ilizwi nganhliziyonye kuNkulunkulu, bathi: Nkosi, wena unguNkulunkulu owenza izulu lomhlaba lolwandle lakho konke okukukho; **25** owathi ngomlomo wenceku yakho uDavida: Kungani abezizwe bexokozela, labantu banakane okuyize? **26** Amakhosi omhlaba ema, lababusi bahlangana ndawonye ukumelana leNkosi, lokumelana loGcotshiweyo wayo; **27** ngoba isibili bahlangana ndawonye bemelane leNdodana yakho engcwele uJesu, owayigcobayo, bonke uHerodi loPontiyusi Pilatu, kanye labezizwe labantu bakolsrayeli, **28** ukwenza konke isandla sakho lecebo

lakho elakumisa phambili ukuthi kwenzeke. **29** Njalo ngalesisikhathi, Nkosi, khangela ukusonga kwabo, unike izinceku zakho ukuthi zikhulume ilizwi lakho ngesibindi sonke, **30** ngokuthi welule isandla sakho ukusilisa, lokuthi kwenziwe izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ngebizo leNdodana yakho engcwele uJesu. **31** Kwathi sebekhulekile kwazanyazanyiswa indawo ababebuthene kuyo, basebegcwaliswa bonke ngoMoya oNgcwele, basebekhuluma ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ngesibindi. **32** Lexuku labakholwayo lalinhliziyonye lomoya munye; njalo kungekho oyedwa owathi ezintweni alazo ngezakhe, kodwa bahlanganyela izinto zonke. **33** Langamandla amakhulu abaphostoli baveza ubufakazi bokuvuka kweNkosi uJesu, lomusa omkhulu waba phezu kwabo bonke. **34** Ngoba kwakungekho futhi osweleyo phakathi kwabo; ngoba bonke ababengabanikazi bemihlaba kumbe izindlu, bathengisa baletha intengo zalokho okuthengisiweyo, **35** bayibeka enyaweni zabaphostoli; njalo kwabelwa ngulowo lalowo njengokuswela kwakhe. **36** Kwathi uJose owabizwa ngabaphostoli ngokuthi nguBarnabasi, okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa, indodana yenduduzo, umLevi, umKuproshi ngokuzalwa, **37** elesiqinti, wasithengisa, waletha imali, wayibeka enyaweni zabaphostoli.

5 Kodwa indoda ethile uAnaniya ngebizo, loSafira umkakhe, bathengisa impahla, **2** yagodla entengweni, lomkakhe ekwazi, yaletha ingxenye ethile yayibeka enyaweni zabaphostoli. **3** Kodwa uPetro wathi: Ananiya, kungani uSathane egcwalise inhliziyonye yakho, uqambe amanga kuMoya oyiNgcwele, njalo ugodle entengweni yesiqinti? **4** Sisekhona besingesiso esakho, sesithengisiwe besingekho emandleni akho yini? Kungani ukuthi ubeke lesisenzo enhliziyweni yakho? Kawuqambanga amanga ebantwini kodwa kuNkulunkulu. **5** Kwathi uAnaniya esizwa lamazwi, wawela phansi waphela; lokwesaba okukhulu kwehlela phezu kwabo bonke abazizwayo lezinto. **6** Lamajaha asuka amgoqela asemthwalela ngaphandle amngcwaba. **7** Kwasekusithi sekungaba ngamahola amathathu kwedlule, lomkakhe wangena engakwazi okwenzakeleyo. **8** UPetro wasemphendula wathi: Ngitshele ukuthi isiqinti lisithengise ngokungaka. Wasesithi: Yebo, ngokungaka. **9** UPetro wasesithi kuye: Kungani ukuthi livumelane ukulinga uMoya weNkosi? Khangela, inyawo

zabangcwabe indoda yakho zisemnyango, lawe bazakuthwalela ngaphandle. 10 Njalo wahle wawela phansi enyaweni zakhe, wasephela; lamajaha engena amfika esefile, asemthwalela ngaphandle amngcwaba eduze kwendoda yakhe. 11 Lokwesaba okukhulu kwehlela phezu kwebandla lonke, lakubo bonke abazizwayo lezizinto. 12 Njalo ngezandla zabaphostoli kwenziwa izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ezinengi ebantwini; babenhliziyonye bonke ekhulusini likaSolomoni. 13 Kodwa kwabanye kwakungekho olesibindi sokuzihlanganisa labo, kodwa abantu babebahlonipha kakhulu; 14 njalo abakhulwayo bengezelelwa banda eNkosini, amaxuku womabili amadoda labesifazana; 15 baze bathwalela phandle emigwaqweni abagulayo, basebebabeka ezinhlakeni lemacansini, ukuze kuthi lapho uPetro esiza ngitsho isithunzi sibasibekele abanye babo. 16 Njalo lamaxuku avela emizini ezingezeleleyo babuthana ndawonye eJerusalema, beletha abagulayo labahlutshwa ngomoya abangcolileyo, basiliswa bonke. 17 Kwasekusukuma umpriisti omkhulu labo bonke ababelaye abangabehlelo labaSadusi, bagcwala umona, 18 babadumela abaphostoli ngezandla zabo, basebebafaka esitokisini sabantu. 19 Kodwa ebusuku ingilosu yeNkosi yavula iminyango yentolongo yabakhupha yathi: 20 Hambani, njalo lime likhulume ethempelini ebantwini wonke amazwi alimpilo. 21 Kwathi sebezwiile, bangena ethempelini emadabukakusa, bafundisa. Kodwa kwasekufika umpriisti omkhulu labo ababelaye, babizela ndawonye umphakathi labo bonke abadala babantwana bakolrayeli, bathumela entolongweni ukubaletha. 22 Kodwa kwathi abancedisi befika kababaficanga entolongweni; babuyela emuva babika, 23 besithi: Intolongo siyifike ivaliwe konke kuqinile, labalindi bemi phandle phambi kweminyango; kodwa sesivulile, phakathi kasificanga muntu. 24 Njalo kwathi umpriisti lenduna yethempeli labapriisti abakhulu bezwe lamazwi, badideka kakhulu ngabo, ukuthi lokhu kuzakuba yini. 25 Kwasekufika omunye wabatshela wathi: Khangelani, amadoda ebeliwafake entolongweni ami ethempelini afundisa abantu. 26 Yasihamba induna labancedisi babaletha, kungeyisikho ngamandla, ngoba babesesaba abantu, ukuze bangakhandwa ngamatshe. 27 Sebebaletshile babamisa phambi komphakathi. Umpriisti omkhulu

wasebabuza, 28 esithi: Kasililayisisanga yini ukuthi lingafundisi ngalelibizo? Kodwa khangelani seligcwalise iJerusalema ngemfundiso yenu, liqonde ukwehlisela igazi lalumuntu phezu kwethu. 29 Kodwa uPetro labaphostoli baphendula bathi: Kumele ukulalela uNkulunkulu kulabantu. 30 UNkulunkulu wabobaba bethu wamvusa uJesu, elambulala lina, limphanyeka esihlahleni. 31 Yena lo, uNkulunkulu wamphakamisa ngesandla sakhe sokunene, abe nguMkhokheli loMsindisi, ukunika ulsrayeli ukuphenduka lothethelelo lwezono. 32 Njalo thina singabafakazi bakhe balezizinto, njalo loMoya oyiNgcwele, uNkulunkulu amnike labo abamlalelayo. 33 Kwathi sebezwiile lokhu bathukuthela kakhulu, benza icebo lokubabulala. 34 Kwasekusukuma umFarisi othile emphakathini, uGamaliyeli ngebizo, umfundisi womlayo, ohlonitshwa yibo bonke abantu, walaya ukuthi bakhuphele phandle abaphostoli okwesikhatshana. 35 Wasesithi kubo: Madoda malsrayeli, ziqapheleni mayelana lalababantu, elizakwenza. 36 Ngoba ngaphambi kwalezinsuku kwasuka uTewuda, esithi yena ngokwakhe ungumuntu, lahlanganyela laye inani lamadoda angaba ngamakhulu amane; wabulawa, labo bonke ababemlalela bachitheka baphela. 37 Emva kwakhe kwasuka uJudasi umGalili ensukwini zokubalwa, wadonsela abantu abanengi ngemva kwakhe; laye wabhubha, lalabo bonke ababemlalela bachitheka. 38 Njalo khathesi ngithi kini: Dedani kulababantu, libayekele; ngoba uba lelicebo kumbe lumsebenzi ungowabantu, uzachitheka; 39 kodwa uba ungokaNkulunkulu, lingeke lawuchitha, hlezi lificwe ngitsho lingabalwayo loNkulunkulu. 40 Basebemlalela; sebebabizele kubo abaphostoli babatshaya, babalaya ukuthi bangakhulumi ngebizo likaJesu, basebebakhulula. 41 Ngakho basuka ebusweni bomphakathi, bethokoza ukuthi kwakubafanele ukudunyazwa ngenxa yebizo lakhe. 42 Njalo insuku zonke, ethempelini lakundlu ngendlu, kabayekelanga ukufundisa lokutshumayela uJesu Kristu.

6 Kwathi ngalezonsuku, abafundi sebandile, kwavela ukusola kwamaHelenisiti ngamaHebheru, ngoba abafelokazi babo babengananzwa ekwabelweni kwensuku ngensuku. 2 Abalitshumi lambili basebebizela kubo ixuku labafundi, bathi: Kakulunganga ukuthi thina sitshiye ilizwi

likaNkulunkulu, sisebenze ematafuleni. 3 Ngakho, yakhe izakuba yisihambi elizweni le mzini, bazayenza bazalwane, khangalani phakathi kwenu amadoda ayisikhombisa alobufakazi obuhle, agcwele uMoya oNgcwele lenhlakanipho, esingawamisa phezu kwale inswelo. 4 Kodwa thina sizaphikelela emkhulekweni lemsebenzini welizwi. 5 Lalelilizwi lalithokozisa lonke ixuku; basebekhetha uStefane, indoda egcwele ukhohlo loMoya oNgcwele, loFiliphu, loProkoro, loNikanori, loTimoni, loParmena, loNikola owaphendukela kumaJuda evela eAntiyoki, 6 ababamisa phambi kwabaphostoli; sebekhulekile babeka izandla phezu kwabo. 7 Lelizwi likaNkulunkulu landa, lenani labafundi lakhula kakhulu sibili eJerusalema, lexuku elikhulu labapristi lalalela ukhohlo. 8 Kwathi uStefane egcwele ukhohlo lamandla wenza izimangaliso lezibonakaliso ezinkulu phakathi kwabantu. 9 Kwasekusukuma abanye abesinagoge elithiwa ngelabaKhululwa, labeKurene labeAleksandriya, lakulabo abavela eKilikhiya leAsiya, baphikisana loStefane. 10 Kodwa babengelamandla okumelana lenhlakanipho loMoya ayekhuluma ngawo. 11 Basebefumbathisa amadoda athi: Simzwile ekhuluma amazwi ayinhlamba amelana loMozisi loNkulunkulu. 12 Basebevusa abantu labadala lababhali, basebemfikela bambamba, bamletha emphakathini, 13 basebemisa abafakazi bamanga abathi: Lumuntu kayekeli ukukhuluma amazwi ayinhlamba amelene lalindawo engcwele langomlayo; 14 ngoba simzwile esithi, uJesu lo weNazaretha uzadliliza lindawo, aphenidule lemikhuba uMozisi asinika yona. 15 Bonke ababehlezi emphakathini basebemjolozele, babona ubuso bakhe bungathi yibuso bengilosi.

7 Umpristi omkhulu wasesithi: Kambe lezizinto zinjalo? 2 Wasesithi: Madoda, bazalwane labobaba, lalalani. UNkulunkulu wenkazimulo wabonakala kubaba wethu uAbrahama eseMesopotamiya, engakahlali eHarani, 3 wasesithi kuye: Phuma elizweni lakini lezihlotsheni zakho, uze elizweni engizakutshengisa lona. 4 Wasesuka elizweni lamaKhaladiya wahlala eHarani; kwathi esuka lapho, emva kokufa kukayise, wamsusa wamhlalisa kulelilizwe elihlezi kilo lina khathezi; 5 kodwa kamnikanga ilifa kilo, hatshi lanyathela; kodwa wathembisa ukumnika lona libe ngelakhe, lelenzalo yakhe emva kwakhe, engakabi lamntwana. 6 UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma kanje esithi inzalo

yakhe izakuba yisihambi elizweni le mzini, bazayenza isigqili bazayiphatha kubi, iminyaka engamakhulu amane; 7 kodwa lesosizwe, abazakuba yizigqili kuso, ngizasigweba mina, kutsho uNkulunkulu; njalo emva kwalezizinto bazaphuma, bangikhonze kulindawo. 8 Wasemnika isivumelwano sokusoka; ngokunjalo wazala ulsaka, wamsoka ngosuku lwesificaminwembili; lolsaka wazala uJakobe, loJakobe okhokho abalitshumi lambili. 9 Okhokho basebesiba lomona bathengisa uJosefa eGibhithe; kodwa uNkulunkulu wayelaye, 10 wasemkhulula kuzo zonke inhlopheko zakhe, wamnika umusa lenhlakanipho phambi kukaFaro inkosi yeGibhithe; wasembeka ukuba ngumbusi phezu kweGibhithe lowendlu yakhe yonke. 11 Kwasekufika indlala elizweni lonke leGibhithe leleKhanani, lokuhlupheka okukhulu; labobaba bethu kabatholanga ukudla. 12 Kodwa uJakobe esezwile ukuthi kukhona amabele eGibhithe, wathuma obaba bethu okokuqala. 13 Kwathi ngokwesibili uJosefa waziswa kubafowabo, labakibo kaJosefa babonakaliswa kuFaro. 14 UJosefa wasethumela wabizela kuye uyise uJakobe, lalo lonke usendo lwakhe, kulemphefumulo engamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu. 15 UJakobe wasesehlela eGibhithe, wasesifa yena labobaba bethu; 16 basebethwalelwa eShikemi, balaliswa engcwabeni uAbrahama ayelithenge ngentengo yemali kumadodana kaHamori weShikemi. 17 Kwathi sesisondele isikhathi sesithembiso uNkulunkulu ayesifunge kuAbrahama, bakhula abantu banda eGibhithe, 18 kwaze kwavela enye inkosi, eyayingamazi uJosefa. 19 Yona yasiphatha ngobuqili isizukulu sakithi, yabahlupha obaba bethu, ukubahlalisa insane zabo, ukuze zingaphili. 20 Ngalesosikhathi kwazalwa uMozisi, waba muhle kuNkulunkulu; owondliwa endlini kayise inyanga ezintathu. 21 Eselahliwe, indodakazi kaFaro yamdobha, yazondlela yena ukuthi abe yindodana. 22 Njalo uMozisi wafundiswa kuyo yonke inhlanipho yamaGibhithe; wasesiba lamandla ngamazwi langemisebenzi. 23 Kwathi esesikhathi seminyaka engamatshumi amane agcweleyo, kwafika enhliziyweni yakhe ukuthi ahambele abafowabo abantwana bakolsrayeli. 24 Kwathi ebona omunye ephathwa kubi, wamvikela wamphindisela ohlutshwayo, watshaya

umGibhithe; 25 njalo wayethemba ukuthi abafowabo ngalezonsuku, baletha umhlatshelelo esithombeni, bazaqedisisa ukuthi uNkulunkulu ubanika inkululeko ngesandla sakhe; kodwa kabaqedisisanga. 26 Njalo ngosuku olulandelayo wazibonakalisa kubo ababesilwa, wabalamula ngamandla, esithi: Madoda, lingabazalwane; liphathanelani kubi? 27 Kodwa lowo owayemona umakhelwane wamsunduza, esithi: Ubekwe ngubani ukuba ngumbusi lomahluleli phezu kwethu? 28 Usufuna ukungibulala yini, njengoba ubulele umGibhithe izolo? 29 Ngalelizwi uMozisi wasebaleka, waba ngowemzini elizweni leMadiyani, lapho azala khona amadodana amabili. 30 Kwathi sekugcwaliseke iminyaka engamatshumi amane, kwabonakala kuye enkangala yentaba iSinayi ingilosi yeNkosi phakathi kwelangabi lomlilo esihlahleni. 31 Kwathi uMozisi esebonile wamangala ngalowombono; esasondela ukuthi akhangelisise, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kuye lisithi: 32 Mina nginguNkulunkulu waboyihlo, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama loNkulunkulu kalsaka loNkulunkulu kaJakobe. UMOzisi wasethuthumela, kazaba lesibindi sokukhangelisisa. 33 INkosi yasisithi kuye: Khulula amanyathela enyaweni zakho; ngoba indawo omi kiyo ingumhlabathi ongcwele. 34 Ngikubonile lokukubona ukuhlutshwa kwabantu bami abaseGibhithe, njalo ngizwile ukububula kwabo; sengehlile ukuthi ngibakhulule; khathesike woza, ngizakuthuma eGibhithe. 35 UMOzisi lo abamalayo besithi: Ubekwe ngubani ukuba ngumbusi lomahluleli? - nguye uNkulunkulu amthumayo ukuba ngumbusi lomkhululi ngesandla sengilosi eyabonakala kuye esihlahleni. 36 Yena wabakhupha, esenze izimangaliso lezibonakalisile elizweni leGibhithe loLwandle oluBomvu, lenkangala iminyaka engamatshumi amane. 37 Nguye lowo uMozisi owathi kubantwana bakolsrayeli: INkosi uNkulunkulu wenu uzalivusela umprofethi kubazalwane benu onjengami; lizamuzwa yena. 38 Nguye lowo owayesebandleni enkangala, kanye lengilosi eyakhuluma laye entabeni iSinayi kanye labobaba bethu; owemukela amazwi aphilayo, ukuze asinike; 39 yena obaba bethu abangavumanga ukumlalela, kodwa bamsunduzela eceleni, basebebuyela eGibhithe ngenhliziyo zabo, 40 besithi kuAroni: Senzele onkulunkulu abazahamba phambi kwethu; ngoba uMozisi lo, owasikhupha elizweni iGibhithe, kasazi ukuthi wehlelele yini. 41 Basebesenza ithole ngalezonsuku, baletha umhlatshelelo esithombeni, bajabula ngemisebenzi yezandla zabo. 42 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wafulathela, wabanikela ukuthi bakhonze ibutho lezulu; njengokulotshiweyo encwadini yabaprofethi ukuthi: Laletha kimi yini imihlatshelo leminikelo iminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala, ndlu kalsrayeli? 43 Njalo lathatha ithabhanekela likaMoloki lenkanyezi kankulunkulu wenu uRefani, imifanekiso elayenza ukuthi liyikhonze; njalo ngizalithuthela ngaphambili kweBhabhiloni. 44 Obaba bethu babelalo ithabhanekela lobufakazi enkangala, njengokulayela kwalowo owakhuluma loMozisi, ukuthi alenze ngomfanekiso ayewubonile; 45 okwathi futhi obaba bethu abalandelayo sebelemukele balingenisa kanye loJoshuwa empahleni yezizwe, uNkulunkulu azixotsha phambi kobuso babobaba, kwaze kwaba sensukwini zikaDavida; 46 owathola umusa phambi kukaNkulunkulu, wacela ukutholela uNkulunkulu kaJakobe ithabhanekela. 47 Kodwa uSolomoni wamakhela indlu. 48 Kodwa oPhezukonke kahlali ethempelini elenziwe ngezandla, njengokutsho komprofethi ukuthi: 49 Izulu kimi liyisihlalo sobukhosi, lomhlaba uyisenabelo senyawo zami; lizangakhela indlu enjani, kutsho iNkosi; kumbe yiyiphi indawo yami yokuphumula? 50 Isandla sami kasizenzanga yini zonke lezizinto? 51 Lina ntamo zilukhuni njalo abangasokanga enhliziyweni lendlebeni, lina limelana njalonjalo loMoya oyiNgcwele; njengaboyihlo, linjalo lani. 52 Nguwuphi owabaprofethi oyihlo abangamzingelanga? Basebebulala labo abamemezela ngaphambili ngokuza koLungileyo, yena lo lina khathesi eselabangabanikeli lababulali bakhe; 53 elemukela umlayo ngokuhlela kwezingilosi, kodwa kaliwulondolozanga. 54 Bathi sebezwile lezizinto, bahlabeka enhliziyweni zabo, bamgedlela amazinyo. 55 Kodwa yena egcwele uMoya oNgcwele, wajolozela ezulwini, wabona inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu, loJesu emi ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, 56 wasesithi: Khangelani, ngibona amazulu evulekile, leNdodana yomuntu imi ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu. 57 Kodwa bamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, bavala indlebe zabo, batheleka phezu kwakhe bengqondonye; 58 basebemkhuphela ngaphandle komuzi, bamkhanda ngamatshe; labafakazi babeka phansi izembatho zabo enyaweni zejaha elithiwa nguSawuli. 59 Bamkhanda ngamatshe

uStefane, ebiza esithi: Nkosi Jesu, yemukela umoya wami. **60** Waseguqa ngamadolo, wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Nkosi, ungababaleli lesisono. Esetshilo lokhu walala.

8 Njalo uSawuli wayevumelana lokubulawa kwakhe. Ngalolosuku kwasekusuka ukuzingelwa okukhulu kwebandla elaliseJerusalem; bonke basebehlakazeka emazweni eJudiya leSamariya, ngaphandle kwabaphostoli. **2** Amadoda akholwayo asembutha uStefane, amenzela isililo esikhulu. **3** Kodwa uSawuli walichitha ibandla, engena izindlu ngezindlu, ehudula amadoda labafazi ebafaka entolongweni. **4** Ngakho abahlakazekileyo badabula ilizwe, betshumayela ilizwi. **5** UFiliphu wasesehlela emzini weSamariya, watshumayela kubo uKristu. **6** Amaxuku aselalela nganhliziyonye okwakhulunywana nguFiliphu, esizwa njalo ebona izibonakaliso azenzayo. **7** Ngoba kwabanengi ababelabomoya abangcolileyo, bememeza ngelizwi elikhulu baphuma; labanengi ababome umhlubulo lababeyiziqhuli basiliswa. **8** Kwaba khona intokozo enkulu kulowomuzi. **9** Njalo indoda ethile, uSimoni ngebizo, eyayikade isenza imilingo emzini isanganisa isizwe saseSamariya, isithi ingumuntu omkhulu; **10** abayilalelayo bonke kusukela kwabancinyane kuze kube kwabakhulu, besithi: Lo ungamandla amakhulu kaNkulunkulu. **11** Basebemlalela, ngoba wabanganisa isikhathi eside ngemilingo. **12** Kodwa kwathi sebekholwe uFiliphu etshumayela indaba ezinhle zezinto ngombuso kaNkulunkulu langebizo likaJesu Kristu, babhabhathizwa bonke amadoda labafazi. **13** LoSimoni laye wakholwa, njalo esebhabhathiziwe wanamathela kuFiliphu; wasanganiseka, ebona imisebenzi yamandla lezibonakaliso ezazisenziwa. **14** Kwathi abaphostoli abaseJerusalem bezwe ukuthi iSamariya ilemukele ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, bathuma kubo uPetro loJohane; **15** abathi sebehlele babakhulekela, ukuze bamemukele uMoya oNgcwele; **16** ngoba wayengakehleli lakoyedwa wabo, kodwa babebhabhathizwe ebizweni leNkosi uJesu kuphela. **17** Basebebeka izandla phezu kwabo, basebesemukela uMoya oNgcwele. **18** Njalo uSimoni esebonile ukuthi ngokubekwa kwezandla zabaphostoli uyaphiwa uMoya oyiNgcwele, waletha imali kubo, **19** esithi: Ngiphani lami lawomandla, ukuze kuthi loba ngubani engibeka

izandla zami phezu kwakhe, emukele uMoya oNgcwele. **20** Kodwa uPetro wathi kuye: Isiliva sakho kanye lawe kakube sekubhubheni, ngoba ucabanga ukuthi isipho sikaNkulunkulu singazuzwa ngemali. **21** Kawulasabelo lelifa kuloludaba. Ngoba inhliziyi yakho kayiqondanga phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **22** Ngakho phenduka kulobububi bakho, njalo ucele iNkosi, ukuthi uba kungenzeka uthethelelwe umnakano wenhliziyi yakho. **23** Ngoba ngibona ukuthi usenyongweni ebabayo njalo usekubotshweni yisono. **24** USimoni wasephendula esithi: Ngikhulekelani lina eNkosini, ukuze ngingehlelwa ngolunye lwalezizinto elizikhulumileyo. **25** Ngakho kuthe sebefakazile bekhulumile ilizwi leNkosi, babuyela eJerusalem, njalo betshumayela ivangeli emizaneni eminingi yamaSamariya. **26** Ingilosi yeNkosi yasikhuluma loFiliphu, yathi: Sukuma uye eningizimu endleleni eyehla isuka eJerusalem isiya eGaza; yona iyinkangala. **27** Wasesukuma ehamba; njalo khangela umuntu weEthiophiya umthenwa induna enkulu kaKandake indlovukazi yamaEthiophiya, eyayiphezu kwempahla yakhe eligugu yonke, eyayifikile eJerusalem ukukhonza, **28** yayisibuyela ihlezi enqoleni yayo, ibala kumprofethi ulsaya. **29** UMoya wasesithi kuFiliphu: Sondela uhambe lalinqola. **30** UFiliphu wasegijimela kuyo wayizwa ibala umprofethi ulsaya, wathi: Kambe uyaqedisisa yini lezizinto ozifundayo? **31** Yasisithi: Kambe ngingakwenelisa njani, ngaphandle kokuthi omunye angiqondise? Yasimcela uFiliphu ukuthi akhwele ahlale layo. **32** Lesehlukwana sombhalo eyayisifunda yilesi: Walethwa ekuhlatsweni njengemvu; lanjengewundlu lithule phambi komgundi walo, ngokunjalo kawuvuli umlomo wakhe. **33** Ekuthotshisweni kwakhe ukwahlulelwa kwakhe kwasuswa, njalo ngubani ongalandisa ngesizukulwana sakhe? Ngoba impilo yakhe iyasuswa emhlabeni. **34** Umthenwa wasephendula uFiliphu wathi: Ngiyakubuza, umprofethi ukhuluma lokhu ngobani? Ngaye ngokwakhe, kumbe ngomunye yini? **35** UFiliphu wasevula umlomo wakhe, eseqala kulowombhalo, watshumayela uJesu kuye. **36** Kwathi besahamba endleleni, bafika emanzini athile; lomthenwa wathi: Khangela, nanka amanzi; kuyini okungivimbela ukuthi ngibhabhathizwe? **37** UFiliphu wasesithi: Uba ukholwa ngenhliziyi yonke, kuvunyelwe. Wasephendula

wathi: Ngiyakholwa ukuthi uJesu Kristu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. 38 Waselaya ukuthi inqola ime; basebesehlela emanzini bobabili, uFiliphu lomthenwa; wasembhabhathiza. 39 Kwathi sebekhuphukile emanzini, uMoya weNkosi wamluthuna uFiliphu; njalo umthenwa kazabe esambona; wahamba-ke ngendlela yakhe ethokoza. 40 Kodwa uFiliphu waficwa eAzotu; njalo edabula watshumayela ivangeli kuyo yonke imizi, waze wafika eKesaraya.

9 Kwathi uSawuli, esaphefumula insongo lokubulala emelane labafundi beNkosi, waya kumpristi omkhulu, 2 wacela kuye incwadi zokuya eDamaseko kumasinagoge, ukuze kuthi uba ethola abanye baleyondlela, amadoda kanye labafazi, abalethe eJerusalema bebotshiwe. 3 Kwathi ekuhambeni, kwenzeka ukuthi esesondele eDamaseko; njalo kwahle kwamphazimela inhlangothi zonke ukukhanya okuvela ezulwini; 4 njalo ewela emhlabathini, wezwa ilizwi lisithi kuye: Sawuli, Sawuli, ungizingelelani? 5 Wasesithi: Ungubani, Nkosi? iNkosi yasisithi: Mina nginguJesu omzingelayo; kulukhuni kuwe ukukhahlelana lezincijo. 6 Ethuthumela njalo emangala wathi: Nkosi, uthanda ukuthi ngenzeni? LeNkosi yathi kuye: Sukuma ungene emzini, njalo uzatshelwa lokho omele ukwenze. 7 Lamadoda ayehamba laye ayemi engelakukhuluma, esizwa ilizwi, kodwa engaboni muntu. 8 USawuli wasevuka emhlabathini; kwathi esevule amehlo akhe, kabonanga muntu. Basebembamba ngesandla, bamusa eDamaseko. 9 Wasesiba lensuku ezintathu engaboni, njalo engadli futhi enganathi. 10 Kwakukhona eDamaseko umfundi othile uAnaniya ngebizo; iNkosi yasisithi kuye ngombono: Ananiya! Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha, Nkosi. 11 iNkosi yasisithi kuye: Sukuma uye endleleni ethiwa iQondile, udinge endlini kaJudasi umuntu, uSawuli ngebizo, weTarsu; ngoba khangela uyakhuleka, 12 njalo ubonile ngombono umuntu, uAnaniya ngebizo, engena ebeka isandla phezu kwakhe, ukuze abuye abone. 13 Kodwa uAnaniya waphendula wathi: Nkosi, ngizwile ngabanengi ngalindoda, kungakanani okubi akwenzileyo kwabangcwele bakho eJerusalema; 14 lalapha ulamandla avela kubapristi abakhulu, okubopha bonke labo ababiza ibizo lakho. 15 Kodwa iNkosi yathi kuye: Hamba, ngoba lowo uyisitsha sami esikhethiweyo, ukuphatha ibizo lami

phambi kwezizwe lamakhosi, labantwana bakolSrayeli; 16 ngoba mina ngizamtshengisa ukuthi umele ukuhlupheka kangakanani ngenxa yebizo lami. 17 UAnaniya wasesuka wangena endlini, wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwakhe esithi: Sawuli mzalwane, iNkosi ingithumile, uJesu obonakele kuwe endleleni oze ngayo, ukuze ubuye ubone njalo ugcwaliswe ngoMoya oNgcwele. 18 Kwahle kwawa emehlweni akhe kwangathi zinkwethu, wahle wabuye wabona, njalo esukuma wabhabhathizwa, 19 njalo esedlile wathola amandla. USawuli wasehlala labafundi ababeseDamaseko insuku ezithile. 20 Wahle-ke watshumayela uKristu emasinagogeni, ukuthi yena uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. 21 Njalo bonke abezwayo basanganiseka bathi: Lo kayisuye yini owachitha eJerusalema labo ababiza lelibizo, lalapha uzele lokho ukuthi abaqhube bebotshiwe abase kubapristi abakhulu? 22 Kodwa uSawuli waqiniswa kakhulu, wasanganisa amaJuda akhileyo eDamaseko, eqinisa ukuthi lo unguye uKristu. 23 Kwathi sezigcwalisiwe insuku ezinengi, amaJuda enza icebo ndawonye ukuthi ambulale; 24 kodwa iqhinga lawo laziwa nguSawuli. Aselinda emasangweni emini lebusuku, ukuze ambulale; 25 kodwa abafundi bamthatha ebusuku, bamehlisela emthangaleni bemehlisa ngesilulu. 26 Kwathi uSawuli esefikile eJerusalema, wazama ukuzihlanganisa labafundi; kodwa bonke bamesaba, bengakholwa ukuthi ungumfundi. 27 Kodwa uBarnabasi wamthatha wamusa kubaphostoli, wabalandisela ukuthi uyibone njani iNkosi endleleni, lokuthi ikhulumile kuye, lokuthi eDamaseko ukhulume njani ngesibindi ebizweni likaJesu. 28 Wasehlala labo engena ephuma eJerusalema, 29 wasekhuluma ngesibindi ngebizo leNkosi uJesu, wakhuluma njalo futhi ephikisana lamaHelenisiti; kodwa bazama ukumbulala. 30 Kodwa abazalwane sebekwazi bamehlisela eKesaraya, bamthuma eTarsu. 31 Ngakho amabandla kuyo yonke iJudiya leGalili leSamariya aba lokuthula, esakheka, ehamba ekwesabeni iNkosi langenduduzo kaMoya oNgcwele, anda. 32 Kwasekusithi uPetro edabula indawo zonke wehlela lakwabangcwele abahlala eLida. 33 Wasefica khona umuntu othile uEneya ngebizo, owayeselele ecansini iminyaka eyisificaminwembili, ome umhlubulo. 34 UPetro wasesithi kuye: Eneya, uJesu Kristu uyakusilisa; sukuma uzendlelele icansi.

Njalo wahle wasukuma. **35** Basebembona bonke abakhileyo eLida leSaroni, abaphendukela eNkosini. **36** Kwakukhona eJopha umfundikazi othile, uTabitha ngebizo, okungokuchasiswa kuthiwa nguDorkasi; lo wayegcwele imisebenzi emihle lemisebenzi yomusa ayenzayo. **37** Kwasekusithi kulezonsuku wagula wafa; sebemgezisile bamlalisa endlini ephezulu. **38** Njalo njengoba iLida yayiseduze leJopha, abafundi sebezile ukuthi uPetro wayekhona kuyo, bathuma amadoda amabili kuye, bemncenga ukuthi angaphuzi ukuza kubo. **39** UPetro wasesukuma wahamba labo; okwathi esefikile bamthatha bamusa endlini ephezulu, labafelokazi bonke bema laye bekhala bemshengisa izembatho lezigqoko uDorkasi ayezenzile eselabo. **40** Kodwa uPetro esebakhuphele phandle bonke eguqa ngamadolo wakhuleka; esetshibilikela esidunjini, wathi: Tabitha, vuka! Wasevula amehlo akhe; wabona uPetro, walulama. **41** Wamelulela isandla, wamsukumisa; esebize abangcwele labafelokazi, wambeka phambi kwabo ephila. **42** Kwasekusaziwa kuyo yonke iJopha, labanengi bakholwa eNkosini. **43** Kwenzeka ukuthi ahlafe eJopha insuku ezinengi loSimoni othile umtshuki wezikhumba.

10 Kwakukhona eKesariya indoda ethile ngebizo nguKorneliyu, induna yekhulu yebutho elithiwa ngelelthaliya, **2** eqotho lemesabayo uNkulunkulu kanye lendlu yayo yonke, eyenza imisebenzi yomusa eminengi ebantwini, ikhuleka njalonjalo kuNkulunkulu; **3** yabona embonweni ngokucacileyo, ngokungaba liholo lesificamunwemunye losuku, ingilos kaNkulunkulu ingena kuyo, yasisithi kuyo: Korneliyu! **4** Waseyijolozela efikelwa yikwesaba wathi: Kuyini, Nkosi? Yasisithi kuye: Imikhuleko yakho lezipho zakho kubayanga kwenyuke kwaba yisikhumbuzo phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **5** Khathe-sike thuma amadoda eJopha, ubize uSimoni othiwa futhi nguPetro; **6** yena ungenisile kuSimoni othile umtshuki wezikhumba, ondlu yakhe iselwandle; yena uzakutshela ofanele ukwenze. **7** Kwathi ingilos ebikhuluma loKorneliyu isihambile, wabiza ababili kwabendlu yakhe, lowebutho oqotho kulabo ababemlinda, **8** njalo eselandsile konke kubo, wabathuma eJopha. **9** Njalo kusisa bona besahamba sebesondela emzini, uPetro wenyukela phezu kophahla lwendlu ukuyakhuleka, okungaba liholo lesithupha; **10** waselamba kakhulu,

wafuna ukudla; kwathi bona besamlungisela, ukuhlehliswa kwengqondo kwamehlela, **11** wasebona izulu livulekile, lesitsha esithile sehlela kuye, njengelembu elikhulu, libotshwe ngamasondo amane, lisehliselwa emhlabeni; **12** okwakukhona kulo izidalwa zonke ezilenyawo ezine zomhlaba lezeganga lezihuquzelayo lenyoni zezulu. **13** Kwasekufika ilizwi kuye lathi: Sukuma, Petro, hlaba udle. **14** Kodwa uPetro wathi: Hatshi bo, Nkosi; ngoba kangizake ngidle loba yini engahlambulukanga kumbe engcolileyo. **15** Ilizwi laphinda ngokwesibili kuye: Izinto uNkulunkulu azihlambululileyo, wena ungatsho ukuthi kazihlambulukanga. **16** Njalo lokhu kwenzeka kwaze kwaba kathathu; lesitsha sabuya saphakanyiselwa ezulwini. **17** Kwathi uPetro esadidekile ngaphakathi kwakhe ukuthi ngabe uyini umbono awubonileyo, njalo khangela, amadoda ayethunywe evela kuKorneliyu, esebuzile indlu kaSimoni, ema esangweni, **18** esememezile abuza ukuthi uSimoni, othiwa futhi nguPetro, ungenisile lapha yini. **19** Kwathi uPetro esanakana ngombono, uMoya wathi kuye: Khangela, amadoda amathathu ayakudinga. **20** Ngakho sukuma wehle, uhambe lawo, ungathandabuzi; ngoba yimi engiwithumileyo. **21** UPetro wasesehlela emadodeni avela kuKorneliyu ayethunywe kuye, wathi: Khangelani, yimi elimdingayo; yisizatho bani elize ngaso? **22** Basebesithi: UKorneliyu induna yekhulu, indoda elungileyo lemesabayo uNkulunkulu, efakazelwa yisizwe sonke samaJuda, walayelwa nguNkulunkulu ngengilos engcwele ukuthi akubizele endlini yakhe, njalo ezwe amazwi kuwe. **23** Ngakho esebabizele phakathi wabangenisa. Njalo kusisa uPetro waphuma wahamba labo, labanye babazalwane ababeseJopha bahamba laye. **24** Ngosuku olulandelayo basebengena eKesariya. LoKorneliyu wayebalindele, esebizele ndawonye izihlobo zakhe labangane abazwana laye. **25** Kwathi sekwenzakele ukuthi uPetro angene, uKorneliyu wamhlangebeza, ewela enyaweni zakhe, wamkhonza. **26** Kodwa uPetro emphakamisa, wathi: Sukuma; lami ngokwami ngingumuntu. **27** Njalo esakhuluma layo wangena, wafica abanengi bebuthene, **28** wasesithi kubo: Lina liyazi ukuthi kakuvunyelwa emuntwini ongumJuda ukuhlangana kumbe ukuya emuntwini wesinye isizwe; kodwa uNkulunkulu ungitshengisile ukuthi ngingabizi muntu ngokuthi

kahlambulukanga kumbe ungcolile; **29** ngakho-ke ngizile ngingaphikisanga nxa ngibizwa. Ngakho ngiyabuza, ukuthi ungibizele sizatho bani? **30** UKorneliyu wasesithi: Ngensuku ezine ezidlulileyo kuze kube yilelihora ngangizila ukudla, ngehola lesificamunwemunye ngangikhuleka endlini yami; njalo khangela, indoda yema phambi kwami yembethe isembatho esikhazimulayo, **31** yasisithi: Korneliyu, umkhuleko wakho uzwakele, lemisebenzi yakho yomusa ikhunjulwe phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **32** Ngakho thumela eJopha, ubusubiza uSimoni othiwa futhi nguPetro; yena ungenisile endlini kaSimoni umtshuki wezikhumba ngaselwandle; ozakuthi angabuya akutshela. **33** Ngakho ngahle ngathumela kuwe; njalo wena wenze kuhle ukuthi ufike. Ngakho khathezi sesikhona sonke phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukuze sizwe konke okulayelwe nguNkulunkulu. **34** Kwathi uPetro evula umlomo, wathi: Ngeqiniso ngiyaqedisa ukuthi uNkulunkulu kayisuye umkhangel i wobuso bomuntu; **35** kodwa kuso sonke isizwe yena omesabayo lowenza ukulunga, uyemukeleka kuye. **36** Ilizwi alithumela kubantwana bakolsrayeli, ngevangel i etshumayela ukuthula ngoJesu Kristu (yena uyiNkosi yabo bonke). **37** Lina liyalazi ilizwi elamenyezelwa eJudiya yonke, kusukela eGalili, emva kobhabhathizo uJohane alutshumayelayo; **38** uJesu weNazaretha, ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamgcoba njani ngoMoya oNgcwele langamandla, owabhoda esenza okulungileyo njalo esilisa bonke labo abacindezelwe ngudiyabhola, ngoba uNkulunkulu wayelaye. **39** Lathi singabafakazi bezinto zonke azenzayo elizweni lamaJuda leJerusalema; abambulala bamphanyeka esihlahleni. **40** Yena uNkulunkulu wamvusa ngosuku lwesithathu, wasemnika ukuze abonakale, **41** kungeyisikho kubo bonke abantu, kodwa kubafakazi ababekhethwe ngaphambili nguNkulunkulu, kithi, esadla sanatha kanye laye emva kokuvuka kwakhe kwabafileyo. **42** Wasesilaya ukuthi sitshumaye le ebantwini, sifakaze ukuthi nguye omiswe nguNkulunkulu ukuba nguMehluli wabaphilayo labafileyo. **43** Ngaye bonke abaprofethi bafakaza, ukuthi wonke okholwa kuye uzakwemukela uthethelelo lwezono ngebizo lakhe. **44** Kwathi uPetro esakhuluma lawomazwi, uMoya oyiNgcwele wehlela phezu kwabo bonke abalizwayo ilizwi. **45** Labokusoka abakholwayo

basanganiseka, bonke ababefike loPetro, ukuthi isipho sikaMoya oNgcwele sathululelwa laphezu kwabezizwe; **46** ngoba babezwa bekhuluma ngendimi, bekhulisa uNkulunkulu. Khona uPetro waphendula wathi: **47** Ukhona yini ongala lamanzi, ukuthi laba bangabhabhathizwa, abemukele uMoya oyiNgcwele lanjengathi? **48** Waselaya ukuthi babhabhathizwe ebizweni leNkosi. Basebemcela ukuthi ahlale insuku ezithile.

11 Abaphostoli labazalwane ababeseJudiya basebesizwa ukuthi abezizwe labo balemukele ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. **2** Kwathi uPetro esenyukele eJerusalema, abokusoka baphikisana laye, **3** besithi: Ungene emadodeni angasokanga, wadla lawo. **4** Kodwa uPetro eqala wabalandisela ngokulandelana esithi: **5** Mina ngangisemzini weJopha ngikhuleka, ngasengibona ekuhlehlisweni kwengqondo umbono, kwehla isitsha esithile, sinjengelembu elikhulu sisehliswa ngamasondo amane sivela ezulwini, sasesifika kimi; **6** okwathi sengilikhangelisisile ngaqaphelisa, ngasengibona inyamazana ezilenyawo ezine zomhlaba lezeganga lezihuquzelayo lenyoni zezulu. **7** Ngasengisizwa ilizwi lisithi kimi: Sukuma, Petro, hlaba udle. **8** Kodwa ngathi: Hatshi bo Nkosi; ngoba loba yini engahlambulukanga kumbe engcolileyo kayizake ingene emlonyeni wami. **9** Kodwa ilizwi langiphendula ngokwesibili livela ezulwini lathi: Izinto uNkulunkulu azihlambululileyo, wena ungatsho ukuthi kazihlambulukanga. **10** Lokhu-ke kwenzeka kathathu, njalo konke kwabuye kwadonselwa phezu ezulwini. **11** Njalo khangela, ngasona lesosikhathi amadoda amathathu ema phambi kwendlu engangikuyo, ethunyiwe kimi evela eKesariya. **12** UMoya wasesithi kimi ngihambe lawo, ngingathandabuzi; lalababazalwane abayisithupha labo bahamba lami, sasesingena endlini yendoda; **13** yasisibikela ukuthi yayibone njani ingilosi imi endlini yayo, isithi kuyo: Thumela amadoda eJopha, ubize uSimoni, othiwa nguPetro, **14** ozakutshela amazwi, ozasindiswa ngawo wena lendlu yakho yonke. **15** Kwathi ngisaqala ukukhuluma, uMoya oyiNgcwele wehlela phezu kwabo, lanjengakithi ekuqaleni. **16** Ngakhumbula ilizwi leNkosi, ukuthi yakhuluma njani isithi: Isibili uJohane wabhabhathiza ngamanzi, kodwa lina libabhabhathizwa ngoMoya oNgcwele. **17** Ngakho nxa uNkulunkulu ebanikile

isipho esifananayo lanjengakithi, esakholwa eNkosini uJesu Kristu, mina bengingubani ebengingavimbela uNkulunkulu? **18** Njalo bathi sebezizwile lezizinto bathula, bamdumisa uNkulunkulu, besithi: Ngakho-ke uNkulunkulu unikile abezizwe labo ukuphendukela empilweni. **19** Labo-ke abahlakazeka ngokuhlupheka okwenzeka mayelana loStefane badabula baze bafika eFenekiya leKuprosi leAntiyoki, bengalikhulumi ilizwi lakoyedwa ngaphandle kumaJuda kuphela. **20** Kodwa kwakukhona abanye kubo, amadoda amaKuprosi lamaKurene, abathi sebefike eAntiyoki, bakhuluma lamaHelenisiti, betshumayela indaba ezinhle zeNkosi uJesu. **21** Lesandla seNkosi sasilabo; njalo inani elikhulu lakholwa laphendukela eNkosini. **22** Zasezizwakala indaba ngabo endlebeni zebandla elaliseJerusalema; basebethuma uBarnabasi ukuthi adabule kuze kube seAntiyoki; **23** kwathi esefikile esebona umusa kaNkulunkulu wathokoza, wasebakhuthaza bonke ukuthi babambebele eNkosini ngokuzimisela kwenhliziyo; **24** ngoba wayeyindoda elungileyo egcwele uMoya oNgcwele lokholo; kwengezelelwa eNkosini ixuku elikhulu. **25** UBarnabasi wasesiya eTarsu ukuze adinge uSawuli, **26** kwathi esemtholile wamletha eAntiyoki. Kwasekusithi umnyaka wonke behlangana ebandleni bafundisa ixuku elikhulu; njalo abafundi baqala ukubizwa ngokuthi ngamaKristu eAntiyoki. **27** Kwathi ngalezonsuku kwafika eAntiyoki abaprofethi bevela eJerusalema. **28** Kwasekusukuma omunye wabo othiwa nguAgabusi, watshengisa ngoMoya ukuthi kuzakuba khona indlala enkulu emhlabeni wonke; eyaba khona futhi ngesikhathi sikaKlawudiyosi Kesari. **29** Labafundi bazimisela ukuthi ngulowo lalowo wabo athumele njengamandla alowo lalowo okokusiza abazalwane abahlala eJudiya; **30** abakwenzayo-ke, bakuthumela kubadala ngesandla sikaBarnabasi loSawuli.

12 Ngalesosikhathi uHerodi inkosi waseselula izandla ukuthi ahluphe abanye bebandla. **2** Wasebulala uJakobe umfowabo kaJohane ngenkamba. **3** Esebonile ukuthi lokhu kuyawathokozisa amaJuda, waqhubeka wabamba uPetro laye (njalo kwakuzinsuku zesinkwa esingelamvubelo); **4** esembambile laye wamfaka entolongweni, wamnikela kumaviyo amane alamabutho amane ukuze amlinde, eqonde

ukumusa ebantwini emva kwephasika. **5** Ngakho uPetro wagcinwa entolongweni; kodwa umkhuleko oqhubekayo wenziwa libandla ngaye kuNkulunkulu. **6** Kwathi uHerodi esezamkhupha, ngalobobusuku uPetro wayelele phakathi kwabebutho ababili, ebotshe ngamaketane amabili; labalindi phambi komnyango babegcine intolongo. **7** Njalo khangela, ingilosi yeNkosi yema, lokukhanya kwakhanyisa ekamelweni; yasitshaya uPetro ehlangothini, yamvusa isithi: Sukuma ngokuphangisa. Asesiwa amaketane akhe ezandleni zakhe. **8** Ingilosi yasisithi kuye: Bhinca, ubophe amanyathela akho. Wasesenza njalo. Yasisithi kuye: Yembatha isembatho sakho, ungilandele. **9** Wasephuma wayilandela; njalo wayengazi ukuthi kuliqiniso okwenziwa yingilosi, kodwa wayecabanga ukuthi ubona umbono. **10** Njalo sebedlulile abalindi bokuqala labesibili, bafika esangweni lensimbi, elokuya emzini, elabavulekela ngokwalo; basebephuma bahamba umgwaqo waba munye; njalo ingilosi yahle yamtshiya. **11** Kwathi uPetro, eseqaqabukile, wathi: Khathezi sengisazi ngeqiniso ukuthi iNkosi ithumile ingilosi yayo, yangikhulula esandleni sikaHerodi lakukho konke okulindelwe yizizwe samaJuda. **12** Kwathi esenanzelele waya endlini kaMariya unina kaJohane othiwa futhi nguMarko, lapho okwakuhlangene khona abanengi bekhuleka. **13** Kwathi uPetro eseqoqodile esivalweni sesango, incekekazi encane yeza ukulalela, uRoda ngebizo, **14** kwathi isilazi ilizwi likaPetro, kayivulanga isango ngenxa yentokozo, kodwa yagijima yangena yabika ukuthi uPetro umi phambi kwesango. **15** Kodwa bathi kuyo: Uyahlanya. Kodwa yaqinisisa ukuthi kunjalo. Basebesithi: Yingilosi yakhe. **16** Kodwa uPetro waqhubeka eqoqoda; sebevulile bambona, basanganiseka. **17** Wasebaqhweba ngesandla ukuze bathule, wabalandisela ukuthi iNkosi imkhuphe njani entolongweni, wathi: Bikelani uJakobe labazalwane lezizinto. Wasephuma waya kwenye indawo. **18** Sekusile, kwaba khona isiphithiphithi esingesincinyane phakathi kwebutho, ukuthi wayesehlelewe yini uPetro. **19** Kwathi uHerodi esemdingile engamtholi, wabuzisisa abalindi, walaya ukuthi basuswe bayebulawa. Wasesuka eJudiya wehlela eKesariya wahlala khona. **20** Njalo uHerodi wayebathukuthetelele abeTire labeSidoni; basebesiza kuye bengqondonye; sebevumelene loBlastusi

induna yekamelo lokulala lenkosi, bacela ukuthula, ngoba ilizwe labo lalifunzwa ngelenkosi. 21 Njalo ngosuku olumisiweyo uHerodi wembatha isembatho sobukhosi, wasehlala esihlalweni sokwahlulela, wenza inkulumo kubo. 22 Abantu basebememeza besithi: Yilizwi likaNkulunkulu njalo kayisilo elomuntu. 23 Njalo yahle yamtschaya ingilos yeNkosi, ngoba kanikanga udumo kuNkulunkulu; wasedliwa zimpethu, waphela. 24 Kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lakhula landa. 25 UBarnabasi loSawuli basebebuya bevela eJerusalem, sebeqedile inkonzo, babuya beloJohane laye othiwa futhi nguMarko.

13 Kwakukhona eAntiyoki ebandleni lapho abaprofethi labafundisi abathile, uBarnabasi kanye loSimeyoni othiwa nguNigeri, loLukiyo umKurene, loManayeni owayondliwe kanye loHerodi umtetrarki, loSawuli. 2 Kwathi bekhonza iNkosi bezila ukudla, uMoya oyiNgcwele wathi: Ngehlukanisela oBarnabasi kanye loSawuli emsebenzini engibabizele wona. 3 Sebezile ukudla bakhuleka babeka izandla phezu kwabo, babathuma. 4 Bona-ke sebethunyiwe nguMoya oyiNgcwele, behlela eSelukiya, basuka lapho baya eKuprosi ngomkhumbi. 5 Kwathi sebefikile eSalamisi, batshumayela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu emasinagogeni amaJuda; njalo babeloJohane umsizi. 6 Kwathi sebedabule isihlenge bafika ePhafosi, bafica isanuse esithile, umprofethi wamanga, umJuda, obizo lakhe nguBarjesu, 7 owayelombusi uSergiyu Pawuli, indoda ehlaniphelelo. Lo wabizela kuye uBarnabasi loSawuli edinga ukuzwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. 8 Kodwa isanuse, uElimasi, ngoba liphendulelwa njalo ibizo lakhe, waphikisana labo, edinga ukuphambula umbusi ekholweni. 9 Kodwa uSawuli, onguPawuli futhi, egcwele uMoya oNgcwele, njalo emjolozela 10 wathi: O wena ogcwele inkohliso yonke lobuqili bonke, ndodana kadiyabhola, sitha sakho konke ukulunga, kawuyekeli ukuphambula indlela eziqondileyo zeNkosi yini? 11 Njalo khathezi khangelana, isandla seNkosi siphezu kwakho, njalo uzakuba yisiphofu, ungaliboni ilanga okwesikhathi. Kwahle kwamehlela ukufiphala lobumnyama, wahamba ebhoda edinga abazamdonisa ngesandla. 12 Ngalesosikhathi umbusi wabona okwenziweyo wakholwa, edidwa yimfundiso yeNkosi. 13 UPawuli lababelaye basebesuka ngomkhumbi ePhafosi bafika ePerga esePamfiliya. Kodwa uJohane wehlukana labo wabuyela eJerusalem. 14 Kodwa

bona bedabula besuka ePerga, bafika eAntiyoki esePisidiya; ngosuku lwesabatha basebengena esinagogeni, bahlala phansi. 15 Kwathi sekufundwe umlayo labaprofethi, abaphathi besinagoge bathumela kubo, besithi: Madoda bazalwane, uba kulelizwi phakathi kwenu lenkuthazo ebantwini, khulumani. 16 Kwathi uPawuli esukuma, njalo eqhweba ngesandla, wathi: Madoda malsrayeli, lani elesaba uNkulunkulu, lalalani. 17 UNkulunkulu walesisizwe sakoIsrayeli wakhetha obaba bethu, wabaphakamisa abantu bengabemzini elizweni leGibhithe, wabakhupha kulo ngengalo ephakemeyo. 18 Wasebekezelela isimilo sabo okungaba yisikhathi seminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala. 19 Njalo esechithile izizwe eziyisikhombisa elizweni leKhanani, wabehlukanisela ilizwe labo ngenkatho. 20 Lemva kwalezizinto, okungaba ngokweminyaka engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu, wabanika abahluleli kwaze kwaba nguSamuweli umprofethi. 21 Njalo kusukela lapho bacela inkosi; uNkulunkulu wasebanika uSawuli indodana kaKishi, indoda yesizwe sakoBhenjamini, okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. 22 Njalo esemkhuphile, wabavusela uDavida waba yinkosi, afakaza langaye ngokuthi: Ngimtholile uDavida kaJese, indoda ngokwenhliziyo yami, ezakwenza intando yami yonke. 23 Enzalweni yalumnuntu njengesithembiso, uNkulunkulu uvusele ulsrayeli uMsindisi uJesu; 24 engakafiki yena uJohane wayesetshumayele kuqala ubhahathizo lokuphenduka kubo bonke abantu bakoIsrayeli. 25 UJohane esegcwalise uhambo lwakhe, wathi: Licabanga ukuthi ngingubani? Kangisuye mina; kodwa khangelani, emva kwami uyeza, engingafanelanga ukukhulula amanyathela enyawo zakhe. 26 Madoda bazalwane, bantwana bohlanga lukaAbrahama, lalabo phakathi kwenu abesaba uNkulunkulu, lithunyelwe kini ilizwi lalolusindiso. 27 Ngoba labo abahlala eJerusalem lababusi babo kabamazanga lo, bawagcwalisa lamazwi abaprofethi afundwayo isabatha ngesabatha, ngokumlahla; 28 njalo bengatholi lacala lokufa, bacela kuPilatu ukuthi abulawe. 29 Kwathi sebeqedile konke okulotshiweyo ngaye, bamethula esihlahleni, bamlalisa engcwabeni. 30 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo; 31 owabonwa insuku ezinengi yilabo ababenyukeye laye ukuya eJerusalem besuka eGalili, abangabafakazi

bakhe ebantwini. **32** Lathi sitshumayela indaba ezinhle kini zesithembiso esenziwa kubobaba, **33** ukuthi uNkulunkulu usigcwalisile sona kithi, abantwana babo, emvusile uJesu, njengoba kulotshiwe futhi kusihlabelelo sesibili ukuthi: Wena uyiNnodana yami, lamuhla mina ngikuzele. **34** Njalo ngokuthi wamvusa kwabafileyo, engasayikubuyela ekuboleni, wakhuluma kanje wathi: Ngizalnika izibusiso ezingcwele lezithembekileyo zikaDavida. **35** Ngakho njalo kwenye indawo uthi: Kawuyikunikela oNgcwele wakho abone ukubola. **36** Ngoba uDavida, esekhonze esakhe isizukulwana ngecebo likaNkulunkulu walala, njalo walaliswa laboyise, wabona ukubola; **37** kodwa lowo uNkulunkulu amvusayo, kakubonanga ukubola. **38** Ngakho kakwaziwe yini, madoda bazalwane, ukuthi ngalowo kutshunyayelwa kini uthethelelo lwezono; **39** njalo kulo wonke okholwayo uyalungisiswa kukho konke ebelingelungiswe kukho ngomlayo kaMozisi. **40** Ngakho qaphelani ukuthi kalehlelwa yilokhu okwakhulunywa kubaprofethi, okokuthi: **41** Khangelani, zideleli, njalo limangale, litshabalale; ngoba mina ngenza umsebenzi ensukwini zenu, umsebenzi elingasozwe lawukholwa, nxa umuntu elilandisela. **42** Kwathi ekuphumeni kwamaJuda esinagogeni, abezizwe bacela ukuthi lamazwi akhulunywe kubo ngesabatha elilandelayo. **43** Kwathi abesinagoge sebebhumile, abanengi kumaJuda labakhonzayo abaphendukela kumaJuda balandela uPawuli loBarnabasi; abakhuluma labo, bebancenga ukuthi bahlale emuseni kaNkulunkulu. **44** Kwathi ngesabatha elilandelayo babuthana kwaphose kwaba ngumuzi wonke ukuzwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. **45** Kodwa amaJuda ebona amaxuku agcwaliswa ngomona, aphikisa izinto ezakhulunywa nguPawuli, ephikisa njalo ehlambaza. **46** Kodwa uPawuli loBarnabasi bekhuluma ngesibindi bathi: Kwakudingeka ukuthi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu likhulunywe kini kuqala; kodwa njengoba lilinina, njalo lizigweba ukuthi alifanelanga impilo elaphakade, khangelani, siphendukela kwabezizwe. (aiōnios g166) **47** Ngoba iNkosi isilayile ngokunjalo yathi: Ngikumisile ube yikukhanya kwabezizwe, ube ngowosindiso kuze kube semkhawulweni womhlaba. **48** Kwathi abezizwe bekuzwa bathokoza, basebelidumisa ilizwi leNkosi, basebekholwa bonke ababemiselwe impilo elaphakade; (aiōnios g166) **49** lelizwi leNkosi

lasatshalaliswa elizweni lonke. **50** Kodwa amaJuda avusa abesifazana abakhonzayo abadumileyo lezikhulu zomuzi, avusela uPawuli loBarnabasi ukuzingelwa, abaxotsha emikhawulweni yawo. **51** Kodwa babathintithela uthuli lwenyawo zabo, bafika elkoniyuma. **52** Njalo abafundi bagcwaliswa ngentokozo loMoya oNgcwele.

14 Kwasekusithi elkoniyuma, bangena ndawonye esinagogeni lamaJuda, basebekhuluma njalo kwaze kwakholwa ixuku elikhulu lamaJuda kanye lamaGriki. **2** Kodwa amaJuda angakholwayo avusa athela umoya omubi emphefumulweni yabezizwe ngabazalwane. **3** Ngakho bahlala isikhathi eside bekhuluma ngesibindi beseNkosini eyafakazela ilizwi lomusa wayo, njalo ibanika ukuthi kwenziwe izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ngezandla zabo. **4** Kodwa ixuku lomuzi lehlukaniswa phakathi; abanye basebesiba lamaJuda, labanye baba labaphostoli. **5** Kwathi sekulokuhlasela kwabezizwe lamaJuda kanye lababusi babo, okokubaphatha kubi lokubakhanda ngamatshe, **6** sebekwazi, babalekela emizini yeLikawoniya, eListra leDerbe, lelizweni elizingezezeleleyo; **7** lakhona batshumayela ivangeli. **8** Njalo eListra kwakuhlezi indoda ethile engelamandla enyaweni zayo, eyisiqhuli kusukela esizalweni sikanina, engazange ihambe. **9** Yona yamuzwa uPawuli ekhuluma; yena eyijolozela, ebona ukuthi ilokholo lokuthi isindisiwe, **10** wathi ngelizwi elikhulu: Sukuma, ume ngenyawo zakho uqonde. Yasisukuma yathi lothu yahamba. **11** Kwathi amaxuku, ebona uPawuli akwenzileyo, aphakamisa amazwi awo esithi ngesiLikawoniya: Onkulunkulu behlele kithi befanana labantu. **12** UBarnabasi basebembiza ngokuthi nguZewusi, loPawuli ngokuthi nguHermesi, ngoba yena wayengumkhokheli wokukhuluma. **13** Njalo umpristi kaZewusi owayephambi komuzi wabo, waletha izinkabi lemigaxo emasangweni, wafuna ukuhlaba umnikelo ekanye lamaxuku. **14** Kodwa abaphostoli uBarnabasi loPawuli besizwa, badabula izembatho zabo, baphoseka exukwini, bememeza **15** besithi: Madoda, lizenzelani lezizinto? Lathi singabantu abalemizwa efanana leyenu, sitshumayela indaba ezinhle kini ukuthi liphenduke kulezozinto eziyize liphendukele kuNkulunkulu ophilayo, owenza izulu lomhlaba lolwandle lakho konke okukukho; **16** owathi ezizukulwaneni ezidlulileyo wayekela izizwe

zonke zahamba ngendlela zazo. 17 Loba kunjalo kayekelanga yena ukuthi angabi lobufakazi, ukwenza okuhle esinika izulu livela ezulwini lezikhathi zenala, egcwalisa inhliziyo zenu ngokudla langenjlabulo. 18 Njalo bekhuluma lezizinto, bawayekelisa kalukhuni amaxuku ukuthi angabahlabei. 19 Kodwa kwafika amaJuda avela eAntiyoki lelkoniyuma, encenga amaxuku, amkhanda uPawuli ngamatshe, amhudulela ngaphandle komuzi, ecabanga ukuthi ufile. 20 Kodwa kwathi abafundi bembuthanela, wasukuma wangena emzini; kusisa wasuka loBarnabasi baya eDerbe. 21 Njalo sebetshumayeke ivangeli kulowomuzi, sebezuzile abafundi abanengi, babuyela eListra lelkoniyuma leAntiyoki, 22 beqinisa imiphfumulo yabafundi, bebakhuthaza ukuthi bahlale ekholweni, lokuthi simele ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu ngezinhlopheko ezinengi. 23 Kwathi sebebabekele abadala kulo lonke ibandla, bakhuleka kanye lokuzila ukudla, babanikela eNkosini, asebekholwe kiyo. 24 Basebedabula iPisidiya baya ePamfiliya. 25 Sebekhulumile ilizwi ePerga, behlela eAtaliya; 26 basuka lapho ngomkhumbi baya eAntiyoki, besuka lapho ababenikelwe khona emuseni kaNkulunkulu emsebenzini abasebewuqedile. 27 Kwathi sebefikile bahlanganisa ibandla, balandisa konke uNkulunkulu ayekwenzile labo, lokuthi uvulele abezizwe umnyango wokholo. 28 Basebehlala lapho okwesikhathi esingesifitshane labafundi.

15 Kwasekusehla abathile bevela eJudiya, bafundisa abazalwane ukuthi: Nxa lingasokwanga ngokwesiko likaMozisi, lingesindiswe. 2 Ngakho kwathi sekulokuphambana lokuphikisana okungekuncinyane ngoPawuli loBarnabasi bemelane labo, bamisa ukuthi uPawuli loBarnabasi labanye abathile kubo benyukele kubaphostoli labadala eJerusalema, ngaloludaba. 3 Ngakho, kwathi sebephelekezelwe libandla, badabula iFeneikiya leSamariya, balandisa ngokuphenduka kwabezizwe; benzela bonke abazalwane intokozo enkulu. 4 Kwathi sebefikile eJerusalema, bemukelwa libandla labaphostoli labadala, njalo balandisa ukuthi zingakanani izinto uNkulunkulu ayezenze labo. 5 Kodwa kwasukuma abanye abakholwayo abangabehlelo labaFarisi, besithi: Kufanele ukubasoka, lokubalaya bagcine umlayo kaMozisi. 6 Kwasekubuthana abaphostoli labadala ndawonye

ukuze baluhlole loludaba. 7 Kwathi sebebphikisene kakhulu, uPetro wasukuma wathi kubo: Madoda bazalwane, lina liyazi ukuthi ensukwini zakuqala uNkulunkulu wakhetha phakathi kwethu, ukuthi ngomlomo wami abezizwe balizwe ilizwi levangeli, bakholwe. 8 Njalo uNkulunkulu umazi wenhliziyo wabafakazela, ebanika uMoya oyiNgcwele, lanjengathi; 9 futhi kehlukanisanga phakathi kwethu labo, ehlambulula inhliziyo zabo ngokholo. 10 Phoke limlingelani uNkulunkulu, ngokubeka ijogwe entanyeni yabafundi, obaba bethu kanye lathi esingabanga lamandla okulithwala? 11 Kodwa sikholwa ukuthi sisindiswa ngomusa weNkosi uJesu Kristu, ngandlelanye labo. 12 Ixuku lonke laselithula; laselisizwa uBarnabasi loPawuli belandisa ukuthi zingakanani izibonakaliso lezimangaliso uNkulunkulu ayezenze ngabo phakathi kwabezizwe. 13 Kwathi bona sebeqedile ukukhuluma, uJakobe waphendula wathi: Madoda bazalwane, ngilalelani: 14 USimeyoni uselandisile ukuthi uNkulunkulu wahambela njani abezizwe ekuqaleni ukuze azuzele ibizo lakhe abantu kubo. 15 Njalo amazwi abaprofethi ayavumelana lalokhu, njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: 16 Emva kwalezizinto ngizabuya, ngilakhe futhi ithabhanekela likaDavida eliwileyo; njalo ngizakwakha okudilikileyo kwalo, njalo ngilimise; 17 ukuze abaseleyo babantu bayidinge iNkosi, labezizwe bonke ibizo lami elibizwa phezu kwabo, itsho iNkosi eyenza lezizinto zonke. 18 Kwaziwa kuNkulunkulu imisebenzi yonke yakhe kusukela ephakadeni. (aiōn g165) 19 Ngakho mina ngiquma ukuthi singabakhathazi labo kwabezizwe abaphendukela kuNkulunkulu; 20 kodwa sibabhalele ukuthi bazile amanyala ezithombe, lokufeba, lokukhanyileyo, legazi. 21 Ngoba uMozisi ulabo kusukela ezizukulwaneni zendulo abamtshumayelayo umuzi ngomuzi, efundwa emasinagogeni isabatha ngesabatha. 22 Kwasekubonakala kukuhle kubaphostoli lakubadala kanye lebandla lonke, ukuthuma amadoda akhethiweyo phakathi kwabo eAntiyoki loPawuli loBarnabasi; babe ngoJudasi othiwa futhi nguBarsaba, loSilasi, amadoda angabakhokheli phakathi kwabazalwane, 23 basebebhala lokhu ngesandla sabo ukuthi: Abaphostoli labadala labazalwane kubazalwane abangabezizwe eAntiyoki leSiriya leKilikhiya, bayabingelela; 24 njengoba sizwile ukuthi

abathile abaphume kithi balikhathazile ngamazwi, bedunga imiphefumulo yenu, besithi lisokwe lilonde umthetho, bona esingabalayanga; 25 kwabonakala kukuhle kithi singqondonye, ukuthi siwakhethe amadoda siwathume kini, kanye labathandekayo bethu uBarnabasi loPawuli, 26 abantu abanikele impilo yabo ngenxa yebizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. 27 Ngakho sithumile uJudasi loSilasi, abazakuthi labo ngelizwi lomlomo balitshela izinto ezifananayo. 28 Ngoba kwabonakala kukuhle kuMoya oNgcwele, lakithi, ukuthi singalethesi umthwalo omkhulu, ngaphandle kwalezizinto ezifunekayo: 29 Ukuthi lizile okuhlatshele izithombe, legazi, lokukhanyileyo, lokufeba; lezizinto nxa lizazizila, lizabe lenze kuhle. Salani kuhle. 30 Ngakho sebebakhululile beza eAntiyoki; futhi sebelihlanganisile ixuku, balinika incwadi. 31 Kwathi sebefundile, bathokoza ngenduduzo. 32 UJudasi kanye loSilasi, njengoba labo babengabaprofethi, balaya abazalwane ngamazwi amanengi, babaqinisa. 33 Sebehlale isikhathi, bayekelwa basuka ngokuthula kubazalwane baya kubaphostoli, 34 kodwa kwabonakala kukuhle kuSilasi ukuthi asale khona. 35 UPawuli loBarnabasi basebesala eAntiyoki, befundisa betshumayela indaba ezinhle zelizwi leNkosi, kanye labanye abanengi. 36 Emva kwensuku ezithile uPawuli wasesithi kuBarnabasi: Ake sibuye sihambele abazalwane bethu emizini yonke, lapho esatshumayela khona ilizwi leNkosi, sibone ukuthi bahlezi njani. 37 UBarnabasi wasehlosa ukuthatha uJohane, othiwa nguMarko, ahambe labo. 38 Kodwa uPawuli wacabanga ukuthi kufanele ukuthi bangamthathi ahambe labo lowo owabatshiya ePamfiliya, kaze aya labo emsebenzini. 39 Kwasekuvela ukuphikisana okukhulu, baze behlukana phakathi; uBarnabasi wasethatha uMarko wahamba laye ngomkhumbi, baya eKuprozi. 40 Kodwa uPawuli wakhetha uSilasi wasuka wahamba, esenikelwe emuseni kaNkulunkulu ngabazalwane. 41 Wasedabula iSiriya leKilikhiya, eqinisa amabandla.

16 Wasefika eDerbe leListra; njalo khangela, kwakukhona lapho umfundi othile, uTimothi ngebizo, indodana yowesifazana othile ongumJudakazi okholwayo, kodwa uyise wayengumGriki; 2 owayenconywa ngabazalwane eListra lelkoniyuma. 3 Lo uPawuli wathanda

ukuthi aphume laye, wasemthatha wamsoka, ngenxa yamaJuda ayekhona kulezondawo; ngoba wonke ayemazi uyise, ukuthi wayengumGriki. 4 Njalo bedabula imizi, babanika izimiso ukuzilondoloza ezamiswa ngabaphostoli labadala ababeseJeruselema. 5 Ngakho amabandla aqiniswa ekholweni, njalo anda ngenani insuku ngensuku. 6 Sebedabule eFrigiya lelizwe leGalathiya, balelwa nguMoya oNgcwele ukukhuluma ilizwi eAsiya, 7 sebefikile ngaseMisiya bazama ukuya eBithiniya; kodwa uMoya kabavumelanga; 8 basebeyiceza iMisiya behlela eTrowasi. 9 Kwasekubonakala umbono kuPawuli ebusuku; indoda ethile umMakedoniya yayimi, imncenga isithi: Chaphela eMakedoniya, usisize. 10 Kwathi esewubonile umbono, sahle sazama ukusuka siye eMakedoniya, siphetha sisithi iNkosi isibizele ukutshumayela ivangeli kubo. 11 Ngakho sasuka eTrowasi ngomkhumbi, saqonda eSamotrake, langolulandelayo eNeyapholi, 12 sasuka lapho saya eFiliphi, engumuzi wokuqala wesigaba seMakedoniya, esibuswa ngelinye ilizwe; kulowomuzi sasesihlala insuku ezithile. 13 Njalo ngosuku lwesabatha saphumela ngaphandle komuzi eceleni komfula, lapho okwakufanele kwenzelwe umkhuleko khona; sasesihlala phansi sakhuluma labesifazana ababebuthene ndawonye. 14 Lowesifazana othile uLidiya ngebizo, ongumthengisikazi wamalembu ayibubende owemzini weTiyathira, ekhonza uNkulunkulu, wezwa, onhliziyo yakhe iNkosi yayivula, ukuthi alalele okwakhulunywana nguPawuli. 15 Kuthe esebhabhathiziwe, lendlu yakhe, wasincenga esithi: Uba libonile ukuthi ngithembekile eNkosini, wozani endlini yami, lihlale khona. Wasesicindezela. 16 Kwasekusithi sisiya emkhulekweni, intombazana eyisigqili elomoya wokuhlalula yahlangana lathi, eyayizuzela amakhosi ayo inzuzo enengi ngokuvumisa. 17 Lo walandela uPawuli lathi, ememeza esithi: Lababantu bazinceku zikaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, ezisitshumayeza indlela yosindiso. 18 Lalokhu yakwenza insuku ezinengi. Kwathi uPawuli esenengiwe, watshibilika, wathi kumoya: Ngiyakulaya ngebizo likaJesu Kristu ukuthi uphume kuyo. Wasephuma ngalesosikhathi. 19 Amakhosi akhe esebonile ukuthi ithemba lenzuzo yabo seliphumile, abamba uPawuli loSilasi, abadonsela emdangeni phambi kwababusi, 20 esebalethile ezinduneni athi:

Lababantu badunga umuzi wethu, bengamaJuda, 21 batshumayela imikhuba esingavunyelwa ukuyemukela siyenze, singamaRoma. 22 Lexuku labelekelela, lenduna zabadabulela izembatho zabo zalaya ukuthi babatshaye ngenduku. 23 Sebebatshayile imivimvinyo emineni babaphosela entolongweni, balaya umlindintolongo ukuthi abalondoloze abaqinise; 24 yena, emukele umlayo onjalo, wabaphosela entolongweni ephakathi, waseqinisa inyawo zabo esigodweni. 25 Kwathi sekungaba phakathi kobusuku uPawuli loSilasi babekhuleka behlebele amahubo endumiso kuNkulunkulu, lezibotshwa zazibezwa; 26 njalo kwahle kwaba khona ukuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu, kwaze kwanyikinyeka izisekelo zentolongo; kwahle kwavulwa iminyango yonke, kwathukululwa izibopho zabo bonke. 27 Kwathi umlindintolongo ephaphama, esebona iminyango yentolongo ivulekile, wakhokha inkemba, ezimisele ukuzibulala, ecabanga ukuthi izibotshwa zibalekile. 28 Kodwa uPawuli wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Ungazilimazi; ngoba silapha sonke. 29 Wasecela isibane waphoseka phakathi, njalo wasethuthumela wawela phansi phambi kukaPawuli loSilasi, 30 njalo esebakhuphela phandle wathi: Makhosi, kumele ngenzeni ukuze ngisindiswe? 31 Basebesithi: Kholwa eNkosini uJesu Kristu, njalo uzasindiswa wena lendlu yakho. 32 Basebekhuluma kuye ilizwi leNkosi, lakulabo bonke ababesendlini yakhe. 33 Wasebathatha ngaleloholo lobusuku wabagezisa amanxeba, njalo wahle wabhabhathizwa yena labakhe bonke. 34 Wasebasa endlini yakhe wabeka itafula lokudla phambi kwabo, wasethokoza lendlu yakhe yonke, ekholwa kuNkulunkulu. 35 Kwathi sekusile, induna zathuma amapholisa zisithi: Khulula labobantu. 36 Umlindintolongo wasebikela uPawuli lamazwi esithi: Induna zithumele, ukuthi likhululwe; ngakho phumani khathesi lihambe ngokuthula. 37 Kodwa uPawuli wathi kuwo: Basitshayile obala singalahlwanga licala, singamaRoma, basebesiphosela entolongweni, njalo khathesi ngensitha sebesiphosela phandle yini? Hatshi bo! Kodwa kumele beze bona basikhuphe. 38 Amapholisa azibikela izinduna lamazwi; zasezisesaba zisizwa ukuthi bangamaRoma, 39 njalo zeza zabancenga, njalo zabakhupha zabacela ukuthi baphume emzini. 40 Basebephuma entolongweni

bangena koLidiya; kwathi sebebabonile abazalwane, babaduduza, basuka bahamba.

17 Kwathi sebedabule iAmfipholi leApoloniya, bafika eThesalonika, lapho okwakukhona isinagoge lamaJuda; 2 njalo njengomkhuba kaPawuli wangena kuwo, wakhulumisana lawo ngokuvela emibhalweni okwamasabatha amathathu, 3 evula etshengisa ukuthi kwakufanele uKristu ahlupheke avuke kwabafileyo, lokuthi: UJesu lo, mina engimtshumayela kini, unguKristu. 4 Labanye babo bakholwa, bazihlanganisa loPawuli loSilasi, njalo ixuku elikhulu lamaGriki akhonzayo, lakwabesifazana abadumileyo abangabalutshwana. 5 Kodwa amaJuda angakholwayo aba lomona, athatha amanye amadoda amabi angamavila emdangeni, enza ixuku, adunga umuzi; ahlasele indlu kaJasoni, edinga ukubakhuphela ebantwini; 6 kwathi engabatholi, adonsela uJasoni labazalwane abathile kubaphathi bomuzi, ememeza esithi: Laba abayaluzelisa umhlaba, bona sebefikile lalapha, 7 uJasoni abemukeleyo; lalaba bonke benza okuphambene lemithetho kaKesari, besithi kukhona enye inkosi, unguJesu. 8 Asedunga ixuku labaphathi bomuzi besizwa lezizinto. 9 Kwathi sebethethe isibambiso kuJasoni lakwabanye, abakhulula. 10 Njalo abazalwane bahle basusa uPawuli loSilasi babathuma eBeriya ebusuku; okwathi sebefikile khona basuka baya esinagogeni lamaJuda. 11 Lawo ayelungile kulalawo aweThesalonika, emukela ilizwi ngokuvuma konke, ehlolisisa imibhalo insuku ngensuku, ukuthi zinjalo yini lezizinto. 12 Ngakho amanengi kuwo akholwa, lakwabesifazana abahloniphekayo abangamaGriki lakwabesilisa abangabalutshwana. 13 Kodwa kwathi amaJuda eThesalonika esekwazi ukuthi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu liyatshunyayelwa nguPawuli leBeriya, eza lakhona enyakazelisa amaxuku. 14 Njalo ngalesosikhathi abazalwane bahle banthuma uPawuli kungathi uya elwandle; kodwa uSilasi loTimothi basala khona. 15 Lalabo ababephelekezela uPawuli, bamfikisa eAtene; sebemukele umlayezelo oya kuSilasi loTimothi, ukuthi beze kuye ngokuphangisa okukhulu, basuka bahamba. 16 Kwathi uPawuli esabalindele eAtene, umoya wakhe wakhathazeka phakathi kwakhe, ebona umuzi ugcewele izithombe. 17 Ngakho waphikisana lamaJuda esinagogeni labanye abakhonzayo, lasemdangeni insuku zonke labalo ahlalanga labo. 18 Labathile kuzo izazi zamaEpikuri

lamaStoyiki baphikisana laye. Labanye bathi: Uwumane lolu lufuna ukuthini? Kodwa abanye bathi: Kungathi ungotshumayela onkulunkulu bezizweni; ngoba ngevangeli watshumayela kubo uJesu lokuvuka kwabafileyo. **19** Basebemthatha, bamusa eAreyopagu besithi: Singazi yini ukuthi iyini limfundiso entsha oyifundisayo? **20** Ngoba uletha indaba ezimangalisayo ezithile endlebeni zethu; ngakho sifisa ukwazi ukuthi lezizinto ziyini. **21** Ngoba bonke abeAtene lezethekeli ezihlala khona babechitha isikhathi kungeyisikho ngolutho olunye, ngaphandle kokutshela lokuzwa into entsha. **22** Kwathi uPawuli esima phakathi kweAreyopagu, wathi: Madoda maAtene, ngiyabona ukuthi ezintweni zonke kungathi lilenkolelo enkulu. **23** Ngoba ngithe ngidabula ngikhangela izinto zenu elizikhonzayo, ngasengifika ilathi elilotshwe ukuthi: KUNKULUNKULU ONGAZIWAYO. Lowo-ke elimkhonza lingamazi, nguye mina engimtshumayela kini. **24** UNkulunkulu owenza umhlaba lakho konke okukuwo, yena, oyinkosi yezulu lomhlaba, kahlali emathempeleni enziwe ngezandla, **25** futhi kakhonzwa ngezandla zabantu, njengoswela ulutho, ngoba yena uqobo lwakhe uyabapha bonke impilo lokuphefumula lazo zonke izinto; **26** njalo wazenza zonke izizwe zabantu zivela egazini linye, ukuthi zihlale ebusweni bonke bomhlaba, wazimisela izikhathi eziqunyiweyo ngaphambili lemingcele yokuhlala kwazo; **27** ukuze zidinge inkosi, ukuthi mhlawumbe sibili zimuzwe zimthole, njalo kanti kakhatshana kulowo lalowo wethu. **28** Ngoba kuye siphila njalo sihamba futhi sikhona; njengoba lembongi ezithile zakini zithe: Ngoba futhi siyinzalo yakhe. **29** Ngakho lokhu siyinzalo kaNkulunkulu, kakufanele ukuthi sinakane ukuthi ubuNkulunkulu bunjengegolide kumbe isiliva loba ilitshe, okubazwe ngeminwe langokunakana kwabantu. **30** Ngakho izikhathi zokungazi uNkulunkulu kazinzanzanga, kodwa khathezi uyalaya bonke abantu endaweni zonke ukuthi baphenduke; **31** ngoba umisile usuku, azakwahlulela ngalo umhlaba ngokulunga, ngendoda ayimisileyo, waqinisa kubo bonke, ngokuyivusa kwabafileyo. **32** Kwathi besizwa ngokuvuka kwabafileyo, abanye bahleka usulu; kodwa abanye bathi: Sizaphinda sikuzwe ngalokhu. **33** Langokunjalo uPawuli waphuma phakathi kwabo. **34** Kodwa amadoda athile anamathela kuye, akholwa; phakathi kwawo kwakukhona loDiyonisiyu

umAreyopagu, lowesifazana obizo lakhe nguDamari, labanye kanye labo.

18 Emva kwalezizinto uPawuli wasuka eAtene weza eKorinte. **2** Wasefica umJuda othile uAkwi la ngebizo, owePontusi ngokuzalwa, owayesanda ukufika evela elthaliya, loPrisila umkakhe (ngexa yokulaya kukaKlawudiyosi kokuthi wonke amaJuda kawasuke eRoma), waya kubo; **3** njalo ngoba babelomsebenzi ofananayo, wahlala kubo wasebenza; ngoba babengabenzi bamathente ngomsebenzi. **4** Wasekhulumisana labo esinagogeni amasabatha wonke, wancenga amaJuda lamaGriki. **5** Kwathi uSilasi loTimothi sebehile bevela eMakedoniya, uPawuli wacindezelwa nguMoya, efakaza kumaJuda ukuthi uJesu unguKristu. **6** Kwathi emelana laye ehlambaza, wathintitha izembatho, wathi kuwo: Igazi lenu kalibe phezu kwekhanda lenu; mina ngimsulwa; kusukela khathezi ngizakuya kwabezizwe. **7** Wasesuka lapho waya endlini yomunye obizo lakhe nguJustusi, okhonza uNkulunkulu, ondlu yakhe yayiseduze lesinagoge. **8** Kodwa uKrispusi umphathi wesinagoge wakholwa eNkosini lendlu yakhe yonke; labanengi kwabeKorinte balalela bakholwa babhabhathizwa. **9** Inkosi yasisithi kuPawuli ebusuku ngombono: Ungesabi, kodwa khuluma njalo ungathuli; **10** ngoba mina ngilawe, njalo kakho ozakuhlasela ukukwenzela okubi; ngoba ngilabantu abanengi kulumuzi. **11** Njalo wahlala umnyaka lenyanga eziyisithupha, efundisa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu phakathi kwabo. **12** Kwathi uGaliyo engumbusi weAkaya, amaJuda amvukela uPawuli nganhliziyonye, amusa phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela, **13** esithi: Lo uncenga abantu ukuthi bakhonze uNkulunkulu ngokuphambene lomlayo. **14** Kodwa kwathi uPawuli esezavula umlomo, uGaliyo wathi kumaJuda: Ngakho uba bekulento engalunganga kumbe inkohliso embi, maJuda, ngesizatho bengizalibekezelela; **15** kodwa uba kuyikuphikisana ngelizwi lamabizo, lomlayo phakathi kwenu, ziboneleni lina; ngoba mina kangithandi ukuba ngumahluleli walezizinto. **16** Wasewaxotsha esihlalweni sokwahlulela. **17** Wonke amaGriki asebamba uSostenesi umphathi wesinagoge, amtshaya phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela. Njalo uGaliyo kaze azinanzana lezizinto. **18** Kwathi uPawuli esahlezi insuku ezinengi, wavaletisa abazalwane, wasuka ngomkhumbi waya eSiriyi, loPrisila

loAkwila kanye laye, esephece ikhanda eKenikreya, ngoba wayelesifungo. **19** Sebefikile eEfesu, wasebatshiya khona; kodwa yena engena esinagogeni wakhulumisana lamaJuda. **20** Sebemcelile ukuthi ahlale isikhathi esidanyana labo, kavumanga; **21** kodwa wabavalelisa esithi: Kufanele isibili ukuthi ngigcine eJerusalema umkhosi ozayo; kodwa ngizabuyela kini njalo, uba uNkulunkulu evuma. Wasuka eEfesu ngomkhumbi, **22** njalo esefikile eKesariya, wenyuka wabingelela ibandla; wehlela eAntiyoki. **23** Njalo esechithe isikhathi esithile, wasuka, wadabula ngokulandelana ilizwe leGalathiya leFrigiya, eqinisa bonke abafundi. **24** Njalo umJuda othile, uApolosi ngebizo, umAleksandriya ngokuzalwa, eyindoda eyisikhulumi, wafika eEfesu, elamandla emibhalweni. **25** Lo wayefundisiwe indlela yeNkosi, njalo evutha emoyeni wakhuluma wafundisa ngokukhuthala izinto ezimayelana leNkosi, esazi ubhabhathizo lukaJohane kuphela; **26** lo waseqala ukukhuluma ngesibindi esinagogeni. Kwathi sebezizwe uPrisila loAkwila, bamthathela kubo, bamchasisela indlela kaNkulunkulu ngokuqonda okukhulu. **27** Kwathi esethanda ukuchaphela eAkaya, abazalwane bemkhuthaza babhalela abafundi ukuthi bamemukele; okwathi esefikile wabasiza kakhulu abakholwa ngomusa; **28** ngoba waphikisa ngamandla wawehlula ngokupheleleyo obala amaJuda, etshengisa ngemibhalo ukuthi uKristu unguJesu.

19 Kwasekusithi, uApolosi eseseKorinte, uPawuli wafika eEfesu esedabule indawo eziphakemeyo; wasefica abafundi abathile **2** wathi kubo: Lamemukela yini uMoya oNgcwele mhla likholwayo? Basebesithi kuye: Kodwa kasizanga sizwe ngitsho ukuthi kukhona uMoya oNgcwele. **3** Wasesithi kubo: Pho labhabhathizelwa kukuphi? Basebesithi: Kubhabhathizo lukaJohane. **4** Kodwa uPawuli wathi: UJohane isibili wabhabhathiza ubhabhathizo lokuphenduka, etshela abantu ukuze bakholwe kulowo oweza emva kwakhe, okuyikuthi, kuKristu Jesu. **5** Lalabo abezwayo babhabhathizwa ebizweni leNkosi uJesu. **6** Wathi uPawuli esebeke izandla phezu kwabo, uMoya oyiNgcwele weza phezu kwabo; basebekhuluma ngendimi, baprofetha. **7** Njalo wonke amadoda ayengaba litshumi lambili. **8** Wasengena esinagogeni wakhuluma ngesibindi,

inyanga ezintathu etshumayela eqinisekisa izinto ngombuso kaNkulunkulu. **9** Kodwa kwathi abanye besiba lukhuni bengakholwa, bekhuluma kubi ngaleyondlela phambi kwabantu, wasuka kubo wehlukana abafundi, insuku ngensuku etshumayela esikolo sothile uTiranu. **10** Lalokhu kwenzeka okweminyaka emibili, baze balizwa ilizwi leNkosi uJesu bonke abakhileyo eAsiya, amaJuda kanye lamaGriki. **11** UNkulunkulu wasesenza imisebenzi yamandla engejwayelekanga ngezandla zikaPawuli, **12** kwaze kwathi lakwabagulayo kwaswa izifinyo kumbe amafasikoti okuvela emzimbeni wakhe, lezifo zasuka kubo, labomoya ababi baphuma kubo. **13** Kwathi abanye kumihambuma yamaJuda, izanuse, bazama ukubiza ibizo leNkosi uJesu kulabo ababelabomoya ababi, besithi: Siyalifungisa ngoJesu amtshumayelayo uPawuli. **14** Njalo kwakukhona amadodana ayisikhombisa athile kaSikeva umJuda umpri omkhulu akwenzayo lokho. **15** Kodwa umoya omubi waphendula wathi: UJesu ngiyamazi, loPawuli ngiyazi ngaye; kodwa lina lingobani? **16** Lowomuntu okwakukuye umoya omubi waseqela phezu kwabo, njalo wabehlula, wabanqoba, baze babaleka kuleyondlu benqunu belimele. **17** Lokhu kwasekusaziwa yibo bonke abakhileyo eEfesu amaJuda kanye lamaGriki; lokwesaba kwasekubhelela bonke; njalo lakhuliswa ibizo leNkosi uJesu. **18** Labanengi balabo abakholwayo beza, bevuma, bememezela izenzo zabo. **19** Labanengi balabo ababesenza amasalamusi baletha ingwalo ndawonye bazitshisa phambi kwabo bonke; basebebala intengo yazo, bathola izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu zesiliva. **20** Ngokunjalo ilizwi leNkosi lakhula ngamandla lanqoba. **21** Kwathi lezizinto seziphelile, uPawuli wazimisela emoyeni, esedabule eMakedoniya leAkaya, ukuya eJerusalema, esithi: Emva kokuba kwami lapho, ngimele ukubona iRoma layo. **22** Esethume eMakedoniya ababili balabo ababemsiza, uTimothi loErastu, yena wahlala eAsiya okwesikhathi. **23** Kodwa ngalesosikhathi kwasuka isiphithiphithi esingasingcinyane mayelana laleyondlela. **24** Ngoba umuntu othile onguDemetriyu ngebizo, umkhandi wesiliva, owenza amathempelana esiliva kaDiyana, waletha kuzingcwethi inzuzo engengcinyane; **25** owabaqoqayo bona, lezisebenzi zezinto ezifanayo, wathi: Madoda, liyazi ukuthi

initho yethu ivela kulumsebenzi. 26 Njalo liyabona liyezwa ukuthi kungeyisikho eEfesu kuphela, kodwa phose kulo lonke iAsiya, uPawuli lo uncengile njalo uphambule ixuku elikhulu, esithi kayisibo onkulunkulu abenziwe ngezandla. 27 Njalo kayisikho lokhu kuphela ukuthi sisengozini yokuthi lolugatsha lomsebenzi lufike ekutheni lungahlonitshwa, kodwa lethempeli likankulunkulukazi omkhulu uDiyana lizathiwa liyinto engesilutho, njalo lobukhulukazi bakhe buzakwehliswa, elimkhonzayo yonke iAsiya lomhlaba wonke. 28 Kwathi bekuzwa bagcwala intukuthelo, bamemeza besithi: Mkhulu uDiyana wamaEfesu! 29 Njalo umuzi wonke wagcwala isiphithiphithi; basebetheleka kanyekanye endaweni yokudlalela, bahudula uGayusi loAristako amaMakedoniya, abaphelekezeli bakaPawuli. 30 Kwathi uPawuli efuna ukungena exukwini, abafundi kabamvumelanga. 31 Njalo labanye bababusi beAsiya, ababengabangane bakhe, bathuma kuye, bemncenga ukuthi angazinikeli endaweni yokudlalela. 32 Ngakho abanye bamemeza okunye labanye okunye; ngoba umhlango wawusanganisekile, njalo inengi labo lalingazi ukuthi libuthene lapho ngenxa yini. 33 Basebemusa phambili uAleksandro esuka exukwini, ngoba amaJuda amqhubela phambili. UAleksandro waseqhweba ngesandla, efuna ukuzivikela ebantwini. 34 Kodwa bathi sebekwazi ukuthi ungumJuda, kwaba lelizwi elilodwa livela kubo bonke okungaba ngamahola amabili limemeza lisithi: Mkhulu uDiyana wamaEfesu! 35 Njalo kwathi umabhalane eselithulisile ixuku wathi: Madoda eEfesu, kanti kukhona yini umuntu ongaziyo ukuthi umuzi weEfesu ungumlondolosi wethempeli likankulunkulukazi omkhulu uDiyana lowento eyawa ivela kuZewusi? 36 Ngakho njengoba lezizinto zingephikwe, kufanele lithule, lingenzi lutho ngamawala. 37 Ngoba lilethe lamadoda, angeyisibo abaphangi bamathempeli langahlambazi unkulunkulukazi wenu. 38 Ngakho uba uDemetriyu lezingcwethi kanye laye belodaba ngomuntu, amalanga okuthonisa amacala ayagcinwa, bakhona lababusi; kabamangalelane. 39 Kodwa uba lidinga ulutho ngezinye izinto, kuzalungiswa emhlanganweni osemthethweni. 40 Ngoba futhi sisengozini yokumangalelwa ngomvukela ngenxa yalamuhla, kungelambangela esingalandisa ngayo

ngalesisiphithiphithi. 41 Njalo esetshilo lokho, wawuchitha umhlango.

20 Kwathi sesiphelele isiyaluyalu, uPawuli wabizela kuye abafundi, esebagonile, waphuma ukuthi aye eMakedoniya. 2 Kwathi esedabule lezongxenywe, esebakhuthazile ngamazwi amanengi, wafika eGirisi, 3 kwathi esehlale khona inyanga ezintathu, selenziwe iqhinga ngaye ngamaJuda esezasuka ngomkhumbi ukuya eSiriya, wazimisela ukubuyela adabule eMakedoniya. 4 Wasemphelekezela kwaze kwaba seAsiya uSopatheri weBeriya; lowamaThesalonika, uAristako loSekhundu, loGayusi weDerbe, loTimothi; lamaAsiya, uTikiko loTrofimu. 5 Laba sebehamba phambili basilindela eTrowasi. 6 Kodwa thina sasuka ngomkhumbi eFilipi emva kwensuku zesinkwa esingelamvubelo, safika kubo eTrowasi ngensuku ezinhlanu, lapho esahlala khona insuku eziyisikhombisa. 7 Kwathi ngosuku lokuqala lweviki, abafundi bebuthene ukuhlephula isinkwa, uPawuli watshumayela kubo, elungele ukusuka kusisa, waseselula ilizwi kwaze kwaba phakathi kobusuku. 8 Njalo kwakukhona izibane ezinengi endlini ephezulu ababebuthene kiyo. 9 Kwakuhlezi ewindini ijaha elithile ngebizo linguYutikusi, elajunywa yibuthongo obukhulu, uPawuli esetshumayele isikhathi eside, selehlulwe yibuthongo lawela phansi lisuka esitezi sesithathu, laselidojwa lifile. 10 Kodwa uPawuli wehla waziphosela phezu kwalo, elisingatha wathi: Lingakhathazeki; ngoba umphefumulo walo ukhona kilo. 11 Esenyukile njalo esehlephule isinkwa wadla, wakhuluma labo isikhathi eside kwaze kwasa, ngokunjalo wahamba. 12 Basebemletha umfana ephila, basebeduduzwa hatshi lakancane. 13 Kodwa thina, sesihambe phambili ukuya emkhunjini, sasuka ngomkhumbi saya eAsosi, lapho siqonde ukumkhweza uPawuli; ngoba wayemisile ngokunjalo, yena ebezahamba ngenyawo. 14 Njalo esehlangene lathi eAsosi, samkhweza safika eMithilene, 15 sasuka lapho ngomkhumbi, kusisa safika maqondana leKiyosi; langomhlomunye sasondela eSamosi; sasesihlala eTrogiolumu, ngolulandelayo safika eMilethu. 16 Ngoba uPawuli wayezimisele ukuyiceza iEfesu ngomkhumbi, ukuze angalibali eAsiya; ngoba wayephanga, nxa kwakungenzeka kuye, ukuba seJerusalema ngosuku lwePentekoste. 17 Kwathi eseMilethu wathumela eEfesu wabizela kuye abadala bebandla. 18 Kwathi

sebefikile kuye, wathi kubo: Liyazi lina, ukuthi kusukela osukwini lokuqala lokufika kwami eAsiya, ngangihlezi njani isikhathi sonke phakathi kwenu, **19** ngakhonza iNkosi ngokuthobeka konke langezinyembezi ezinengi langezilingo ezangehlela ngamaqhinga amaJuda; **20** ukuthi angigodlanga lutho ngayo olusizayo, ukungatshumayeli kini lokungalifundisi obala, lakuzindlu ngezindlu, **21** ngifakaza kumaJuda kanye lakumaGriki ukuphendukela kuNkulunkulu, lokholo ngakuyo iNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. **22** Lakhathesi khangelani, mina ngiya eJerusalema ngibotshwe nguMoya, ngingakwazi okuzangehlela phakathi kwayo, **23** ngaphandle kokuthi uMoya oyiNgcwele uyafakaza emizini yonke esithi izibopho lezinhlupheko zingilindele. **24** Kodwa angikhathaleli lutho lwalezizinto, lempilo yami angiyenzi into eligugu kimi, ukuze ngiphelelise uhambo lwami ngentokozo, lenkonzo engayemukela eNkosini uJesu, eyokufakaza ivangeli elomusa kaNkulunkulu. **25** Njalo khathesi khangelani, mina ngiyazi ukuthi kalisayikubona ubuso bami lina lonke, engihamba phakathi kwenu ngitshumayela umbuso kaNkulunkulu. **26** Ngakho ngiyafakaza kini ngalolusuku lwalamuhla, ukuthi mina ngimsulwa egazini labo bonke; **27** ngoba kangigodlanga ukuthi ngilitshumayeze lonke icebo likaNkulunkulu. **28** Ziqapheleni-ke lina lomhlambi wonke, alibeki phakathi kwawo uMoya oyiNgcwele ukuthi libe ngababonisi, bokwelusa ibandla likaNkulunkulu, azithengele lona ngegazi lakhe uqobo. **29** Ngoba mina ngiyazi lokhu, ukuthi emva kokuhamba kwami kuzangena impisi eziphangayo phakathi kwenu, zingawuyekeli umhlambi; **30** laphakathi kwenu ngokwenu kuzavela amadoda ekhuluma izinto eziduhisayo, ukuhugela abafundi ngemva kwawo. **31** Ngakho lindani, likhumbule ukuthi okweminyaka emithathu ebusuku lemini kangimanga ukuleluleka omunye lomunye ngenyembezi. **32** Lakhathesi, bazalwane, ngilinelika kuNkulunkulu laselizwini lomusa wakhe, elilamandla okulakha, lokulipha ilifa phakathi kwabo bonke abangcwelisiweyo. **33** Kangihawukelanga isiliva kumbe igolide loba isembatho somuntu. **34** Lina-ke uqobo lwenu liyazi ukuthi lezizandla zasebenzela inswelo zami lezalabo ababelami. **35** Kukho konke ngilitshengisile, ukuthi kumele ukuthi sisize ababuthakathaka sisebenza ngokunjalo, sikhumbule amazwi eNkosi uJesu, ukuthi yena wathi: Kubusisekile

kakhulu ukupha kulokwemukela. **36** Njalo esetshilo lezizinto, waguqa ngamadolo akhe, wakhuleka labo bonke. **37** Kwaba khona ukukhala inyembezi kakhulu kwabo bonke; basebewela entanyeni kaPawuli bamanga, **38** belosizi kakhulu ngelizwi alitshoyo, elokuthi kabasayikubona ubuso bakhe. Basebemphelekezela baya laye emkhunjini.

21 Kwasekusithi sisuka ngomkhumbi sesehlukene labo, sahamba ngendlela eqondileyo safika eKosi, langosuku olulandelayo eRodesi, sasuka lapho saya ePathara; **2** sasesithola umkhumbi ochaphela eFenekiya, sangena sahamba ngomkhumbi. **3** Kwathi sesiqhamuka eKuprozi, sasesiyitshiyela ngakwesokhohlo, saya ngomkhumbi eSiriyi, sehlikela eTire; ngoba umkhumbi wawuzakwethulela khona impahla. **4** Sesibatholile abafundi, sahlala khona insuku eziyisikhombisa; bona bamtshela uPawuli ngoMoya, ukuthi angenyukeli eJerusalema. **5** Kwathi sekwenzakele ukuthi siqede insuku, sasuka sahamba, bonke basiphelekezela kanye labomkabo labantwana kwaze kwaba ngaphandle komuzi; njalo saguqa ngamadolo ekhunjini sakhuleka, **6** sesivalelisene, sangena emkhunjini, kodwa bona babuyela kubo. **7** Kodwa thina, sesiqedile uhambo ngomkhumbi sisuka eTire, safika ePetolemayi, sesibingelele abazalwane sahlala labo usuku lwaba lunye. **8** Kusisa thina esasiloPawuli sasuka safika eKesariya; sesingene endlini kaFiliphu umvangeli, owayengomunye wabayisikhombisa, sahlala laye. **9** Yena-ke wayelamadodakazi amane, intombi, eziprofethayo. **10** Kwathi sesihlezi insuku ezinengi, kwehla umprofethi othile uAgabusi ngebizo evela eJudiya, **11** wasefika kithi, wathatha uzwezwwe lukaPawuli, wazibopha izandla kanye lenyawo esithi: Utsho lokho uMoya oyiNgcwele: Indoda olungolwayo loluzwezwwe, amaJuda eJerusalema azayibopha kanje, njalo ayinikele ezandleni zabezizwe. **12** Sesizizwile lezizinto, samncenga thina kanye lalabo ababelapho, ukuthi angenyukeli eJerusalema. **13** Kodwa uPawuli waphendula esithi: Lenzani likhala lidabula inhliziyi yami? Ngoba mina sengilungele, kungeyisikho ukubotshwa kuphela, kodwa lokufa eJerusalema ngenxa yebizo leNkosi uJesu. **14** Kwathi engancengeki, sathula sathi: Kayenziwe intando yeNkosi. **15** Emva kwalezinsuku sasesilungiselela, senyukela eJerusalema. **16**

Labathile babafundi beKesariya basebehamba lathi, babuya lothile uMnasoni umKuprozi, umfundi omdala, ebesizangenisa kuye. 17 Njalo sesifikile eJerusalema, abazalwane basemukela ngokuthokoza. 18 Kusisa uPawuli wangena lathi kuJakobe, labadala bonke babekhona. 19 Kwathi esebabingelele, walandisa ngakunye ngakunye izinto uNkulunkulu azenzileyo phakathi kwabezizwe ngenkonzo yakhe. 20 Kwathi sebekuzwile, bayidumisa iNkosi; bathi kuye: Uyabona, mzalwane, ukuthi zinengi kangakanani izigidi zamaJuda akholwayo; futhi bonke batshisekela umlayo; 21 njalo sebetsheliwe ngawe, ukuthi ufundisa wonke amaJuda aphakathi kwabezizwe ukuthi adele uMozisi, usithi angasoki abantwana, lokuthi angahambi ngamasiko. 22 Pho-ke kuyini? Isibili kufanele ukuthi ixuku libuthane; ngoba bazakuzwa ukuthi usufikile. 23 Ngakho yenza lokhu esikutsho kuwe; silamadoda amane abalesifungo phezu kwawo; 24 athathe kanye lawe, uzihlambulule kanye lawo, njalo uhlawule indleko zawo, ukuze aphuce amakhanda, njalo ukuze bakwazi bonke ukuthi kakulalutho kulokho abakutshelwe ngawe, kodwa ukuthi lawe uhamba ngokulondoloza umlayo. 25 Kodwa mayelana labezizwe abakholwayo thina sesibhalile, saquma sathi bangacini lutho olunjalo, ngaphandle kokuthi kabazile okuhlatselwe izithombe, legazi, lokukhanyileyo, lokufeba. 26 UPawuli wasewathatha amadoda, kusisa wahlanjululwa kanye lawo wangena ethempelini, ukubika ukuphela kwensuku zokuhlanjululwa, kwaze kwalethwa umnikelo walowo lalowo wawo. 27 Kwathi sezizaphela insuku eziyisikhombisa, amaJuda avela eAsiya ayembonile ethempelini, avusa ixuku lonke, amdumela ngezandla, 28 amemeza athi: Madoda malsrayeli, sizani! Nguye lumuntu ofundisa bonke endaweni zonke okuphambene lesizwe, lomlayo, lalindawo; futhi ungenisile lamaGriki ethempelini, useyingcolisile lindawo engcwele. 29 Ngoba ayebonile ngaphambili uTrofimu umEfesu emzini elaye, amkhumbulela ukuthi uPawuli umngenisile ethempelini. 30 Lomuzi wonke wanyakazela, labantu bagijimela ndawonye, bamdumela uPawuli bamhdulela ngaphandle kwethempeli; leminyango yahle yavalwa. 31 Kuthe besafuna ukumbulala, ilizwi lafika enduneni enkulu yesigaba, ukuthi iJerusalema yonke iyaphithizela; 32 eyahle yathatha amabutho lezinduna zekhulu,

yagijimela kubo; kwathi sebona induna enkulu lamabutho, bayekela ukumtshaya uPawuli. 33 Induna enkulu yasisondela, yambamba, yalaya ukuthi kabotshwe ngamaketane amabili, yabuza ukuthi ungubani, lokuthi wenzeni. 34 Abanye exukwini bememeza okunye labanye okunye; kodwa ingelakulazi iqiniso ngenxa yomsindo, yalaya ukuthi asiwe enkambeni yamabutho. 35 Kwathi esefikile ezikhwelweni, kwenzeka ukuthi athwalwe ngamabutho ngenxa yokufutheka kwexuku; 36 ngoba ixuku labantu lalandela limemeza lisithi: Msuseni! 37 Kwathi uPawuli esezangeniswa enkambeni yamabutho wathi enduneni enkulu: Kuvunyelwe yini ukuthi ngikhulume ulutho kuwe? Yona yasisithi: Uyasazi isiGriki yini? 38 Kanti kawusuye yini lowomGibhithe okwathi kungakafiki lezinsuku wenza umvukela, wakhokhelela enkangala amadoda azinkulungwane ezine angababulali? 39 Kodwa uPawuli wathi: Mina ngingumuntu ongumJuda, weTarsu yeKilikhiya, isakhamuzi somuzi ongadelelekanga; ngiyakuncenga, ngivumela ngikhulume ebantwini. 40 Kwathi esemvumele, uPawuli wema ezikhwelweni waqhweba abantu ngesandla; sekuthe cwaka, wasekhuluma labo ngolimi lwamaHebheru wathi:

22 Madoda, bazalwane, labobaba, zwanini ukuziphendulela kwami khathesi kini. 2 Sebezile ukuthi ukhuluma labo ngolimi lwamaHebheru, bathula kakhulu, wasesithi: 3 Mina ngiyindoda engumJuda, eyazalelwa eTarsu yeKilikhiya, ngakhuliselwa kulumuzi enyaweni zikaGamaliyeli, ngafundiswa ngokuqinileyo umlayo wabobaba, ngitshisekela uNkulunkulu, njengani lonke lamuhla; 4 eyazingela leyondlela kwaze kwaba sekufeni, ngibabopha ngibanikela entolongweni amadoda kanye labafazi, 5 njengoba lompristi omkhulu engifakazela, lomphakathi wonke wabadala; engazuza kubo incwadi eziya kubazalwane, ngaya eDamaseko, ukuthi lababekhona lapho ngibalethe eJerusalema bebotshiwe, ukuze bajeziswe. 6 Kwasekusithi ngisahamba sengisondela eDamaseko, sekungaba yimini enkulu, kwahle kwakhanya ukukhanya okukhulu okuvela ezulwini kungizengelezela. 7 Ngasengiwela phansi, ngasengisizwa ilizwi lisithi kimi: Sawuli, Sawuli, ungizengelelani? 8 Mina ngasengiphendula ngathi: Ungubani, Nkosi? Wasesithi kimi: NginguJesu weNazareth wena omzingelayo. 9 Lababo ababelami

bakubona ukukhanya, njalo basebesesaba, kodwa kabalizwanga ilizwi elakhuluma lami. **10** Ngasengisithi: Ngenzeni, Nkosi? INkosi yasisithi kimi: Sukuma uye eDamaseko; njalo uzatshelwa khona ngazo zonke izinto ozimiselle ukuthi uzenze. **11** Njengoba ngangingaboni ngenxa yenkazimulo yalokhokukhanya, ngakhokhelwa ngesandla yilabo ababelami, ngafika eDamaseko. **12** Njalo uAnaniya othile, indoda ekhuthale ekukhonzeni ngokomlayo, owayefakazelwa yiwo wonke amaJuda ahlala khona, **13** weza kimi wasesima phansi kwami wathi kimi: Sawuli mzalwane, buya ubone. Njalo mina ngalesosikhathi ngasengimbona. **14** Wasesithi: UNkulunkulu wabobaba bethu ukumisile ngaphambili ukuthi wazi intando yakhe, lokuthi ubone oLungileyo, njalo uzwe ilizwi eliphuma emlonyeni wakhe, **15** ngoba uzakuba ngumfakazi wakhe kubo bonke abantu, walokho okubonileyo lokuzwileyo. **16** Khathesi-ke, usalindeleni? Sukuma ubhathathizwe uhlanjululwe ezonweni zakho, ubize ibizo leNkosi. **17** Kwasekusithi kimi sengibuyele eJerusalema, njalo ngikhuleka ethempelini, ngaba lokuhlehla kwengqondo, **18** ngasengimbona wathi kimi: Phangisa uphume ngesiqubu eJerusalema; ngoba kabasoze bemukele ubufakazi bakho ngami. **19** Ngasengisithi: Nkosi, bayazi bona ukuthi mina ngangibafaka entolongweni ngibatshaya emasinagogeni wonke labo abakhulwa kuwe; **20** njalo mhla kuchithwa igazi likaStefane umfakazi wakho, mina uqobo ngangimi khona ngivumelana lokufa kwakhe, njalo ngilondoloza izembatho zalabo abambulalayo. **21** Wasesithi kimi: Hamba, ngoba mina ngizakuthuma khatshana kwabezizwe. **22** Bamlelela kwaze kwafika kulelolizwi, baphakamisa ilizwi labo besithi: Msuseni onje emhlabeni, ngoba kakufanele ukuthi aphile! **23** Kwathi besamemeza, baphosa izembatho, baphosa uthuli emoyeni, **24** induna enkulu yalaya ukuthi angeniswe enkambeni yamabutho, yathi kahloliswe ngokutshaywa ngesiswepu, ukuze yazi ukuthi kungasizatho bani bememeza ngokunjalo ngaye. **25** Kwathi sebemelulele phambili ngemichilo, uPawuli wathi enduneni yekhulu eyayimi lapho: Kuvunyelwe kini yini ukutshaya ngesiswepu umuntu ongumRoma engalahlwanga licala? **26** Induna yekhulu isizwile yasondela yatshela induna enkulu isithi: Nanzelela osuzakwenza; ngoba lumuntu

ungumRoma. **27** Induna enkulu yasifika yathi kuye: Ngitshele, wena ungumRoma yini? Yena wathi: Yebo. **28** Induna enkulu yasiphendula yathi: Mina lelilungelo lokuba yisakhumuzi ngalizuza ngemali enkulu. UPawuli wasesithi: Kodwa lami ngazalwa lalo. **29** Ngakho labo abasebezamhlola bahle basuka kuye. Lenduna enkulu layo yesaba, isisazi ukuthi ungumRoma, lokuthi ibimbophile. **30** Kwathi kusisa ifuna ukwazi iqiniso, ukuthi kungani emangalelwa ngamaJuda, yamkhulula kuzibopho, yalaya ukuthi abapristi abakhulu lomphakathi wabo wonke babuye, yamehlisa uPawuli yammisa phambi kwabo.

23 UPawuli wasewujolozela umphakathi wathi: Madoda bazalwane, mina ngihambile phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngesazela sonke esihle, kuze kube lamuhla. **2** Kodwa uAnaniya umpristi omkhulu walaya labo ababemi phansi kwakhe ukuthi bamtshaye umlomo. **3** UPawuli wasesithi kuye: UNkulunkulu uzakutshaya, mduli oconjwe waba mhlophe; ngoba wena uhlalele ukungahlulela ngomlayo, kanti ngokuphambene lomlayo ulaya ukuthi ngitshaywe? **4** Lababemi lapho bathi: Uyamthuka umpristi omkhulu kaNkulunkulu yini? **5** UPawuli wasesithi: Bengingazi, bazalwane, ukuthi ungumpristi omkhulu; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ungakhulumi kubi ngombusi wesizwe sakini. **6** Kwathi uPawuli esekwazi ukuthi enye ingxenye yabo ingabaSadusi, lenye ingabaFarisi, wamemeza emphakathini wathi: Madoda bazalwane, mina ngingumFarisi, indodana yomFarisi; ngethemba langokuvuka kwabafileyo mina ngiyahlulelwa. **7** Kwathi esetshilo lokhu, kwavela ukuphikisana kwabaFarisi labaSadusi, lexuku ladabuka phakathi; **8** ngoba abaSadusi bathi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, loba ingilosi, loba umoya; kodwa abaFarisi bayakuvuma kokubili. **9** Kwasekuvela ukumemeza okukhulu; kwathi ababhali behlelo labaFarisi basukuma baphika kakhulu besithi: Kasitholi bubi kulumuntu; kodwa nxa umoya kumbe ingilosi kukhulume laye, kasingalwi simelene loNkulunkulu. **10** Kwathi sekuvele ukuphikisana okukhulu, induna enkulu yesaba ukuthi uPawuli uzadatshulwa yibo, yalaya amabutho ukuthi ahle amhluthule phakathi kwabo, njalo abuyele laye enkambeni yamabutho. **11** Njalo ngobusuku obulandelayo iNkosi yema phansi kwakhe yathi: Mana isibindi Pawuli; ngoba njengalokhu ufakaze izinto ngami eJerusalema, kunjalo-ke umele

ufakaze leRoma. 12 Kwathi sekusile, abanye bamaJuda benza iqhinga, bazibopha ngesiqalekiso, besithi kabayikudla lokunatha baze bambulale uPawuli. 13 Njalo babengaphezu kwamatshumi amane abenza lesisifungo ndawonye; 14 abaya kubapristi abakhulu labadala bathi: Sizibophe ngesiqalekiso esikhulu, sokuthi kasiyikudla lutho size simbulale uPawuli. 15 Ngakho khathezi lina kanye lomphakathi yazisani induna enkulu, ukuze imthume kini kusasa, ngokungathi lizazwisisa okunengi ngendaba zakhe; thina-ke, engakasondeli, sesilungele ukumbulala. 16 Kodwa indodana kadadewabo kaPawuli yezwa ngokumcathamela, yeza yangena enkambeni yamabutho, yamtshela uPawuli. 17 UPawuli wasebizela kuye enye yezinduna zekhulu wathi: Sana lelijaha enduneni enkulu; ngoba lilento elizayitshela yona. 18 Yasilithatha-ke yalisa enduneni enkulu, yasisithi: UPawuli isibotshwa ungibizele kuye wacela ukuthi ngilethe lelijaha kuwe, lilento elizakutshela yona. 19 Induna enkulu yasilithatha ngesandla, yasibuyela eceleni bebodwa, yabuza: Kuyini ozongitshela khona? 20 Laselisithi: AmaJuda avumelene ukucela kuwe, ukuze wehlisele uPawuli emphakathini kusasa, kungathi azahlolisisa ngcono ulutho ngaye. 21 Ngakho wena ungavunyiswa yiwo; ngoba amadoda adlula amatshumi amane kuwo amcathamele, azibophe ngesiqalekiso ngokuthi angadli anganathi aze ambulale; lakhathesi alungile elindele isithembiso sakho. 22 Ngakho induna enkulu yasiliyekela ijaha lahamba, lililaya isithi: Ungatsheli muntu ukuthi ungibikele lezizinto. 23 Yasibizela kuyo induna zekhulu ezithile ezimbili, yathi: Lungisani abebutho abangamakhulu amabili ukuze bahambe baze bayefika eKesariya, labagadi bamabhiza abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa, labemikhonto abangamakhulu amabili, kusukela ngehola lesithathu lobusuku; 24 lungisani lezinyamazana, ukuze ligadise uPawuli limfikise ephephile kumbusi uFelike; 25 wabhala incwadi imumethe lokhu: 26 Klawudiyosi Lisiya kumhlekazi umbusi uFelike ngiyabingelela. 27 Lindoda ibibanjwe ngamaJuda, njalo ibisizabulawa yiwo, ngafika lamabutho ngayophula, sengizwile ukuthi ungumRoma. 28 Ngathi ngifuna ukuthi ngazi isizatho ayimangalela ngaso, ngayehlisela emphakathini wawo; 29 engathi ngithola ukuthi imangalelwe ngemibuzo yomlayo

wawo, kodwa ingamangalelwanga ngalutho olufanele ukufa loba izibopho. 30 Kwathi sekuvelile kimi ukuthi kwasekuzakuba khona iqhinga ngalindoda ngamaJuda, ngahle ngayithuma kuwe, ngibalayile futhi abamangaleli ukuthi bakhulume izinto ababemelene layo ngazo phambi kwakho. Sala kühle. 31 Abebutho-ke, njengokulaywa kwabo, bamthatha uPawuli, bamusa eAntipatri ngobusuku. 32 Njalo kusisa, batshiya abagadi bamabhiza ukuthi bahambe laye, babuyela enkambeni yamabutho; 33 okwathi sebefikile eKesariya, bamnika umbusi incwadi, bammisa loPawuli phambi kwakhe. 34 Kwathi umbusi eseyifundile incwadi, wasebuza ukuthi ungowawuphi umkhono; esezwile ukuthi ungoweKilikhiya, 35 wathi: Ngizakuzwa, sebefikile labamangaleli bakho. Waselaya ukuthi alondolozwe endlini kaHerodi yokwahlulela.

24 Kwathi emva kwensuku ezinhlanu uAnaniya umprii omkhulu wehla labadala lomkhulumeli othile uTertulo, abamangalela uPawuli kumbusi. 2 Kwathi esebiziwe, uTertulo waqala ukumcala esithi: Ukuthula okukhulu sikuzuzile ngawe, lemisebenzi emihle yenzakele kulesisizwe ngokunakekela kwakho, 3 ngazo zonke indlela lakuzo zonke indawo siyakwemukela, mhlekazi Felike, ngakho konke ukubonga. 4 Kodwa ukuze ngingakubambeleli kakhulu, ngiyakuncenga ukuthi ngomusa wakho usizwe ngokufitshane. 5 Ngoba lindoda siyifice iyinkathazo, njalo ingeyenza umvukela phakathi kwamaJuda wonke emhlabeni jikelele, lomkhokheliqembu wobubhazuka bamaNazareth; 6 eyake yazama lokungcolisa ithempeli; esike sayibamba sithanda ukuyehlulela ngokomlayo wethu, 7 kodwa kwafika uLisiya induna enkulu wamthatha ngodlakela olukhulu ezandleni zethu, 8 elaya abamangaleli bakhe ukuthi beze kuwe; ongathi, ngokumbuzisisa wena uqobo, ungaba lakho ukwazi kuye ngazo zonke izinto thina esimangalela ngazo. 9 LamaJuda lawo avuma, esithi lezizinto zinjalo. 10 UPawuli wasephendula, umbusi esemqwebile ukuthi akhulume, wathi: Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi sekuyiminyaka eminengi ungumahluleli phezu kwalesisizwe, ngiyaziphendulela ngesibindi esikhulu ngezinto zami, 11 njengoba ungakubona ukuthi kakukadluli insuku ezilithumi lambili, lokhu ngenyukele eJerusalema ukukhuleka;

12 njalo kabangificanga ethempelini ngiphikisana lomuntu loba ngivusa isiphithiphithi exukwini, loba emasinagogeni, loba emzini. 13 Futhi bangeke baqinise ngezinto abangimangalela ngazo khathesi. 14 Kodwa ngiyavuma kuwe lokhu, ukuthi ngendlela abayibiza ngokuthi yibubhazuka, ngokunjalo ngiyamkhonza uNkulunkulu wabobaba, ngikholwa konke okulotshiweyo emlayweni lakubaprofethi; 15 ngilethemba kuNkulunkulu, abalilindeleyo labo uqobo lwabo, elokuthi kuzakuba khona ukuvuka kwabafileyo, okwabalungileyo kanye labangalunganga. 16 Njalo kulokho mina ngiyazama, ukuthi ngibe lesazela esingelacala phambi kukaNkulunkulu labantu isikhathi sonke. 17 Kwathi emva kweminyaka eminengi ngafika ukuletha izipho zomusa esizweni sakithi leminikelo; 18 ngikulezizinto amaJuda athile avela eAsiya angifica ethempelini ngihlanjululwe, kungekho ixuku loba isiphithiphithi; 19 afanele ukuba khona lapha phambi kwakho angicale uba elolutho ngami; 20 kumbe bona ngokwabo kabatsho, ukuthi baficani okungalunganga kimi, mhla ngimi phambi komphakathi, 21 ngaphandle kwalelolizwi elilodwa, engalimemeza ngimi phakathi kwabo ngisithi: Ngokuvuka kwabafileyo mina ngiyehlulelwa yini lamuhla. 22 Kwathi uFelike wabadlulisela phambili, esezwile lezizinto esazi ngokupheleleyo izinto ngaleyondlela, esithi: Nxa uLisiya induna enkulu isiyehlile, ngizayihlolisisa indaba yenu; 23 waselaya induna yekhulu ukuthi agcinwe uPawuli, lokuthi abe lenkululeko, njalo kungalelwa muntu wakibo ukumncedisa kumbe ukuza kuye. 24 Kwathi emva kwensuku ezithile, uFelike weza loDrusila umkakhe engumJudakazi, wathumela ukubiza uPawuli, wamuzwa mayelana lokholo kuKristu. 25 Kwathi esakhuluma ngokulunga langokuzithiba langokwahlulela okuzayo, uFelike watshaywa luvalo waphendula wathi: Hamba okwakhathesi; nxa sengizuze ithuba elihle ngizakubizela kimi; 26 njalo ngesikhathi esifananayo wayethemba futhi ukuthi uzanikwa imali nguPawuli, ukuze amkhulule; ngakho wayehlezi embizela kuye ekhuluma laye. 27 Kodwa sekugcwaliseke iminyaka emibili, uFelike wemukela omlandelayo uPorkiyu uFestusi; uFelike efisa ukuthokozisa amaJuda wamtshiya uPawuli ebotsiwe.

25 Ngakho kwathi uFestusi esengenile emkhonweni, emva kwensuku ezintathu wenyukela eJerusalema esuka eKesariya, 2 lompristi omkhulu lezikhulu zamaJuda bammangalela uPawuli kuye, bemncenga, 3 bacela ukwenzelwa umusa omelane laye, ukuthi amthume eJerusalema, becathamela ukumbulala endleleni. 4 Kodwa uFestusi waphendula ngokuthi uPawuli ugciniwe eKesariya, lokuthi laye ngokwakhe uzakuya khona ngokuphangisa. 5 Wathi: Ngakho labo abanelisayo phakathi kwenu kabehle kanye lami; uba kukhona ulutho olubi ngaleyondoda, bayimangalele. 6 Kwathi esehlale phakathi kwabo insuku ezedlula itshumi, wehlela eKesariya; kusisa wahlala esihlalweni sokwahlulela walaya ukuthi uPawuli alethwe. 7 Kwathi esefikile, amaJuda ayehlile evela eJerusalema ema emhanqile, embeka amacala amanengi lanzima uPawuli, ayengelakuwaqinisa, 8 yena eziphendulela wathi: Lemlayweni wamaJuda, lethempelini, lakuKesari kangonanga lutho. 9 Kodwa uFestusi ethanda ukuthabisa amaJuda, waphendula uPawuli wathi: Uyathanda yini ukwenyukela eJerusalema, wahlulelwe khona ngalezizinto phambi kwami? 10 Kodwa uPawuli wathi: Ngimi phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela sikaKesari, lapho okufanele ngahlulelwe khona; kangonanga lutho kumaJuda, njengoba lawe usazi kuhle kakhulu. 11 Ngoba uba ngonile ngenze ulutho olufanele ukufa, kangali ukufa; kodwa uba kungekho lutho lwezinto abangimangalela ngazo, kakulamuntu onganginikela kubo ngesihle. Ngilidlulisela kuKesari. 12 Khona uFestusi esekhulume lomphakathi waphendula wathi: Ulidlulisele kuKesari? KuKesari uzakuya. 13 Kwathi sekudlule insuku ezithile, uAgripa inkosi loBernike bafika eKesariya, ukuze babingelele uFestusi. 14 Kwathi sebehlezi khona insuku ezinengi, uFestusi wayilandisela inkosi izindaba zikaPawuli, esithi: Kukhona indoda ethile eyatshiywa nguFelike iyisibotshwa, 15 kwathi ngiseJerusalema, abapristi abakhulu labadala bamaJuda bammangalela, becela isigwebo esimelene laye. 16 Engabaphendula ngathi: Kakusiwo umkhuba wamaRoma ukumnikela umuntu ekufeni, omangalelweyo labammangalelayo bengalethwanga ubuso ngobuso, njalo azuze ithuba lokuziphendulela ngecala. 17 Ngakho sebebuthene lapha, kangizange ngiphuze; ngosuku olulandelayo ngahlala esihlalweni

sokwahlulela, ngalaya ukuthi indoda ilethwe; 18 leyo abayimangalelayo sebemi kabavezanga cala ngayo ngezinto mina ebengizicabangela, 19 kodwa babelokuphikisana okuthile laye ngenkolo yakibo, langothile uJesu owafayo, uPawuli othi ngaye uyaphila. 20 Kuthe mina ngisadidekile ngombuzo onje, ngathi, angathanda yini ukuya eJerusalema, ayekwahlulela khona ngalezozinto. 21 Kodwa kwathi uPawuli eselidlulisele phambili ukuthi agcinelwe ukuhlolwa yinkosi enkulu, ngalaya ukuthi agcinwe, ngize ngimthume kuKesari. 22 UAgripha wasesithi kuFestusi: Lami bengithanda ukuthi ngimuzwe lumuntu. Yena wathi: Kusasa uzamuzwa. 23 Ngakho kusisa, kwathi uAgripha loBernike befika ngokuzibonakalisa okukhulu, basebengena endlini yokwahlulela kanye lezinduna ezinkulu lamadoda ayizikhulu zomuzi, uFestusi waselaya ukuthi uPawuli alethwe. 24 UFestusi wasesithi: Nkosi Agripha, lani lonke madoda elikhona lapha kanye lathi, liyabona lo elangicela ngaye lonke ixuku lamaJuda eJerusalema kanye lalapha, limemeza lisithi kasafanele ukuphila. 25 Kodwa mina ngathola ukuthi kenzanga lutho olufanele ukufa, lokuthi yena ngokwakhe eselidlulisele enkosini enkulu, ngaquma ukumthuma. 26 Okungaye kangilalutho oluqinileyo engingalubhalela inkosi. Ngakho ngimlethile phambi kwenu, ikakhulu phambi kwakho, nkosi Agripha, ukuze kuthi esehloliwe ngibe lakho engingakubhala. 27 Ngoba ngibona kungaqondanga ukuthuma isibotshwa, kungatshengiswanga lamacala amelene laso.

26 UAgripha wasesithi kuPawuli: Uvunyelwe ukuzikhulumela. UPawuli waseselula isandla, waziphendulela wathi: 2 Kukho konke engimangalelwa ngakho ngamaJuda, nkosi Agripha, ngizizwa ngithokoza ukuthi sengingaziphendulela phambi kwakho lamuhla; 3 ikakhulu ngikwazi uyisazi sawo wonke amasiko lokuphikisana phakathi kwamaJuda; ngakho ngiyakuncenga, ukuthi ungizwe ngesineke. 4 Ngakho ukuhamba kwami konke kusukela ebutsheni, okwakuqala esizweni sakithi eJerusalema, wonke amaJuda ayakwazi, 5 ayangazi phambili kusukela ekuqaleni, uba bethanda ukufakaza, ukuthi ngendlela eqinileyo yehlelo lokukhonza kwakithi ngaphila ngingumFarisi. 6 Lakhathesi ngimi ngithonisiswa ngenxa yethemba lesithembiso

esenziwa nguNkulunkulu kubobaba, 7 ezithemba ukufinyelela kuso izizwe zakithi ezilitshumi lambili, zikhonza ngesineke ebusuku lemini; engimangalelwe ngalelithemba, nkosi Agripha, ngamaJuda. 8 Kungani kukhunjulwa ukuthi kuyinto engakholekiyo kini, nxa uNkulunkulu evusa abafileyo? 9 Ngakho lami ngokwami ngangicabanga ukuthi ngangifanele ukwenza izinto ezinengi eziphambene lebizu likaJesu weNazareth; 10 lami engakwenza eJerusalema, njalo mina ngavalela abanengi kwabangcwele entolongweni, sengemukele amandla avela kubapristi abakhulu; lalapho bebulawa ngakukhetha ngimelene labo. 11 Lemasinagogeni wonke ngabajezisa kanengi, ngababamba ngamandla ukuthi bahlambaze; njalo ngahlanya kakhulu ngabo, ngabazingela baze bafika emizini yabezizwe. 12 Okungazo lami ngisiya eDamaseko ngamandla langokuthunywa ngabapristi abakhulu, 13 emini enkulu, nkosi, ngabona endleleni ukukhanya kuvela ezulwini, kudlula ukukhanya kwelanga, kwakhanya kwangizingelezela lalabo ababehamba lami. 14 Kwathi sonke sesiwele phansi emhlabathini, ngezwa ilizwi likhuluma lami lisithi ngolimi lwesiHebheru: Sawuli, Sawuli, ungizingelelani? Kulukhuni kuwe ukukhahlelana lezincijo. 15 Mina ngasengisithi: Ungubani, Nkosi? Wasesithi: Mina nginguJesu omzingelayo. 16 Kodwa sukuma, njalo ume ngenyawo zakho; ngoba ngibonakelele lokho kuwe, ukuthi ngikumise ube yisikhonzi lomfakazi wezinto ozibonileyo, kanye lengizazibonakalisa ngazo kuwe, 17 ngikophula ebantwini lakwabezizwe, engikuthuma kubo khathesi, 18 ukuvula amehlo abo, lokubaphendula emnyameni baye ekukhanyeni, lemandleni kaSathane baye kuNkulunkulu, ukuze bemukeliswe uthethelelo lwezono, lelifa phakathi kwabangcwelisiweyo ngokholo olukimi. 19 Ngakho, nkosi Agripha, kangalanga ukulalela umbono wezulwini; 20 kodwa ngatshumayela kuqala kwabaseDamaseko labeJerusalema, lakulo lonke ilizwe leJudiya, lakwabezizwe, ukuze baphenduke, babuye kuNkulunkulu, benze imisebenzi efanele ukuphenduka. 21 Ngenxa yalezizinto amaJuda angibamba ethempelini, azama ukungibulala. 22 Ngakho ngizuzile usizo oluvela kuNkulunkulu, kuze kube lamuhla ngimi ngifakaza kubo bonke abancinyane labakhulu, ngingakhulumi lutho ngaphandle kwalezozinto abazikhulumayo abaprofethi

loMozisi ukuthi zizakwenzeka, 23 ukuthi uKristu umele ukhulupheka, lokuthi engowokuqala ekuvukeni kwabafileyo uzatshumayela ukukhanya kulababantu lakwabezizwe. 24 Kwathi esaziphendulela lezizinto, uFestusi wathi ngelizwi elikhulu: Uyahlanya, Pawuli; ukufunda okunengi kuyakuhlanyisa. 25 Kodwa wathi: Kangihlanyi, mhlekazi Festusi, kodwa ngimemezela amazwi aliqiniso laqondileyo. 26 Ngoba inkosi iyazi ngalezizinto, engikhuluma ngesibindi lakuyo; ngoba ngiqinisekile ukuthi akukho okunye kwalezizinto okufihlakeleyo kuyo; ngoba lokhu kakwenziwanga engonsini. 27 Nkosi Agripa, uyakholwa abaprofethi yini? Ngiyazi ukuthi uyakholwa. 28 UAgripa wasesithi kuPawuli: Usuphose wangiqinisekisa ukuthi ngibe ngumKristu. 29 UPawuli wasesithi: Bengingafisa kuNkulunkulu ukuthi, loba ngokulutshwana loba ngokunengi kungabi nguwe wedwa, kodwa labo bonke abangizwayo lamuhla, babe ngabanje njengoba nginjalo lami, ngaphandle kwalezizibopho. 30 Kwathi esekhulume lezizinto, yasukuma inkosi, lombusi, loBernike, lalabo ababehlezi labo; 31 kwathi sebephumile bakhulumisana, besithi: Lumuntu kenzi lutho olufanele ukufa kumbe ukubotshwa. 32 UAgripa wasesithi kuFestusi: Lumuntu ubengakhululwa, uba ebengalidluliselanga kuKesari.

27 Kwathi sekuqunyiwe ukuthi siye elthaliya ngomkhumbi, banikela uPawuli lezinye izibotshwa ezithile enduneni yekhulu, nguJuliyu ngebizo, eyesigaba senkosi enkulu. 2 Sasesingena emkhunjini weAdramithiyu, obusuzakuya endaweni zangaseAsiya, saqala ukuhamba, uAristako umMakedoniya weThesalonika wayelathi. 3 Lakusisa safika eSidoni; uJuliyu wasemphatha kuhle uPawuli, wamvumela ukuthi aye kubangane ukuze asizwe. 4 Sasesisuka lapho ngomkhumbi sehla sagudla iKuprozi, ngoba imimoya yayiphambene lathi, 5 kwathi sesidabule ulwandle olungaseKilikhiya lePamfiliya, safika eMira yeLikhiya. 6 Lapho-ke induna yekhulu yathola umkhumbi weAleksandriya oya elthaliya, yasikhweza kuwo. 7 Sasesihamba kancinyane okwensuku ezinengi, safika nzima maqondana leKinidu, umoya ungasivumeli, sehla sagudla iKrete maqondana leSalamone; 8 sasesiyigudla kanzima safika endaweni ethile ethiwa yiMathekwa mahle; okwakuseduze layo umuzi iLaseya. 9 Kwathi sekudlule isikhathi esikhulu, njalo sekuyingozi

ukuhamba ngomkhumbi, ngoba lezilo lokudla laseledlule, uPawuli wabeluleka 10 esithi kubo: Madoda, ngiyabona ukuthi uhambo luzakuba lengozi lomonakalo omkhulu, kungeyisiwo owempahla lomkhumbi kuphela kodwa lowempilo zethu. 11 Kodwa induna yekhulu yakholwa induna yomkhumbi lomnikazi wawo kulezinto ezazitshiwo nguPawuli. 12 Kwathi njengoba itheku lalingalungelanga ukuhlalwa ebusika, inengi labo lacebisa ukuthi kusukwe lalapho, mhlawumbe kwenzeke ukuthi bafike eFenikisi eningizimuntshonalanga lenyakathontshonalanga. 13 Njalo kuthe umoya weningizimu usuphephetha buthakathaka, banakana ukuthi sebekuzuzile lokho ababekuqondile, sebephakamise ingwegwe sagudla eKrete. 14 Kodwa kungabanga yisikhathi eside umoya oyisivunguzane, othiwa iYurakilidoni, wawutshaya; 15 umkhumbi wasubanjwa, wehluleka ukukhangelana lomoya, sasesiwuyekela undenda. 16 Sathi sesigudla phansi kwesihlengana esithile esithiwa yiKlawuda, senelisa kalukhuni ukuwubamba umkolo; 17 abathi sebewuphanyekile, basebenzisa izincedis, babopha ngamagoda azingelezela umkhumbi; basebesesaba ukuthi bazaphoseka eSirtisi, behlisa iseyili, ngokunjalo basebendenda. 18 Kuthe ukuthi siphoswe kakhulu yisiphepho, ngolulandelayo baphosa impahla; 19 kwathi ngolwesithathu salahla izikhali zomkhumbi ngezandla zethu uqobo. 20 Kwathi kungelalanga njalo kungelankanyezi ezibonakalayo insuku ezinengi, lesiphepho esingesincinyane siqinisa, kusukela lapho laseliphela ithemba lonke lokuthi sizasinda. 21 Kwathi sekuyisikhathi eside bengasadli, uPawuli wasesukuma phakathi kwabo, wathi: Madoda, ngabe lalalela mina kalaze lasuka eKrete, njalo laphepha kulobubunzima lakulumonakalo. 22 Khathezi-ke sengileluleka ukuthi lime isibindi; ngoba kakusozwe kulahleke impilo leyodwa kini, ngaphandle komkhumbi. 23 Ngoba ngalobubusuku bekumi kimi ingilos kaNkulunkulu, engingowakhe, lengimkhonzayo, 24 yathi: Ungesabi Pawuli; ngoba umele ukuma phambi kukaKesari; njalo khangela, uNkulunkulu ukuphile bonke labo abahamba ngomkhumbi lawe. 25 Ngakho manini isibindi madoda; ngoba ngiyakholwa kuNkulunkulu ukuthi kuzakuba njengalokho engikutsheliweyo. 26 Kodwa kumele sitshayeke esihlengeni esithile. 27 Kwathi sekufike ubusuku betshumi lane, sasindenda sizula

olwandle lweAdriya, phakathi kobusuku, abomkhumbi bakhumbula ukuthi umhlabathi othile ususondela kubo; 28 basebephosa intambo yokulinganisa bathola amafathome angamatshumi amabili; sebeqhubekile kancinyane baphosa intambo yokulinganisa futhi, bathola amafathome alitshumi lanhlanu; 29 njalo sesaba ukuthi mhlawumbe singatshayeka emadwaleni, basebephosela ingwegwe ezine ngemva komkhumbi, bafisa ukuthi kuse. 30 Abomkhumbi sebezama ukubaleka emkhunjini, basebesehlisele olwandle umkolo ngokungathi basebezakwehlisele ingwegwe ngaphambi komkhumbi, 31 uPawuli wathi enduneni yekhulu lakwabebutho: Uba laba bengahlali emkhunjini, lingesindiswe lina. 32 Abebutho basebequma amagoda omkolo, bawuyekela wawa. 33 Kwasekusithi sekuzakusa, uPawuli wabancenga bonke ukuthi bathathe ukudla, esithi: Lamuhla kulusuku lwetshumi lane lilindile lihlezi lingadli, lingathathi lutho. 34 Ngakho ngiyalincenga ukuthi lithathe ukudla; ngoba lokhu ngokosindiso lweni; ngoba kakuyikuwa komunye unwele lwekhanda lenu. 35 Kwathi esetshilo lezizinto, esethe the isinkwa, wabonga uNkulunkulu phambi kwabo bonke; wasihlephula waqala ukudla. 36 Basebesima isibindi bonke njalo bona bathatha ukudla. 37 Njalo thina sonke esasisekhunjini sasiyimiphefumulo engamakhulu amabili amatshumi ayisikhombisa lesithupha. 38 Njalo sebesuthi ukudla baphungula umkhumbi, baphosela amabele olwandle. 39 Kwathi sekusile, kabalazanga ilizwe; kodwa babona itheku elithile lilokhumbi, abamisa ukuthi baqhubele umkhumbi kulo, uba kungenzeka. 40 Basebequma ingwegwe baziyekela olwandle, ngesikhathi esifananayo bathukulula amagoda abophe amaphini okuqondisa, baphakamisela emoyeni iseyili yaphambili baqonda ekhunjini. 41 Basebefika bengananzelele endaweni lapho olwandle olwaluhlangana khona bawuqhubela umkhumbi esihlabathini; njalo isihloko somkhumbi sagxumekeka sahlala singanyikinyeki, kodwa ingemuva yomkhumbi yepfulwa ngamandla amagagasi. 42 Labebutho babeqonde ukubulala izibotshwa, hlezi ezinye zibaleke ngokuntshezela khatshana. 43 Kodwa induna yekhulu, ifisa ukusindisa uPawuli, yabavimbela kunjongo yabo, yasilaya ukuthi labo abakwaziyo ukuntsheza baziphosele olwandle kuqala, baye emhlabathini; 44

labaseleyo, abanye ngamapulanka, labanye ngezinye zezinto zomkhumbi. Ngokunjalo-ke kwenzeka ukuthi bonke bafike emhlabathini besindile.

28 Kwathi sebesindile, basebesizwa ukuthi isihlenge sithiwa yiMelitha. 2 Labalelolizwe basiphatha ngomusa ongandanga; ngoba babasa umlilo, basemukela sonke, ngenxa yezulu elaseliqalisile, langenxa yomqando. 3 UPawuli wasetheza umnyaba wenkuni, wazibeka emlilweni, kwaphuma inyoka ngenxa yokutshisa, yanamathela esandleni sakhe. 4 Kwathi abalelolizwe bebona isilo silenga esandleni sakhe, bakhulumisana besithi: Isibili lumuntu ungumbulali, othi esindile olwandle, ukulunga kakuvumi ukuthi aphile. 5 Yena-ke wasithintithela emlilweni isilo, akaze ehlelwa yibubi. 6 Basebelindela ukuthi uzavuvuka lokuthi awele phansi ahle afe; kwathi sebelinde isikhathi eside, basebebona ukuthi kakulalutho olubi olwenzakala kuye, baphendula imicabango yabo bathi ungunkulunkulu. 7 Kubomakhelwane baleyondawo kwakulamasimu esikhulu sesihlenge, uPubliyo ngebizo; owasemukela wasingenisa kuhle insuku ezintathu. 8 Kwasekusithi uyise kaPubliyo wayelele ebanjwe luquhuqho lesisu segazi; angena kuye uPawuli, wakhuleka, wabeka izandla phezu kwakhe, wamsilisa. 9 Ngakho lokho sekwenzakele, beza labanye ababesihlengeni ababelezifo basebesiliiswa; 10 abasidumisa langodumo olunengi, njalo mhla sisukayo ngomkhumbi, basethesa izinto ezidingekayo. 11 Kwathi emva kwenyanga ezintathu sasuka ngomkhumbi weAleksandriya, owawuhlezi ebusika esihlengeni, ulophawu oluthiwa ngoDiyosikuroyi. 12 Sasesifika eSirakhuse sahlala insuku ezintathu; 13 sasuka lapho sahamba ngokubhoda sayafika eRegiyuma, sekudlule usuku olulodwa kwafika umoya weningizimu, safika ePuthiyoli ngosuku lwesibili; 14 lapho esafika khona abazalwane, sacelwa ukuhlala labo insuku eziyisikhombisa; ngokunjalo saya-ke eRoma. 15 Njalo besuka lapho abazalwane sebezile izinto ngathi, beza ukusihlangabeza baze bafika eApiyi Forum laNdlini zeZihambi eziNtathu; okwathi uPawuli ebabona, wabonga uNkulunkulu, wema isibindi. 16 Sathi sesifike eRoma, induna yekhulu yanikela izibotshwa enduneni yabalindi; kodwa uPawuli wavunyelwa ukuhlala yedwa, lowebutho omlindayo.

17 Kwasekusithi emva kwensuku ezintathu uPawuli wabizela ndawonye labo abangabakhulu bamaJuda; sebebuthene, wathi kubo: Madoda bazalwane, mina kangenzanga lutho oluphambene lesizwe kumbe lamasiko abobaba, ngiyisibotshwa ngivela eJerusalema nganikelwa ezandleni zamaRoma; 18 wona esengihlolile afuna ukungikhulula, ngoba kungekho kimi cala elifanele ukufa. 19 Kodwa amaJuda ala, ngacindezeleka ukulidlulisela kuKesari, kungeyisikho ukuthi ngilolutho olokumangalela isizwe sakithi. 20 Ngakho ngenxa yalesisizatho ngilibizele lapha ukuthi ngilibone ngikhulume lani; ngoba ngenxa yethemba likalsrayeli ngizingezelelwe ngaleliketane. 21 Basebesithi kuye: Thina kasemukelanga izincwadi ngawe ezivela eJudiya, futhi loba ngubani wabazalwane, esefikile, kabikanga kumbe akhulume lutho olubi ngawe. 22 Kodwa sifisa ukuzwa izinto ozinakanayo wena; ngoba mayelana lalobububhazuka siyazi ukuthi buyaphikiswa endaweni zonke. 23 Njalo kwathi sebemmisele usuku, abanengi beza kuye endlini yezihambi; owabachasisela wafakaza umbuso kaNkulunkulu, ebancenga ngezinto zikaJesu, ethathela emlayweni kaMozisi kanye labaprofethi, kusukela ekuseni kakhulu kwaze kwaba kusihlwa. 24 Abanye basebekholwa izinto azitshoyo, kodwa abanye kabakholwanga. 25 Kwasekusithi bengavumelani bodwa basuka bahamba, uPawuli esekhulume ilizwi laba linye lokuthi: Wayekhulume kuhle uMoya oyiNgcwele ngolsaya umprofethi kubobaba bethu, 26 esithi: Hamba uye kulesisizwe ubususithi: Ngokuzwa lizakuzwa, njalo kalisoze liqedisise; lokubona lizabona, njalo kalisoze libonisise. 27 Ngoba inhliziyi yalesisizwe seyaba buthundu, njalo bezwa kanzima ngendlebe, lamehlo abo bawacimezile; hlezi babone ngamehlo, njalo bezwe ngendlebe, futhi baqedisise ngenhliziyi, njalo baphenduke, besengibasilisa. 28 Ngakho kakwaziwe kini, ukuthi usindiso lukaNkulunkulu luyathunyelwa kwabezizwe, bona-ke bazakuzwa. 29 Njalo kwathi esetshilo lezizinto, amaJuda asuka, elokuphikisana okukhulu phakathi kwawo. 30 UPawuli wasehlala iminyaka emibili egcweleyo endlini yakhe uqobo ayeyiqhatshile, wemukela bonke abangena kuye, 31 watshumayela umbuso kaNkulunkulu, njalo wafundisa ngeNkosi uJesu Kristu, ngaso sonke isibindi, engelakuvinjelwa.

KwabaseRoma

1 UPawuli, inceku kaJesu Kristu, ebizelwe ukuba ngumphostoli, ehlukaniselwe ivangeli likaNkulunkulu, **2** (alithembisa ngaphambili ngabaprofethi bakhe emibhalweni engcwele), **3** mayelana leNdodana yakhe, eyavela enzalweni kaDavida ngokwenyama, **4** eyabonakaliswa ukuba yiNdodana kaNkulunkulu ngamandla, ngokukaMoya wobungcwele, ngokuvuka kwabafileyo, uJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu; **5** esemukela ngaye umusa lobuphostoli ukuthi kube yikulalela kokholo phakathi kwezizwe zonke, ngenxa yebizo lakhe, **6** elikuzo lani, babiziweyo bakaJesu Kristu: **7** Kubo bonke abaseRoma, abathandiweyo bakaNkulunkulu, ababizelwe ukuba ngabangcwele: Kakube kini umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu. **8** Kuqala-ke ngibonga uNkulunkulu wami ngoJesu Kristu ngani lonke, ukuthi ukholo lwenu lumenyezela emhlabeni wonke. **9** Ngoba uNkulunkulu ungumfakazi wami, engimkhonza emoyeni wami ngevangeli leNdodana yakhe, ukuthi kangiyekeli ukulikhumbula, **10** ngesikhathi sonke emikhulekweni yami ngicela, ukuthi nxa kusenzeka ngentando kaNkulunkulu, ngiphumelele ukuza kini ekucineni. **11** Ngoba ngilangatha ukulibona, ukuze ngiliphe isipho esithile somoya, ukuze liqiniswe, **12** okuyikuthi, siduduzeke ndawonye phakathi kwenu ngokholo olukumunye lomunye, olwenu kanye lolwami. **13** Kanti angithandi ukuthi kungaziwa kini, bazalwane, ukuthi ngazimisela kanengi ukuza kini (ngasengibambeka kuze kube khathesi), ukuze ngizuze esinye isithelo laphakathi kwenu, lanjengaphakathi kwezinye izizwe. **14** Ngilomlandu kumaGriki kanye lakwabezizwe, kwabahlakaniphileyo kanye lakwabangahlakaniphanga; **15** ngokunjalo njengokukimi ngilungele ukutshumayela ivangeli lakini abaseRoma. **16** Ngoba kangilanhloni ngevangeli likaKristu; ngoba lingamandla kaNkulunkulu kube lusindiso kuye wonke okholwayo, kumJuda kuqala lakumGriki. **17** Ngoba ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu kwembulwa kilo kusukela kukholo kusiya kukholo; njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Kodwa olungileyo uzaphila ngokholo. **18** Ngoba ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luyabonakaliswa luvela ezulwini phezu kwakho konke ukungakhonzi uNkulunkulu lokungalungi kwabantu

abavimbela iqiniso ngokungalungi; **19** ngoba lokho okwaziwayo ngoNkulunkulu kusobala phakathi kwabo; ngoba uNkulunkulu ukubonakalisile kubo. **20** Ngoba okungabonwayo kwakhe, selokhu kwadatshulwa umhlaba, kuzwisiseka ngezinto ezenziweyo, kubonakaliswa obala, ngitsho amandla akhe aphakade kanye lobuNkulunkulu bakhe, kuze kuthi kabalakuzivikela; (aïdios g126) **21** ngoba kuthe bemazi uNkulunkulu, kabamdumisanga njengoNkulunkulu kabambonga, kodwa baba yize kumicabango yabo, lenhliziyo yabo engaqondiyi yenziwa yaba mnyama. **22** Bezitshaya abahlakaniphileyo baba yizithutha, **23** lenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ongabhuhliyo bayiphendulela ekufananeni lomfanekiso womuntu obhuhayo, lowezinyoni, lowezidalwa ezilenyawo ezine, lowokuhquzelayo. **24** Ngalokho-ke uNkulunkulu wabanikela emanyaleni, enkanukweni zenhliziyo zabo, ukuthi badumaze imizimba yabo phakathi kwabo; **25** abaphendulela iqiniso likaNkulunkulu emangeni, basebedumisa bekhonza okudaliweyo kuloMdali, ongobongekayo kuze kube phakade. Amen. (aïon g165) **26** Ngenxa yalokho uNkulunkulu wabanikela enkanukweni eziluhlazo; ngoba labesifazana babo baphendula ukwenza kwemvelo kwaba ngokuphambene lemvelo; **27** langokunjalo labesilisa bayekela ukwenza kwemvelo kowesifazana, batsha ngokukhanukana kwabo, abesilisa labesilisa benza okuluhlazo, bemukeliswa phakathi kwabo umvuzo ofanele ukuduha kwabo. **28** Njalo njengalokhu bengavumanga ukuba lolwazi ngoNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wabanikela ukuthi babe lengqondo ebolileyo, eyokwenza izinto ezingafanelanga; **29** begcwaliswe konke ukungalungi, ukuphinga, ububi, umhawu, inzondo; begcwele umona, ukubulala, inkani, inkohliso, ulunya; abahlebayo, **30** abanyeyayo, abazonda uNkulunkulu, abangelamakhanda, abazigqajayo, abazikhukhumezayo, abaqambi bezinto ezimbi, abangalaleli abazali, **31** abangelangqondo, abephula izithembiso, abalolunya, abangelakuxoliswa, abangelasihawu; **32** abathi besazi umlayo wokulunga kaNkulunkulu, ukuthi abenza izinto ezinjalo bafanele ukufa, kungesikuthi bayazenza kuphela, kodwa futhi bevumelana labazenzayo.

2 Ngakho kawulakuzilandulela, wena muntu, loba ungubani owahlulelayo; ngoba ngalokho

owahlulela ngakho omunye, uyazilahla wena, ngoba wena owahlulelayo wenza izinto ezifananayo. **2** Njalo siyazi ukuthi ukwahlulela kukaNkulunkulu kungokweqiniso phezu kwalabo abenza izinto ezinjalo. **3** Njalo ucabanga lokho yini, O muntu owahlulela abenza izinto ezinjalo, lawe uzenza lezozinto, ukuthi wena uzaphepha ukwahlulela kukaNkulunkulu? **4** Kumbe uyayeyisa yini inotho yomusa wakhe leyokubekezela lesineke, ungazi ukuthi umusa kaNkulunkulu ukukhokhelela ekuphendukeni? **5** Kodwa ngobulukhuni bakho lenhliziyo yakho engaphendukiyo uzibekela ulaka ngosuku lolaka lolwesambulo sokwahlulelwa okulungileyo kukaNkulunkulu, **6** ozavuzo lowo lalowo ngokwemisebenzi yakhe; **7** impilo elaphakade kubo abalesineke ngokwenza imisebenzi elungileyo bedinga inkazimulo lodumo lokungabhubhi; (aiōnios g166) **8** kodwa intukuthelo lolaka kulabo abalenkani, njalo bengalaleli iqiniso kodwa belalela ukungalungi, **9** usizi lokubandezeleka, phezu kwawo wonke umphefumulo womuntu owenza ububi, owomJuda kuqala lowomGriki; **10** kodwa inkazimulo lodumo lokuthula kuye wonke owenza okuhle, kumJuda kuqala lakumGriki; **11** ngoba kakukho ukubandlulula umuntu kuNkulunkulu. **12** Ngoba bonke abonileyo bengelamlayo, ngokunjalo bazabhubha bengelamlayo; njalo bonke abonileyo emlayweni, bazagwetshwa ngomlayo; **13** ngoba kakusibo abezwayo umlayo abalungileyo phambi kukaNkulunkulu, kodwa abenzayo umlayo bazalungisiswa. **14** Ngoba nxa abezizwe abangelawo umlayo besenza ngokwemvelo okungokomlayo, bona, bengelawo umlayo, bangumlayo kubo ngokwabo; **15** ababonakalisa ukuthi umsebenzi womlayo ulotshiwe enhliziyweni zabo; isazela sabo laso siyafakaza, lemicabango yabo ibasole omunye komunye kumbe njalo ibavikele omunye komunye, **16** ngosuku uNkulunkulu azakwahlulela ngalo imfihlo zabantu, ngoJesu Kristu, ngokwevangeli lami. **17** Khangela wena ubizwa ngokuthi ungumJuda, weyeme emlayweni, uzincoma ngoNkulunkulu, **18** usazi intando yakhe, usemukela izinto ezingcono, ufundiswe emlayweni, **19** njalo uzithembile wena ukuthi ungumholi weziphofu, ukukhanya kwabasemnyameni, **20** umeluleki wezithutha, umfundisi wensane, ulesimo solwazi lolweqiniso emlayweni. **21** Ngakho

wena ofundisa omunye, kawuzifundisi yini? Wena otshumayela ukuthi ungebi, uyeba yini? **22** Wena othi ungafebi, uyafeba yini? Wena onengwa yizithombe, uphanga amathempeli yini? **23** Wena ozincoma ngomlayo, udumaza uNkulunkulu ngokweqa umlayo yini? **24** Ngoba ibizo likaNkulunkulu liyahlanjazwa phakathi kwabezizwe ngenxa yenu, njengoba kulotshiwe. **25** Ngoba isibili ukusoka kuyasiza, uba usenza umlayo; kodwa uba ungumeqi womlayo, ukusoka kwakho sekuyikungasoki. **26** Ngakho uba ukungasoki kugcina izimiso zomlayo, ukungasoki kwakhe kakuyikubalwa yini ukuthi kuyikusoka? **27** Lokungasoki ngemvelo, uba kugcwalisa umlayo, kungekugwebe yini wena ongumeqi womlayo ngombhalo langokusoka? **28** Ngoba kayisuye umJuda onguye ngokusobala, njalo kakusikho ukusoka okusobala enyameni; **29** kodwa yena ungumJuda onguye ngasese, lokusoka kungokwenhliziyo, emoyeni, kungeyisikho ngombhalo; ondumiso yakhe kayiveli ebantwini kodwa kuNkulunkulu.

3 Pho-ke yibuphi ubungcono bomJuda, kumbe luyini usizo lokusoka? **2** Kukhulu ngendlela yonke; ngoba kuqala-ke ukuthi baphathiswe amazwi kaNkulunkulu. **3** Ngoba kuyini uba abanye bengakholwanga? Ukungakholwa kwabo kuzakwenza ize ukholo lukaNkulunkulu yini? **4** Phinde! Kodwa uNkulunkulu kabe leqiniso, kodwa wonke umuntu abe ngumqambimanga, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ukuze uthiwe ulungile emazwini akho, unqobe ekwahlulelweni kwakho. **5** Kodwa uba ukungalungi kwethu kubonakalisa ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu, sizakuthini? Kambe uNkulunkulu kalunganga yini owehlisela ulaka? (Ngikhuluma njengomuntu.) **6** Phinde! Uba kungenjalo uNkulunkulu uzawahlulela njani umhlaba? **7** Ngoba uba iqiniso likaNkulunkulu landisile kakhulu edumeni lwakhe ngamanga ami, ngisagwetshelwani mina futhi njengesoni? **8** Njalo kungenjengalokhu sigconwa, lanjengoba abanye bathi thina sithi: Kasenze izinto ezimbi ukuze kuvele okuhle? Abakulahlwa kwabo kuba ngokokulunga. **9** Pho-ke? Singcono yini? Hatshi bo! Ngoba sesiwalile mandulo amaJuda kanye lamaGriki ukuthi wonke angaphansi kwesono, **10** njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Kakho olungileyo, kakho loyedwa; **11** kakho oqedisisayo, kakho odinga uNkulunkulu; **12** bonke baphambukile, kabasizi lutho bonkana; kakho owenza okuhle, kakho

ngitsho loyedwa; 13 umphimbo wabo ulingcwaba elivulekileyo; bakhohlisa ngenlimi zabo; ubuhlungu bephimpi bungaphansi kwendebe zabo; 14 omlomo wabo ugcwele ukuqalekisa lokubaba; 15 inyawo zabo ziphangisela ukuchitha igazi; 16 incithakalo losizi kusendleleni zabo, 17 njalo indlela yokuthula kabayazanga; 18 ukwesaba uNkulunkulu kakukho phambi kwamehlo abo. 19 Njalo siyazi ukuthi konke okutshoyo umlayo, ukukhuluma kubo abangaphansi komlayo, ukuze yonke imilomo ivinjwe, lokuthi umhlaba wonke ube lecala kuNkulunkulu; 20 ngoba emisebenzini yomlayo kakulanyama ezalungisiswa phambi kwakhe; ngoba ngomlayo kulokwazi isono. 21 Kodwa khathesi-ke sekubonakalisiwe ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu ngaphandle komlayo, okufakazelwa ngumlayo labaprofethi; 22 ngitsho ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu ngokholo lukaJesu Kristu kubo bonke laphezu kwabo bonke abakhulwayo; ngoba kawukho umehluko; 23 ngoba bonke bonile basilele enkazimulweni kaNkulunkulu, 24 balungisiswa ngesihle ngomusa wakhe ngohlengo olukuKristu Jesu; 25 uNkulunkulu ammisayo ukuthi abe yinhlawulo yokuthula, ngokholo egazini lakhe, ukuze kube yisibonakaliso sokulunga kwakhe, ngokuyekelwa kwezono ezenziwa ngaphambili, ekubekezeleni kukaNkulunkulu; 26 ukuze kube yisibonakaliso sokulunga kwakhe kulesisikhathi, ukuze abe ngolungileyo lokuthi uyamlungisisa ongowokholo lukaJesu. 27 Ngakho kungaphi ukuzincoma? Kuvallelwe phandle. Ngomthetho bani? Wemisebenzi yini? Hatshi bo, kodwa ngomthetho wokholo. 28 Ngakho siphetha ngokuthi umuntu ulungisiswe ngokholo, ngaphandle kwemisebenzi yomlayo. 29 Kambe unguNkulunkulu wamaJuda kuphela? Njalo kayisuye lowabezizwe yini? Yebo lowabezizwe; 30 lokhu uNkulunkulu emunye, ozalungisisa ukusoka ekholweni, lokungasoki ngokholo. 31 Ngakho siyawenza umlayo ube yize ngokholo yini? Phinde! Kodwa siyawuqinisa umlayo.

4 Pho-ke sizakuthi uAbrahama ubaba wethu wazuzani ngokwenyama? 2 Ngoba uba uAbrahama walungisiswa ngemisebenzi, ulokuzincoma, kodwa kungekho phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 3 Ngoba umbhalo uthini? Uthi: Kodwa uAbrahama wakhulwa kuNkulunkulu, kwasekubalelwa kuye ukuthi yikulunga. 4 Kodwa kulowo osebenzayo kabalelwa iholo

ngokomusa, kodwa ngokomlandu. 5 Kodwa kulowo ongasebenziyo, kodwa ekholwa kuye olungisisa oweyisa uNkulunkulu, ukholo lwakhe lubalelwa ukuthi yikulunga. 6 Njengoba laye uDavida ekhuluma ngokubusiswa komuntu, uNkulunkulu ambalela ukulunga ngaphandle kwemisebenzi esithi: 7 Babusisiwe abaziphambeko zabo zithethelelwe labazono zabo zisitshekelwe. 8 Ubusisiwe umuntu iNkosi engasoze yambalela isono. 9 Ngakho lokhukubusiswa kuphezu kokusoka yini, kumbe laphezu kokungasoki? Ngoba sithi: Ukholo lwabalelwa kuAbrahama ukuthi luyikulunga. 10 Pho lwabalelwa njani? Lapho esekusokeni yini, kumbe ekungasokini? Kungekho ekusokeni, kodwa ekungasokini. 11 Wasesemukela isibonakaliso sokusoka, uphawu lokulunga kokholo ayelakho ekungasokini; ukuze abe nguyise wabo bonke abakhulwayo lanxa bengasokanga, ukuze ukulunga kubalelwe lakibo; 12 loyise wokusoka kulabo abangayisibo bokusoka kuphela, kodwa futhi abahamba ezinyathelweni zokholo lukababa wethu uAbrahama ayelalo engakasokwa. 13 Ngoba kasingomlayo isithembiso kuAbrahama kumbe kunzalo yakhe, ukuthi uzakuba yindlalifa yomhlaba, kodwa ngokulunga kokholo. 14 Ngoba uba labo abomlayo beyizindlalifa, ukholo lwenziwe ize, lesithembiso senziwa ize; 15 ngoba umlayo ubanga ulaka; ngoba lapho okungekho khona umlayo, kakukho lokweqa. 16 Ngakho kungokholo, ukuze kube ngokomusa; ukuze isithembiso siqiniseke kuyo yonke inzalo; kungeyisiyo engeyomlayo kuphela kodwa lakuyo engeyokholo lukaAbrahama, ongubaba wethu sonke, 17 (njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ngikumisile ukuthi ube nguyise wezizwe ezinengi) phambi kwakhe akholwa kuye, uNkulunkulu, ophilisa abafileyo, lobiza izinto ezingekho ngokungathi zikhona. 18 Owathi emelane lethemba wakhulwa ngethemba, ukuze abe nguyise wezizwe ezinengi, njengalokho okwatshiweyo ukuthi: Izakuba njalo inzalo yakho. 19 Njalo kabanga buthakathaka ekholweni, kanakananga umzimba wakhe uqobo owawusufile, ngoba wayesengaba leminyaka elikhulu, lokufa kwesizalo sikaSara; 20 njalo kathandabuzanga ngesithembiso sikaNkulunkulu ngokungakhulwa, kodwa waqiniswa ekholweni, enika uNkulunkulu udumo, 21 njalo eqinisekile ngokupheleleyo ukuthi lokho ayekuthembisile, ulamandla ngitsho okukwenza.

22 Ngelokho-ke kwabalelwa kuye ukuthi yikulunga. 23 Kakubhalwanga-ke ngenxa yakhe yedwa, ukuthi kwabalelwa kuye; 24 kodwa langenxa yethu, esizabalelwa khona, thina esikholwa kuye owavusa uJesu iNkosi yethu kwabafileyo, 25 owanikelwa ngenxa yeziphambeko zethu, wavuswa ngenxa yokulungisiswa kwethu.

5 Ngakho sesilungisisiwe ngokholo, silokuthula kuNkulunkulu ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, 2 okungaye njalo silokungena ngokholo kulumusa esimi kuwo, sizincoma ethembeni lobukhosi bukaNkulunkulu. 3 Kakusikho lokhu-ke kuphela, kodwa sizincoma langezinhlupheko, sisazi ukuthi ukuhlupheka kuveza ukubekezela, 4 lokubekezela ukuqina, lokuqina ithemba; 5 lethemba kalidanisi, ngoba uthando lukaNkulunkulu lutheliwe enhliziyweni zethu ngoMoya oNgcwele esimuphiweyo. 6 Ngoba sisebuthakathaka, ngesikhathi esifaneleyo uKristu wafela abeyisa uNkulunkulu. 7 Ngoba kunzima ukuthi umuntu afele olungileyo; kodwa mhlawumbe kungaba khona ngitsho olesibindi sokufela olungileyo. 8 Kodwa uNkulunkulu uqinisa uthando lwakhe uqobo kithi, ukuthi uKristu wasifela siseyizoni. 9 Ngakho kakhulu-ke, lokhu sesilungisisiwe khathesi ngegazi lakhe, sizasindiswa ngaye elakeni. 10 Ngoba uba, lapho siseyizitha, sesibuyisene loNkulunkulu ngokufa kweNdodana yakhe, ikakhulu lokhu sesibuyisene sizasindiswa ngempilo yayo; 11 njalo kakusikho lokhu kuphela, kodwa sizincoma futhi kuNkulunkulu ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, esesemukele ngaye ukubuyisana. 12 Ngakho, njengalokhu ngamuntu munye isono sangena emhlabeni, langesono ukufa, ngokunjalo ukufa kwedlulela kubo bonke abantu, ngoba bonke bonile; 13 ngoba kuze kufike umlayo isono sasikhona emhlabeni; kodwa isono kasibalelwa, ungekho umlayo, 14 kanti ukufa kwabusa kusukela kuAdamu kusiya kuMozisi, laphezu kwalabo ababengonanga okufanana lokweqa kukaAdamu, ongumfanekiso wakhe obezakuba. 15 Kodwa kungenjengesiphambeko, sinjalo lesipho somusa. Ngoba uba ngesiphambeko soyedwa abanengi bafa, ikakhulu kwanda kwabanengi umusa kaNkulunkulu, lesipho ngomusa womuntu munye, uJesu Kristu. 16 Futhi isipho kasinjengoyedwa owonayo; ngoba isigwebo sasingesisdwa ngasekulahlweni, kodwa isipho somusa ngeseziphambeko ezinengi

ngasekulungisisweni. 17 Ngoba uba ngesiphambeko somuntu oyedwa ukufa kwabusa ngalowo oyedwa, ikakhulu bona abemukela ubunengi bomusa lobesipho sokulunga bazabusa empilweni ngalowo oyedwa, uJesu Kristu. 18 Ngakho njengoba ngesiphambeko soyedwa isigwebo saba kubo bonke abantu ukuya ekulahlweni, ngokunjalo langokulunga koyedwa umusa weza kubo bonke abantu ukuya ekulungisisweni kwempilo. 19 Ngoba njengoba ngokungalaleli komuntu munye abanengi benziwa izoni, ngokunjalo langokulalela koyedwa abanengi bazakwenziwa abalungileyo. 20 Phezu kwalokho umlayo wangena, ukuze isiphambeko sande; kodwa lapho okwanda isono khona, umusa wanda kakhulukazi; 21 ukuze njengoba isono sabusa ekufeni, ngokunjalo lomusa ubuse ngokulunga kuze kube sempilweni elaphakade, ngoJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu.

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6 Ngakho sizakuthini? Sizahlala yini esonweni, ukuze kwande umusa? 2 Phinde! Thina esafa mayelana lesono, sizaphila njani kuso futhi? 3 Kalazi yini ukuthi thina sonke esabhabhathizelwa kuKristu Jesu, sabhabhathizelwa ekufeni kwakhe? 4 Ngakho sangcwatshwa kanye laye ngobhabhathizo ekufeni; ukuze, njengoba uKristu wavuswa kwabafileyo ngobukhosi bukaYise, ngokunjalo lathi sihambe ebutsheni bempilo. 5 Ngoba uba sihlanyelwe kanye laye ekufananeni kokufa kwakhe, sizakuba njalo lekufananeni kokuvuka kwakhe; 6 sisazi lokhu, ukuthi umuntu wethu omdala ubethelwe laye, ukuze umzimba wesono ubhujiswe, ukuze singabe sisakhonza isono; 7 ngoba ofileyo ukhululiwe esonweni. 8 Njalo uba sifile kanye loKristu, siyakholwa ukuthi sizaphila futhi kanye laye; 9 sisazi ukuthi uKristu esevusiwe kwabafileyo kasafi futhi; ukufa kungeke kusabusa phezu kwakhe. 10 Ngoba lokhu wafa, wafela isono kanye; kodwa lokhu ephila, uphilela uNkulunkulu. 11 Ngokunjalo lani zinakaneni sibili lifile esonweni, kodwa liphilele uNkulunkulu ngoKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu. 12 Ngakho kakumelanga isono sibuse emzimbeni wenu ofayo, lize lisilalele ezinkanukweni zawo; 13 njalo linganikeli izitho zenu zibe yizikhali zokungalungi esonweni; kodwa zinikeleni lina kuNkulunkulu njengabaphilayo kwabafileyo, lezitho zenu kuNkulunkulu zibe yizikhali zokulunga; 14 ngoba isono kasiyikubusa phezu kwenu; ngoba kalikho

ngaphansi komlayo, kodwa ngaphansi komusa. 15 Pho-ke? Sizakona yini, ngoba singekho ngaphansi komlayo, kodwa ngaphansi komusa? Phinde! 16 Kalazi yini ukuthi lowo elizinikela kuye ukuze libe yizigqili zokumlalela, liyizigqili zakhe elimlalelayo, loba ezesono kube yikufa, loba ezokulalela kube yikulunga? 17 Kodwa kabongwe uNkulunkulu, ukuthi lina lake laba yizigqili zesono, kodwa selilalela enhliziyweni isimo semfundiso elanikelwa kuso; 18 njalo likhululiwe esonweni, lenziwe izigqili zokulunga. 19 Ngikhuluma ngokwabantu ngenxa yobuthakathaka benyama yenu; ngoba njengalokho lanikela izitho zenu njengezigqili zamanyala lokubi kube ngokubi, ngokunjalo zinikeleni izitho zenu khathesi njengezigqili zokulunga, kube yibungcwele. 20 Ngoba lapho liyizigqili zesono, lalikhululekile ekulungeni. 21 Ngakho sithelobani elilaso ezintweni ngalesosikhathi eselilenhloni ngazo? Ngoba ukucina kwalezizinto yikufa. 22 Kodwa khathesi-ke selikhululiwe esonweni, njalo selenziwe izigqili kuNkulunkulu, lilesithelo senu kube yibungcwele, lokucina kuyimpilo elaphakade. (aiōnios g166) 23 Ngoba inkokhelo yesono iyikufa, kodwa isipho somusa sikaNkulunkulu siyimpilo elaphakade ngoKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu. (aiōnios g166)

7 Kalazi yini, bazalwane (ngoba ngikhuluma lalabo abawaziyo umlayo), ukuthi umlayo ubusa umuntu selokhu esaphila? 2 Ngoba umfazi owendileyo ubotshelwe ngomlayo endodeni ephilayo; kodwa uba indoda isifile, ukhululiwe emlayweni wendoda. 3 Ngakho uba indoda isaphila, uzathiwa yisifebe uba esiba ngowenye indoda; kodwa uba indoda isifile, ukhululekile emlayweni, ukuze angabi yisifebe uba esiba ngowenye indoda. 4 Ngakho, bazalwane bami, selenziwe lafa lani emlayweni ngomzimba kaKristu, ukuze libe ngabomunye, ngabalowo owavuswa kwabafileyo, ukuze sithetele uNkulunkulu izithelo. 5 Ngoba sathi sisenyameni, inkanuko zezono ezingomlayo zasebenza ezithweni zethu ukuthelela ukufa izithelo. 6 Kodwa khathesi-ke sesikhululiwe emthethweni, sifile mayelana lalokho esasibanjwe yikho, ukuze sikhonze ngobutsha bomoya, njalo kungeyisikho ngobudala bokulotshiweyo. 7 Pho-ke sizakuthini? Umthetho uyisono yini? Phinde! Kodwa bengingasazi isono, ngaphandle ngomthetho; ngoba bengingawazi umhawu futhi, uba umthetho ubungatshongo ukuthi: Ungabi lomhawu. 8 Kodwa

isono, sizuze ithuba ngomthetho, sasebenza kimi umhawu wonke; ngoba ngaphandle komlayo isono sifile. 9 Mina-ke ngake ngaphila ngaphandle komlayo; kodwa kwathi sekufike umthetho, isono savuka, njalo ngafa mina; 10 njalo umthetho ongowempilo, wona waficwa yimi ongowokufa; 11 ngoba isono, sizuze ithuba ngomthetho, sangikohlisa, sangibulala ngawo. 12 Ngakho umthetho ungucwele, lomlayo ungucwele njalo ulungile, futhi muhle. 13 Ngakho okulungileyo kwaba yikufa kimi yini? Phinde! Kodwa isono, ukuze sibonakaliswe ukuthi siyisono, sisebenza ukufa kimi ngokulungileyo; ukuze isono ngomthetho sibe yikonakala okukhulu kakhulu. 14 Ngoba siyazi ukuthi umthetho ungowomoya; kanti mina ngingowenyama, ngithengisiwe ngaphansi kwesono. 15 Ngoba lokhu engikwenzayo, angivumelanilakho; ngoba kakusikho engikuthandayo, lokho engikwenzayo; kodwa lokho engikuzondayo, yikho engikwenzayo. 16 Uba ngisenza lokho engingakuthandiyo, ngiyawuvumela umthetho ukuthi ulungile. 17 Kodwa khathesi-ke kakuseyimi engikwenzayo, kodwa yisono esihlala kimi. 18 Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi kimi, lokhu kuyikuthi enyameni yami, kakuhlali okuhle; ngoba kukhona ukuthanda kimi, kodwa ukwenza okuhle kangikutholi. 19 Ngoba okuhle engikuthandayo, kangikwenzi; kodwa okubi engingakuthandiyo, yikho engikwenzayo. 20 Kodwa uba ngisenza lokho mina engingakuthandiyo, kakuseyimi engikwenzayo, kodwa yisono esihlala kimi. 21 Ngakho ngithola umthetho wokuthi lapho ngithanda ukwenza okuhle, okubi kukhona kimi. 22 Ngoba ngiyathokoza emthethweni kaNkulunkulu ngomuntu ophakathi; 23 kodwa ngibona ezithweni zami omunye umthetho olwa lomthetho wengqondo yami, longithumbela emthethweni wesono osezithweni zami. 24 Mina muntu olusizi! Ngubani ozangikhulula kulumzimba walokhukufa? 25 Ngiyabonga uNkulunkulu ngoJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu. Ngalokho-ke mina ngokwami ngikhonza umthetho kaNkulunkulu ngengqondo, kodwa ngenyama umthetho wesono.

8 Ngakho khathesi kakukho ukulahlwa kubo abakuKristu Jesu, abangahambi ngokwenyama, kodwa ngokoMoya. 2 Ngoba umthetho woMoya wempilo kuKristu Jesu ungikhulule emthethweni wesono lowokufa. 3 Ngoba lokho umthetho owawungekwenze, ngoba ubuthakathaka ngenyama,

uNkulunkulu ethuma eyakhe iNdodana ekufananeni kwenyama elesono, njalo ithunyelwe isono, walahla isono enyameni; 4 ukuze ukulunga komthetho kugcwaliswe kithi, esingahambi ngokwenyama kodwa ngokukaMoya. 5 Ngoba bona abangokwenyama banakana izinto zenyama; kodwa abangokoMoya izinto zikaMoya. 6 Ngoba ukuzindla kwenyama kuyikufa; kodwa ukuzindla kukaMoya kuyimpilo lokuthula; 7 ngoba ukuzindla kwenyama kuyibutha kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kakuzehliseli ngaphansi komthetho kaNkulunkulu, ngoba kungekwenze; 8 lalabo abasenyameni kabalakumthokozisa uNkulunkulu. 9 Lina-ke alisenyameni, kodwa likuMoya, uba phela uMoya kaNkulunkulu ehlala kini. Uba-ke umuntu engelaye uMoya kaKristu, lowo kayisuye owakhe. 10 Uba-ke uKristu ekini, umzimba ufile ngenxa yesono, kodwa umoya uyimpilo ngenxa yokulunga. 11 Njalo uba uMoya walowo owavusa uJesu kwabafileyo ehlala kini, yena owavusa uKristu kwabafileyo uzaphilisa lemizimba yenu efayo, ngoMoya wakhe ohlala kini. 12 Ngakho, bazalwane, silomlandu, kungeyisikho enyameni, ukuthi siphile ngokwenyama; 13 ngoba uba liphila ngokwenyama, lizakufa; kodwa uba libulala imisebenzi yomzimba ngoMoya, lizaphila. 14 Ngoba bonke abakhokhelwa nguMoya kaNkulunkulu, bona bangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu. 15 Ngoba kalemukelanga umoya wobugqili ukuze libuye lesabe, kodwa lemukele umoya wokuma kwabantwana, esimemeza ngawo sisithi: Abha, Baba! 16 UMoya uqobo ufakazelana kanye lomoya wethu, ukuthi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu; 17 njalo uba singabantwana, siyizindlalifa futhi; izindlalifa zikaNkulunkulu, lezindlalifa kanye loKristu; uba phela sihlupheka kanye laye, ukuze lathi sidunyiswe kanye laye. 18 Ngoba ngithi inhlupheko zalesisikhathi kazilakulinganiswa lenkazimulo ezakwembulwa kithi. 19 Ngoba ukulangatha kokudaliweyo kulindele ukwembulwa kwabantwana bakaNkulunkulu. 20 Ngoba okudaliweyo kwehliselwa ngaphansi kobuze, kungeyisikho ngokuthanda, kodwa ngenxa yalowo owakwehliselayo; ethembeni 21 lokuthi lalokho okudaliweyo kuzakhululwa ebugqilini bokubhubha kuze kube senkululekweni yenkazimulo yabantwana bakaNkulunkulu. 22 Ngoba siyazi ukuthi konke okudaliweyo kuyabubula kanyekanye kuyahelwa kuze kube khathesi. 23

Kakusikho lokhu kuphela, kodwa lathi uqobo lwethu esilengqabutho yesithelo sikaMoya, lathi uqobo siyabubula ngaphakathi kwethu, silindele ukuma kwabantwana, uhlelo lomzimba wethu. 24 Ngoba sisindiswa ngethemba; kodwa ithemba elibonwayo kayisilo ithemba; ngoba lokho umuntu akubonayo, ukuthembelani futhi? 25 Kodwa uba sithemba lokho esingakuboniyo, sikulindela ngokubekezela. 26 Ngokunjalo loMoya uyasiza ubuthakathaka bethu; ngoba kasikwazi esikukhulekelayo njengokufaneleyo, kodwa uMoya uqobo usincengela ngokububula okungelakuphumisela; 27 yena-ke ohlola izinhliziyi uyakwazi lokho okuyingqondo kaMoya, ngoba uncengela abangcwele ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu. 28 Njalo siyazi ukuthi izinto zonke zisebenzelana okuhle kulabo abamthandayo uNkulunkulu, ababiziweyo ngokwecebo lakhe. 29 Ngoba labo abazi ngaphambili, wabamisa labo ngaphambili ukuthi bafanane lesimo seNdodana yakhe, ukuze yona ibe lizibulo phakathi kwezalamani ezinengi; 30 lalabo abamisayo ngaphambili, bona labo wababiza; lalabo ababizayo, bona labo wabalungisisa; lalabo abalungisisayo, bona labo wabapha inkazimulo. 31 Pho-ke sizakuthini kulezizinto? Uba uNkulunkulu engowethu, ngubani omelana lathi? 32 Yena ongazange ayigodle eyakhe iNdodana, kodwa wayinikelela thina sonke, uzayekela njani ukusinika ngesihle konke kanye layo? 33 Ngubani ozababeka icala abakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu? NguNkulunkulu olungisisayo; 34 ngubani olahlayo? NguKristu owafayo, njalo ikakhulu owavuswayo, ongakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, losikhulekelayo. 35 Ngubani ozasehlukanisa lothando lukaKristu? Ukuhlupheka, kumbe usizi, kumbe ukuzingelwa, kumbe indlala, kumbe ubuze, kumbe ingozi, kumbe inkemba yini? 36 Njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ngenxa yakho siyabulawa usuku lonke; kuthiwa sinjengezimvu zokuhlathswa. 37 Kanti kulezizinto zonke sedlula abangqobi ngaye owasithandayo. 38 Ngoba ngileqiniso ukuthi kayisikho ukufa lempilo lezingilosi lababusi lamandla lezinto ezikhona lezinto ezizayo 39 lobude lokutshona laloba yisiphi isidalwa okuzakuba lamandla okusehlukanisa lothando lukaNkulunkulu olukuKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu.

9 Ngikhuluma iqiniso kuKristu, kangiqambi manga, isazela sami sifakazelana lami ngoMoya

oNgcwele, 2 ukuthi ngilokudabuka okukhulu, lobuhlungu obungapheliyo enhliziyweni yami. 3 Ngoba ngingafisa ukuthi mina uqobo ngiqalekiswe kuKristu ngenxa yabazalwane bami, izihlobo zami ngokwenyama; 4 abangamalsrayeli, okungokwabo ukuma kwabantwana, lenkazimulo, lezivumelwano, lokunikwa komlayo, lenkonzo kaNkulunkulu, lezithembiso, 5 abangababo obaba, njalo avela kubo uKristu ngokwenyama, ophezu kwakho konke, uNkulunkulu obongekayo kuze kube nininini. Amen. (aiōn g165) 6 Kodwa kakunjengokuthi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lehlulekile. Ngoba kakusibo bonke abavela kuIsrayeli, abangulsrayeli; 7 njalo kungesikuthi ngoba bayinzalo kaAbrahama, bonke bangabantwana; kodwa: Ngolsaka inzalo izabizelwa kuwe. 8 Lokhu kutsho ukuthi, kakusibo abantwana benyama, bona bangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu; kodwa abantwana besithembiso bathiwa yinzalo. 9 Ngoba ilizwi lesithembiso yileli elokuthi: Ngalesisikhathi ngizafika, njalo uSara uzakuba lendodana. 10 Kakusikho lokhu kuphela, kodwa loRebeka esekhulelwe ngomunye, ubaba wethu ulsaka; 11 ngoba abantwana bengakazalwa, bengakenzi okuhle loba okubi, ukuze icebo likaNkulunkulu elingokokukhetha lime, kungaveli emisebenzini, kodwa kuvele kobizayo, 12 kwatshiwo kuye ukuthi: Omkhulu uzakhonza omncinyane, 13 njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: UJakobe ngamthanda, kodwa uEsawu ngamzonda. 14 Pho-ke sizakuthini? Kukhona ukungalungi kuNkulunkulu yini? Phinde! 15 Ngoba uthi kuMozisi: Ngizakuba lomusa kwengilomusa kuye, njalo ngimhawukele engimhawukelayo. 16 Ngakho kakusikho kothandayo, njalo kakusikho kogijimayo, kodwa ngokukaNkulunkulu olesihawu. 17 Ngoba umbhalo uthi kuFaro: Ngakuphakamisela khona lokho, ukuze ngibonakalise amandla ami ngawe, njalo ukuze ibizo lami litshunyayelwe emhlabeni wonke. 18 Ngakho uhawukela lowo athanda ukumhawukela; njalo amenze abe lukhuni lowo athanda ukumenza lukhuni. 19 Ngakho uzakuthi kimi: Usasolelani? Ngoba ngubani ongamelana lentando yakhe? 20 Hatshi bo, wena muntu, ungubani wena ophikisana loNkulunkulu? Okubunjweyo kungatsho yini kowakubumbayo ukuthi: Wangenzelani ngabanje? 21 Kumbe umbumbi kalagunya yini phezu kwebumba, ukuthi ngesigaqa

sisinye enze isitsha esinye esihloniphekayo, lesinye esingahloniphekiyo? 22 Njalo uba uNkulunkulu ethanda ukubonakalisa ulaka lwakhe, lokwazisa amandla akhe, wathwala ngokubekezela okukhulu izitsha zolaka ezilungiselwe ukubhujiswa; 23 njalo ukuze azise inotho yenkazimulo yakhe phezu kwezitsha zomusa, ayezilungisele ngaphambili inkazimulo, 24 ngitsho thina, asibizileyo, kungeyisikho kumaJuda kuphela, kodwa lakwabezizwe? 25 Njengalokhu akutsho lakuHoseya: Abangeyisibo abantu bami ngizababiza ngokuthi ngabantu bami; lowayengathandwa ngokuthi ngothandekayo; 26 njalo kuzakuthi, endaweni lapho okwathiwa khona kubo: Kalisibo abantu bami, khona lapho bazabizwa ngokuthi ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ophilayo. 27 Lolsaya umemeza ngolsrayeli esithi: Lanxa inani labantwana bakolsrayeli lingangetshebetshebe lolwandle, insali izasindiswa; 28 ngoba uzaqeda isenzo asiqume ngokulunga; ngoba iNkosi izakwenza isenzo siqunywe ngokuphangisa emhlabeni. 29 Njalo njengoba ulsaya watsho ngaphambili ukuthi: Uba iNkosi yamabandla ibingasitshiyelanga inzalo, besizakuba njengeSodoma, njalo besizakwenziwa sifanane leGomora. 30 Pho sizakuthini? Ukuthi abezizwe abangadingisisi ukulunga, bakubambile ukulunga, ukulunga-ke okungokholo; 31 kodwa ulsrayeli, edingisisa umlayo wokulunga, kawufinyelelanga umlayo wokulunga. 32 Ngani? Ngoba kabadingisisanga ngokholo, kodwa ngokungathi ngemisebenzi yomlayo; ngoba bakhubeka elitsheni lokukhubekisa, 33 njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Khangela ngibeka eSiyoni ilitshe lokukhubekisa ledwala lokuwisa; laye wonke okholwa kuye kayikuyangeka.

10 Bazalwane, isifiso senhliziyo yami, lomkhuleko kuNkulunkulu ngenxa kaIsrayeli yikuthi basindiswe. 2 Ngoba ngiyabafakazela ukuthi balokutshisekela uNkulunkulu, kodwa kungenjengolwazi; 3 ngoba bengakwazi ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu, njalo bedinga ukumisa okwabo ukulunga, kabazehliselanga ngaphansi kokulunga kukaNkulunkulu. 4 Ngoba uKristu uyisiphetho somlayo ekulungeni kuye wonke okholwayo. 5 Ngoba uMozisi ubhala ngokulunga okungokomlayo, ukuthi umuntu owenza lezizinto uzaphila ngazo. 6 Kodwa ukulunga okungokholo kukhuluma kanje: Ungatsho

enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi: Ngubani ozakwenyukela ezulwini? Lokhu kuyikuthi ukumehlisa uKristu; 7 kumbe ukuthi: Ngubani ozakwehlela ekujuleni? Lokhu kuyikuthi ukumkhuphula uKristu kwabafileyo. (Abyssos g12) 8 Kodwa kuthini? Ilizwi liseduze lawe, emlonyeni wakho lenhliziyweni yakho; leli yilizwi lokholo esilitshumayelayo; 9 ukuthi uba uvuma ngomlomo wakho iNkosi uJesu, njalo ukholwa enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo, uzasindiswa; 10 ngoba ngenhliziyo omunye uyakholwa kube yikulunga, langomlomo uyavuma kube lusindiso. 11 Ngoba umbhalo uthi: Wonke okholwa kuye kayikuyangeka. 12 Ngoba kakukho umehluko phakathi komJuda lomGriki; ngoba yinye iNkosi yabo bonke, inothele bonke abakhuleka kuyo. 13 Ngoba wonke loba ngubani ozabiza ibizo leNkosi uzasindiswa. 14 Ngakho bazayibiza njani abangakhohlwanga kuyo? Futhi bazakholwa njani kuyo abangezwanga ngayo? Futhi bazakuzwa njani bengelamtshumayeli? 15 Njalo bazatshumayela njani uba bengathunywanga? Njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Zinhle kangakanani inyawo zabatshumayela ivangeli lokuthula, zabatshumayela ivangeli ngezinto ezinhle! 16 Kodwa kabalilalelanga bonke ivangeli. Ngoba ulsaya uthi: Nkosi, ngubani owakholwa umbiko wethu? 17 Ngakho ukholo luvela ekuzweni, lokuzwa ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu. 18 Kodwa ngithi: Kabezwanga yini? Yebo sibili, ilizwi labo liphumele emhlabeni wonke, lamazwi abo emikhawulweni yomhlaba. 19 Kodwa ngithi: Ulsrayeli kaqedisisanga yini? Kuqala uMozisi uthi: Mina ngizalivusela umona ngabo abangesiso isizwe, ngilithukuthelise ngesizwe esingelangqondo. 20 Lolsaya ulesibindi uthi: Ngaficwa yilabo abangangidinganga, ngabonakala kubo abangabuzanga ngami. 21 Kodwa kulrsrayeli uthi: Usuku lonke ngelulela izandla zami kubantu abangalaleliyo labalenkani.

11 Ngakho ngithi: UNkulunkulu ubalahlile yini abantu bakhe? Phinde! Ngoba lami ngingumlsrayeli, owenzalo kaAbrahama, wesizwe sikaBhenjamini. 2 UNkulunkulu kabalahlanga abantu bakhe abazi ngaphambili. Kumbe kalazi yini kuElija ukuthi umbhalo uthini? Ukuthi walabhela njani kuNkulunkulu emelene lolsrayeli, esithi: 3 Nkosi, babulele abaprofethi bakho, badiilize amalathi akho; mina-ke ngisele ngedwa, sebedinga umphefumulo

wami. 4 Kodwa impendulo kaNkulunkulu yathini kuye? Yathi: Ngizitshiyele amadoda azinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, angaguqanga ngedolo kuBhali. 5 Kunjalo-ke kukhona langalesisikhathi insali ngokukhetha komusa. 6 Kodwa uba kungomusa, kakusayi ngemisebenzi; uba kungenjalo umusa kawuseyiwo umusa. Kodwa aluba kusiya ngemisebenzi, kakuseyiwo umusa; uba kungenjalo umsebenzi kawusengumsebenzi. 7 Pho-ke? Lokhu ulsrayeli ayekudinga, lokho kakutholanga, kodwa abakhethiweyo bakuthola, labanye benziwa baba lukhuni; 8 njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: UNkulunkulu wabanika umoya wobuthongo obukhulu, amehlo ukuze bangaboni, lendlebe ukuze bangezwa, kuze kube lusuku lwalamuhla. 9 LoDavida uthi: Itafula labo libe ngumjibila lesifu, lesikhubekiso, lempindiselo kubo; 10 amehlo abo kafiphazwe ukuze bangaboni, njalo ugobise umhlana wabo njalonnjalo. 11 Ngakho ngithi: Bakhubeka ukuze bawe yini? Phinde! Kodwa ngesiphambeko sabo usindiso lufikile kwabezizwe, ukubavusela umona. 12 Kodwa uba isiphambeko sabo siyinotho yomhlaba, lokwehluleka kwabo kuyinotho yabezizwe, kakhulu kangakanani ukugcwala kwabo? 13 Ngoba ngikhuluma lani bezizwe, njengalokho mina ngingumphostoli wabezizwe; ngikhulisa inkonzo yami; 14 ukuthi mhlawumbe ngibavusele umona abenyama yami, ngisindise abanye babo. 15 Ngoba uba ukulahlwa kwabo kuyikubuyiswa komhlaba, kungaba yini ukwemukelwa, ngaphandle kokuthi kuyimpilo kwabafileyo? 16 Njalo uba izithelo zokuqala zingcwele, lenhlama injalo; uba-ke impande ingcwele, lengatsha zinjalo. 17 Kodwa uba kwephulwe ezinye ingatsha, lawe ongumhlwathi weganga waxhunyelelwa phakathi kwazo, uhlanganyele lazo impande lamafutha omhlwathi, 18 ungazincomi phezu kwengatsha; kodwa uba uzincoma phezu kwazo, kayisuwe othwele impande, kodwa impande wena. 19 Uzakuthi-ke: Ingatsha zephulwa, ukuze mina ngixhunyelwe. 20 Kulungile; zephulwa ngokungakhohwa, wena-ke umi ngokholo. Ungazikhukhumezi, kodwa yesaba; 21 ngoba uba uNkulunkulu engayekelanga ingatsha zemvelo, hlezi lawe kayikukuyekela. 22 Khangela-ke ububele lobukhali bukaNkulunkulu; ubukhali, kulabo abawayo; kodwa kuwe, ububele, uba uhlala ebubeleni; uba kungenjalo uzaqunywa lawe. 23 Lalabo futhi, uba bengahlali ekungakhohweni, bazaxhunyelwa, ngoba

uNkulunkulu ulamandla okubuya abaxhume. **24** Ngoba uba wena waqunywa emhlwathini weganga ngemvelo, wasuxhunyelelwa ngokuphambene lemvelo emhlwathini ohlanyelweyo, kakhulu kangakanani labo, abazingatsha ngemvelo, bazaxhunyelelwa esihlahleni sakibo somhlwathi? **25** Ngoba ngithanda ukuthi lingabi ngabangaziyo, bazalwane, ngalimfihlo, hlezi lizitshaye abahlakaniphileyo, ukuthi ubulukhuni sebehlele ulsrayeli nganxanye, kuze kungene ukugcwala kwabezizwe; **26** ngokunjalo-ke ulsrayeli wonke uzasindiswa; njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Kuzavela eSiyoni uMkhululi, asuse ukungabi loNkulunkulu kuJakobe; **27** njalo yilesi isivumelwano sami kubo, lapho ngizasusa izono zabo. **28** Ngokwevangeli bayizitha ngenxa yenu; kodwa ngokukhetha bangabathandiweyo ngenxa yabobaba; **29** ngoba izipho zomusa lokubiza kukaNkulunkulu kakulakuphenduka. **30** Ngoba njengalokhu lani kade lingamlaleli uNkulunkulu, kodwa khathezi selihawukelwe ngenxa yokungalaleli kwabo; **31** ngokunjalo lalabo khathezi kabalalelanga, ukuze ngesihawu senu bahawukelwe labo; **32** ngoba uNkulunkulu ubavalele bonke ekungalalelini, ukuze abe lesihawu kubo bonke. (eleēsē g1653) **33** Yeka ukujula kwenotho, kokubili eyenhlakanipho leyolwazi lukaNkulunkulu! Kakuphenyeki kangakanani ukwahlulela kwakhe, lendlela zakhe kazilandeleki! **34** Ngoba ngubani owazi ingqondo yeNkosi? Kumbe ngubani owaba ngumeluleki wayo? **35** Kumbe ngubani owamnika kuqala, njalo kubuyiselwe kuye? **36** Ngoba konke kuvela kuye, kungaye, kuya kuye; kabube kuye ubukhosi kuze kube nininini. Amen. (aiōn g165)

12 Ngakho, bazalwane, ngiyalincenga ukuthi, ngezihawu zikaNkulunkulu, linikele imizimba yenu ibe ngumhlatshelelo ophilileyo, ongcwele, owemukelekayo kuNkulunkulu, kube yinkonzo yenu yokuqedisisa. **2** Njalo lingalingisi lumhlaba, kodwa liguqule ngokwenziwa zibentsha ingqondo zenu, ukuze lihlolisise okuyintando kaNkulunkulu elungileyo leyemukelekayo lepheleleyo. (aiōn g165) **3** Ngoba ngomusa engiwuphiweyo, ngithi kuye wonke ophakathi kwenu ukuthi angacabangi ukuthi mkhulu kulalokho afanele ukukucabanga, kodwa acabange ngokuqonda, njengalokhu uNkulunkulu abele ngulowo lalowo isilinganiso sokholo. **4** Ngoba

ngengoba silezitho ezinengi emzimbeni munye, kodwa izitho zonke kazilamsebenzi ofananayo; **5** kunjalo thina esibanengi singumzimba munye kuKristu, njalo ngabanye siyizitho omunye komunye. **6** Njalo silezipho ezehlukeneyo ngokomusa esiwuphiweyo; zingaba yikuprofetha, asiprofethe ngokwesilinganiso sokholo; **7** kumbe yikukhonza, asisebenze enkonzweni; kumbe ofundisayo, ekufundiseni; **8** kumbe olayayo, ekulayeni; ophanayo, kanike ngobuqotho; obusayo, ngokukhuthala; olesihawu, ngentokozo. **9** Uthandokalube qotho. Yenyanyani okubi, libambelele kokulungileyo. **10** Thandanani kakhulu ngothando lobuzalwane; ekuhloniphaneni phathani abanye ngcono kulani; **11** lingabi ngamavila ekukhuthaleni; livuthe emoyeni; likhonza iNkosi; **12** lithokoza ethembeni; libekezela ekuhluphekeni; liphikelela emkhulekweni; **13** yabelani kunswelo zabangcwele; likhuthalele ukuphana kuzihambi. **14** Babusiseni abalizingelayo; busisani, lingaqalekisi. **15** Thokozani labathokozayo, likhale labakhalayo. **16** Kalibe lenhliziyonye komunye lomunye. Lingakhumbuli ngezinto eziphakemeyo, kodwa lihlangane labathobekileyo. Lingazitshayi abahlakaniphileyo. **17** Lingaphindiseli muntu okubi ngokubi. Linakane okudumisekayo phambi kwabantu bonke. **18** Uba kungenzeka, ngokukini, hlalani ngokuthula labantu bonke. **19** Bathandiweyo, lingaziphindiseli, kodwa nikani ulaka indawo; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ngeyami impindiselo, mina ngizabuyisela, kutsho iNkosi. **20** Ngakho nxa isitha sakho silambile, siphe ukudla; nxa somile, sinathise; ngoba ngokwenza lokho, usibekela amalahlavuthayo phezu kwekhanda laso. **21** Unganqotshwa ngokubi, kodwa ngoba okubi ngokuhle.

13 Wonke umphefumulo awuzehlisele ngaphansi kwamandla aphezulu; ngoba kakukho amandla ngaphandle kwavela kuNkulunkulu; lamandla akhona amiswe nguNkulunkulu. **2** Ngakho omelana lamandla, umelana lesimiso sikaNkulunkulu; lalabo abamelana lawo bazazithathela ukulahlwa. **3** Ngoba ababusi kabesabeki emisebenzini emihle, kodwa kwemibi. Njalo uyathanda yini ukungesabi amandla? Yenza okuhle, njalo uzakuba lodumo kuwo; **4** ngoba uyinceku kaNkulunkulu ukuze kube kuhle kuwe. Kodwa nxa usenza okubi, yesaba; ngoba inkemba kayiphatheli ize. Ngoba uyinceku kaNkulunkulu,

ungumphindiseli wolaka kulowo owenza okubi. 5 Ngakho kumele ukuthi uzehlise, kungabi ngenxa yolaka kuphela, kodwa langenxa yesazela. 6 Ngoba ngenxa yalokho lithela lomthelo; ngoba bayizinceku zikaNkulunkulu, ezikhuthalela khona lokho. 7 Ngakho phanini bonke okufaneleyo; umthelo kofanele umthelo; inkokhelo kofanele inkokhelo; ukwesatshwa kofanele ukwesatshwa; udumo kofanele udumo. 8 Lingabi lamlandu kumuntu, ngaphandle kowokuthandana; ngoba othanda omunye, ugcwalisile umlayo. 9 Ngoba lokhu ukuthi: Ungafebi, ungabulali, ungebi, ungafakazi amanga, ungabi lomhawu; loba-ke kukhona lawuphi umlayo, kuhlangukiswa kulelilizwi, kulokhu: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena. 10 Uthando kalwenzi okubi kumakhelwane; ngakho uthando luyikugcwaliseka komlayo. 11 Njalo lokhu, lisazi isikhathi, ukuthi sekulihola lokuthi sivuke ebuthongweni; ngoba usindiso selusondele kithi kulesikhathi esakholwa ngaso. 12 Ubusuku budlulile, usuku selusondele; ngakho asikhuphe imisebenzi yobumnyama, sihlome izikhali zokukhanya. 13 Asihambe ngokufaneleyo, njengasemini, kungabi ngokuminza langokudakwa, kungabi semacansini lokungcola, kungabi ngokuxabana langomona. 14 Kodwa yembathani iNkosi uJesu Kristu, linganakekeli inyama, ngezinkanuko.

14 Lowo obuthakathaka ekholweni memukeleni, kungabi ngokokuphikisana kwemibono. 2 Omunye ukholwa ukuthi angadla konke, kodwa obuthakathaka udla imibhida. 3 Lowo odlayo kangamdeleli ongadliyo, longadliyo kangamgwebi odlayo; ngoba uNkulunkulu umemukele. 4 Ungubani wena ogweba inceku yomunye? Enkosini yayo iyema kumbe iwe. Yebo, izamiswa; ngoba uNkulunkulu ulamandla okuyimisa. 5 Omunye wazisa usuku kulolunye usuku, omunye wazisa insuku zonke. Kakube ngulowo lalowo aqiniseke kweyakhe ingqondo. 6 Owazisa usuku, ulwazisa eNkosini; longalwazisiyo usuku, kalwazisi eNkosini. Lodlayo udla eNkosini, ngoba ebonga uNkulunkulu; longadliyo akadli eNkosini, njalo ebonga uNkulunkulu. 7 Ngoba kakho phakathi kwethu oziphilelayo, njalo kakho ozifelayo. 8 Ngoba uba siphila, siphilela iNkosi; uba-ke sisifa, sifela iNkosi; ngakho loba siphila, loba sisifa, singabeNkosi. 9 Ngoba kulokhu uKristu laye wafa, wavuka, wabuya waphila, ukuze

abe yiNkosi yabafileyo kanye labaphilayo. 10 Wena-ke umgwebelani umzalwane wakho? Kumbe lawe umdelelani umzalwane wakho? Ngoba sonke sizakuma phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela sikaKristu. 11 Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Mina ngiyaphila, itsho iNkosi; lonke idolu lizaguqa phambi kwami, lalo lonke ulimi luzamvuma uNkulunkulu. 12 Ngakho ngulowo lalowo wethu uzaziphendulela ngokwakhe kuNkulunkulu. 13 Ngakho kasingabe sisahlulelana; kodwa yahlulelani lokho ikakhulu, ukuthi singambekeli umzalwane isikhubekiso loba ulutho lokumwisa. 14 Ngiyazi njalo ngiqinisekile eNkosini uJesu, ukuthi kakulalutho olungcolileyo ngokwalo; ngaphandle kwalowo ocabangela ulutho ukuthi lungcolile, kuye lungcolile. 15 Kodwa uba umzalwane wakho ekhutshwa yikudla, kawusahambi ngokothando. Ungambhubhisi ngokudla kwakho lowo, amfelayo uKristu. 16 Ngakho okuhle kwenu kakungahlanjiswa; 17 ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawusikho ukudla lokunatha, kodwa ukulunga lokuthula lentokozo kuMoya oNgcwele. 18 Ngoba okhonza uKristu kulezizinto uyemukeleka kuNkulunkulu, njalo ukholekile ebantwini. 19 Ngakho asidingisise izinto zokuthula, lezinto zokwakhisana. 20 Ungawuchithi umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu ngenxa yokudla. Konke kuhlambulukile, kanti kubi kumuntu odla ngokukhubekisa. 21 Kuhle ukungadli inyama, lokunganathi iwayini, lokunye umzalwane wakho akhubeka ngakho kumbe acunulwe kumbe abebuthakathaka. 22 Ulokhlo yini? Woba lalo ngokwakho phambi kukaNkulunkulu. Ubusiwe lowo ongazigwebiyo ngalokho akuvumelayo! 23 Kodwa othandabuzayo, uba esidla, ulahlwe, ngoba akuveli ekholweni; njalo konke okungaveli ekholweni, kuyisono.

15 Kodwa thina esilamandla sifanele ukuthwala ubuthakathaka babangelamandla, njalo singazithokozisi thina. 2 Ngoba ngulowo lalowo wethu kathokozise umakhelwane kube kuhle ekumakheni. 3 Ngoba laye uKristu kazithokozisanga yena, kodwa, kunjengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ukuthuka kwabakuthukayo kwawela phezu kwami. 4 Ngoba konke okwabhalwa ngaphambili, kwabhalwa ukufundiswa kwethu, ukuze ngokubekezela langenduduzo yemibhalo sibe lethemba. 5 Njalo uNkulunkulu wokubekezela lenduduzo kaliphe ukuthi

libe nhliziyonye phakathi kwenu njengokukaKristu Jesu; 6 ukuze nganhliziyonye ngomlomo munye limdumise uNkulunkulu, ngitsho uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. 7 Ngakho yemukelanani, njengalokhu loKristu wasemukela, kube ludumo lukaNkulunkulu. 8 Njalo ngithi, uJesu Kristu waba yinceku yokusoka ngenxa yeqiniso likaNkulunkulu, ukuthi aqinise izithembiso zabobaba; 9 lezizwe zimdumise uNkulunkulu ngenxa yesihawu; njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ngakho ngizakuvuma phakathi kwezizwe, ngihubele ibizo lakho izibongo. 10 Njalo futhi uthi: Thokozani, bezizwe, kanye labantu bakhe. 11 Futhi-ke: Dumisani iNkosi lina bezizwe lonke; idumiseni-ke lina bantu bonke. 12 Njalo futhi ulsaya uthi: Kuzakuba khona impande kaJese, lophakamela ukubusa abezizwe; abezizwe bazathembela kuye. 13 Kungathi-ke uNkulunkulu wethemba angaligcwalisa ngentokozo yonke langokuthula ekukholweni, ukuze lengezwe ethembeni, ngamandla kaMoya oNgcwele. 14 Lami-ke ngokwami nganelisiwe ngani, bazalwane bami, ukuthi lani ngokwenu ligcwele okuhle, ligcwaliswe yikwazi konke, lilamandla-ke okwelulekana. 15 Kodwa, bazalwane, ngilibhalele ngesibindi esikhulu, nganxanye, njengolikhumbuzayo, ngenxa yomusa engiwuphiweyo nguNkulunkulu, 16 ukuze ngibe yisikhonzi sikaJesu Kristu kwabezizwe, ngikhonze ivangeli likaNkulunkulu, ukuze iminikelo yabezizwe yemukeleke, kwenziwe kube ngcwele ngoMoya oNgcwele. 17 Ngakho ngilokuzincoma kuKristu Jesu ezintweni eziqondane loNkulunkulu; 18 ngoba kangiyikuba lesibindi sokukhuluma ulutho lwezinto uKristu angazenzanga ngami, ukuze kube khona ukulalela kwabezizwe, ngelizwi langesenzo, 19 ngamandla ezibonakaliso lezimangaliso, ngamandla kaMoya kaNkulunkulu; ngakho kusukela eJerusalemela lendawo ezingelezeleyo kuze kufike elliriku ngitshumayeke ivangeli likaKristu ngokupheleleyo; 20 ngokunjalo ngazama kakhulu ukutshumayela ivangeli, kungeyisikho lapho uKristu abizwe khona, ukuze ngingakhi phezu kwesisekelo somunye; 21 kodwa, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Abangatshelwanga ngaye, bazabona, labangezwanga, bazaqedisisa. 22 Ngenxa yalokho futhi ngavinjelwa kanengi ukuza kini; 23 kodwa khathezi-ke lokhu ngingaselandawo kulezizabelo, futhi sekuyiminyaka eminingi ngilesifiso esikhulu sokuza kini, 24 ngokunjalo nxa ngizakuya

eSpaniya, ngizakuza kini; ngoba ngithemba ukuthi ngizalibona ekudluleni, njalo ngiphelekezelwe yini khona, uba kuqala sengisuthisekile nganxanye ngilani. 25 Kodwa khathezi-ke ngiya eJerusalemela, ngikhonze abangcwele. 26 Ngoba kwaba kuhle eMakedoniya leAkaya ukwenzela umnikelo othile abayanga kwabangcwele abaseJerusalemela. 27 Ngoba kwaba kuhle kubo, njalo balomlandu kubo. Ngoba uba abezizwe behlanganyela labo ezintweni ezintweni zenyama. 28 Ngakho nxa sengiqede lokhu, sengibaphawulele lesisithelo, ngizasuka ngiye eSpaniya ngidlule ngakini. 29 Ngiyazi-ke ukuthi nxa ngisiza kini ngizafika ekugcwaleni kwesibusiso sevangeli likaKristu. 30 Ngiyalincenga-ke, bazalwane, ngayo iNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, langothando lukaMoya, ukuthi lilwise kanye lami emikhulekweni kuNkulunkulu ngami; 31 ukuze ngophulwe kwabangakholwayo eJudiya, njalo ukuze umsebenzi wami ongoweJerusalemela wemukeleke kubo abangcwele; 32 ukuze ngentando kaNkulunkulu ngize kini ngentokozo, ngivuseleleke kanye lani. 33 Ngakho uNkulunkulu wokuthula kabe lani lonke. Amen.

16 Ngiyamncoma-ke kini udadewethu uFebe, oyisikhonzikazi sebandla eliseKenikreya; 2 ukuze limemukele eNkosini njengokufanele abangcwele, ukuthi limsiza loba kuluphi udaba aluswelayo kini; ngoba laye ubengummeli wabanengi, lowami uqobo. 3 Bingelelani uPrisila loAkwila izisebenzi kanye lami kuKristu Jesu, 4 ababeka phansi intamo yabo esikhundleni sempilo yami; engibabongayo kungeyisimi ngedwa, kodwa lamabandla wonke abezizwe; 5 bingelelani lebandla elisendlini yabo. Bingelelani uEpenetu, othandiweyo wami, oyisithelo sokuqala seAkaya kuKristu. 6 Bingelelani uMariya, owasisebenzela kakhulu. 7 Bingelelani uAnderoniku loJuniya, abayizihlobo zami lezibotshwa kanye lami, abangabadumileyo phakathi kwabaphostoli, ababekuKristu labo ngaphambi kwami. 8 Bingelelani uAmpiliyasi, othandiweyo wami eNkosini. 9 Bingelelani uOrbanu isisebenzi kanye lathi kuKristu, loSitaku othandiweyo wami. 10 Bingelelani uApele othembekileyo kuKristu. Bingelelani labo abakaAristobulu. 11 Bingelelani uHerodiyoni isihlobo sami. Bingelelani abakaNarkisu,

labo abaseNkosini. 12 Bingelelani uTrifina loTrifosa, abesifazana abasebenza eNkosini. Bingelelani uPersisi owesifazana othandekayo, owasebenza kakhulu eNkosini. 13 Bingelelani uRufusi okhethiweyo eNkosini, lonina njalo ongowami. 14 Bingelelani uAsinkiritu, uFileko, uHermasi, uPatroba, uHermesi, labazalwane abalabo. 15 Bingelelani uFilologu loJuliya, uNerusi lodadewabo, loOlimpa, labangcwele bonke abalabo. 16 Bingelelanani ngokwanga okungcwele. Amabandla kaKristu ayalibingelela. 17 Njalo ngiyalincenga, bazalwane, ukuthi liqaphele ababanga ukuxabana lezikhubekiso, okuphambene lemfundiso elayifundiswayo; baxwayeni bona. 18 Ngoba abanjalo kabasebenzeli iNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, kodwa isisu sabo; njalo ngelizwi elimnandi lendumiso bakhohlisa inhliziyi zabangelacala. 19 Ngoba ukulalela kwenu sekufikile kubo bonke. Ngakho ngiyathokoza ngani; kodwa ngithanda ukuthi lihlakaniphe kokuhle, kodwa libe msulwa kokubi. 20 Njalo uNkulunkulu wokuthula uzahle amchoboze uSathane ngaphansi kwenyawo zenu. Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani. Ameni. 21 UTimothi isisebenzi kanye lami, loLukiyo loJasoni loSosipatro, izihlobo zami, bayalibingelela. 22 Mina Tertiyo, engibhale incwadi, ngiyalibingelela eNkosini. 23 UGayusi umngenisi wami, lebandla lonke, uyalibingelela. UErastu umphathisikhwama somuzi uyalibingelela, loKwartu umzalwane. 24 Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani lonke. Ameni. 25 Kuye olamandla okuliqinisa ngokwevangeli lami lokutshunyayelwa kukaJesu Kristu, ngokwembulwa kwemfihlo eyayigcinwe ifihlakele ngezikhathi zendulo, (aiōnios g166) 26 kodwa isibonakalisiwe khathezi, langemibhalo yabaprofethi, njengomlayo kaNkulunkulu olaphakade, yaziswa ezizweni zonke ekulaleleni kokholo, (aiōnios g166) 27 kuNkulunkulu ololwazi yena yedwa kakube ubukhosi, ngoJesu Kristu, kuze kube nininini. Ameni. (aiōn g165)

1 KwabaseKhorinte

1 UPawuli obizelwe ukuba ngumphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, loSostenesi umzalwane, 2 kubandla likaNkulunkulu eliseKorinte, kubo abangcwelisiweyo kuKristu Jesu, ababizelwe ukuba ngabangcwele, kanye labo bonke ababiza ibizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kuyo yonke indawo, eyabo kanye leyethu: 3 Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu. 4 Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami ngesikhathi sonke ngani, ngenxa yomusa kaNkulunkulu eliwuphiweyo kuKristu Jesu; 5 ukuthi kuyo yonke into linothiwe kuye, ekukhulumeni konke lelwezini lonke, 6 njengoba ubufakazi bukaKristu buqinisiwe kini; 7 ukuze lingasileli lakwesinye isipho, lilindele ukwembulwa kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, 8 ozaliqukisa futhi kuze kube sekupheleni, ukuze lingabi lacala ngosuku lweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. 9 UNkulunkulu uthembekile, elabizelwa ngaye ebudlelaneni beNodana yakhe uJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu. 10 Ngiyalincenga-ke, bazalwane, ngebizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, ukuthi lonke likhulume into ibenye, njalo kungabi khona ukwehlukana phakathi kwenu, kodwa lipheleliswe emqondweni munye lekuboneni kunye. 11 Ngoba ngitsheliwe ngani, bazalwane bami, ngabakoKlowe, ukuthi kukhona izingxabano phakathi kwenu. 12 Njalo ngitsho lokhu, kokuthi ngulowo lalowo wenu uthi: Mina ngingokaPawuli; kodwa mina okaApolosi; kodwa mina okaKefasi; kodwa mina okaKristu. 13 UKristu wehlukaniwe yini? Kanti uPawuli wabethelelwa lina, kumbe labhabhathizwa yini ebizweni likaPawuli? 14 Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu ukuthi kangibhabhathizanga lamunye wenu, ngaphandle kukaKrispusi loGayusi; 15 ukuze kungabi khona othi ngabhabhathiza ebizweni lami uqobo. 16 Futhi ngabhabhathiza lendlu kaStefana; ngaphandle kwalokho kangazi ukuthi ngabhabhathiza omunye umuntu. 17 Ngoba uKristu kangithumanga ukuthi ngibhabhathize, kodwa ukuthi ngitshumaye ivangeli; kungeyisikho ngenhlakanipho yelizwi, hlezi isiphambano sikaKristu senziwe ize. 18 Ngoba ilizwi lesiphambano liyibuthutha kulabo ababhubhayo, kodwa kithi abasindiswayo lingamandla kaNkulunkulu. 19 Ngoba kulotshiwe

ukuthi: Ngizachitha inhlakanipho yabahlakaniphileyo, lokuqedisa kwabaqedisayo ngizakwenza ize. 20 Singaphi isihlakaniphi? Ungaphi umbhali? Ungaphi umphikisi walumhlaba? Angithi uNkulunkulu wayenza yaba yibuthutha inhlakanipho yalumhlaba yini? (aiōn g165) 21 Ngoba kuthe enhlakanipheni kaNkulunkulu umhlaba kawumazanga uNkulunkulu ngenhlakanipho, kwaba kuhle kuNkulunkulu ngobuthutha bentshumayelo ukusindisa abakholwayo. 22 Ngoba lamaJuda acela isibonakaliso, lamaGriki adinga inhlakanipho; 23 kodwa thina sitshumayela uKristu obethelweyo, isikhubekiso kumaJuda, lobuthutha kumaGriki; 24 kodwa kulabo ababizweyo, kumaJuda kanye lakumaGriki, uKristu amandla kaNkulunkulu lenhlakanipho kaNkulunkulu; 25 ngoba ubuthutha bukaNkulunkulu buhlakaniphile kulabantu, lobuthakathaka bukaNkulunkulu bulamandla kulabantu. 26 Ngoba khangelani ubizo lwenu, bazalwane, ukuthi kababanengi abahlakaniphileyo ngokwenyama, kababanengi abalamandla, kababanengi abayizikhulu; 27 kodwa uNkulunkulu ukhethile izinto zobuthutha zomhlaba, ukuze ayangise abahlakaniphileyo; njalo uNkulunkulu ukhethile okubuthakathaka komhlaba, ukuze ayangise okulamandla; 28 lezinto eziphansi zomhlaba lezinto ezidelekayo uNkulunkulu uzikhethile, lezinto ezingekho, ukuze enze zibe yize izinto ezikhona; 29 ukuze kungabikho inyama ezincomayo phambi kwakhe. 30 Kodwa ngaye lina likuKristu Jesu, owenzelwa thina inhlakanipho evela kuNkulunkulu, lokulunga, lokuncweliswa, lohlengo, 31 ukuze, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ozincomayo, kazincome eNkosini.

2 Lami, bazalwane, ekufikeni kwami kini, kangifikanga ngobugabazi belizwi kumbe benhlakanipho, ngitshumayela kini ubufakazi bukaNkulunkulu. 2 Ngoba ngamisa ukuthi ngingazi lutho phakathi kwenu, ngaphandle kukaJesu Kristu, laye ebethelwe. 3 Njalo mina ngangilani ebuthakathakeni lekwesabeni lekuthuthumeleni okukhulu. 4 Lokukhuluma kwami lokutshumayela kwami kakubanga ngamazwi enhlakanipho yabantu ahugayo, kodwa ngokubonakalisa kumaMoya lokwamandla; 5 ukuze ukholo lwenu lungabi enhlakanipheni yabantu, kodwa emandleni kaNkulunkulu. 6 Kodwa inhlakanipho siyikhuluma

phakathi kwabapheleleyo, kodwa inhlakanipho engayisiyo yalelilizwe, kumbe eyababusi balelilizwe, abazakwenziwa ize; (aiōn g165) 7 kodwa sikhuluma inhlakanipho kaNkulunkulu eyimfihlo, eyayifihliwe, uNkulunkulu ayimisa ngaphambili kungakabi lomhlaba kube yinkazimulo yethu; (aiōn g165) 8 kungekho loyedwa wababusi balelilizwe owayekwazi; ngoba uba babekwazi, babengayikuyibethela iNkosi yenkazimulo. (aiōn g165) 9 Kodwa njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Izinto ilihlo elingazibonanga, lendlebe engazizwanga, lezingangenanga enhliziyweni yomuntu, uNkulunkulu azilungisele abamthandayo. 10 Kodwa uNkulunkulu usembulele thina lokhu ngoMoya wakhe; ngoba uMoya uhlolisisa zonke izinto, ngitsho izinto ezijulileyo zikaNkulunkulu. 11 Ngoba ngubani ebantwini owazi okomuntu, ngaphandle komoya womuntu okuye? Ngokunjalo okukaNkulunkulu kakwaziwa muntu, ngaphandle koMoya kaNkulunkulu. 12 Thina-ke kasemukelanga umoya womhlaba, kodwa uMoya ovela kuNkulunkulu, ukuze sazi izinto esiziphiwa ngesihle nguNkulunkulu; 13 futhi esizitshoyo, kungeyisikhohlo ngamazwi inhlakanipho yabantu ewafundisayo, kodwa ngamazwi afundiswa nguMoya oNgcwele, sichasisa okomoya ngokomoya. 14 Kodwa umuntu wemvelo kazemukeli izinto zikaMoya kaNkulunkulu; ngoba ziyibuthutha kuye, njalo kalawo amandla okuqedisa, ngoba zihlolisiswa ngokomoya; 15 kodwa owomoya uyahlola zonke izinto, kodwa yena kahlolwa muntu. 16 Ngoba ngubani owazi ingqondo yeNkosi, ukuthi ayifundise? Kodwa thina silengqondo kaKristu.

3 Lami-ke, bazalwane, bengingelakukhuluma lani njengabakomoya, kodwa njengakwabakwenyama, njengakwabayizingane kuKristu. 2 Ngalinathisa uchago, kungeyisikhohlo ukudla okuqinileyo; ngoba belingakenelisi, yebo lakhathesi kalikenelisi; 3 ngoba lisengabenyama; ngoba lokhu kukhona phakathi kwenu umhawu lokuphikisana lokwehlukana, kalisibo abenyama, lihamba ngokwabantu yini? 4 Ngoba nxa omunye esithi: Mina ngingokaPawuli, lomunye athi: Mina okaApolosi, kalisibo yini abenyama? 5 Kanti uPawuli uyini, loApolosi uyini, kodwa izisebenzi elakholwa ngazo, lanjengoba iNkosi yanika kulowo lalowo? 6 Mina ngahlanyela, uApolosi wathelala, kodwa uNkulunkulu wakhulisa. 7 Ngakho ohlanyelayo kasilutho, loba othelelayo, kodwa uNkulunkulu

okhulisayo. 8 Ohlanyelayo kanye lothelelayo banye; kodwa ngulowo lalowo uzakwemukela owakhe umvuzo njengowakhe umsebenzi. 9 Ngoba siyizisebenzi zikaNkulunkulu kanye laye; liyinsimu kaNkulunkulu, liyisakhiwo sikaNkulunkulu. 10 Ngokomusa kaNkulunkulu engiwuphiweyo, njengomakhi omkhulu ohlakaniphileyo ngabeka isisekelo, lomunye wakha phezu kwaso. Kodwa kakube ngulowo lalowo abone ukuthi wakha njani phezu kwaso. 11 Ngoba akulamuntu ongabeka esinye isisekelo ngaphandle kwaleso esibekiweyo, esinguJesu Kristu. 12 Kodwa uba umuntu esakhela phezu kwalesisisekelo igolide, isiliva, amatshe aligugu, izigodo, utshani, inhlanga, 13 umsebenzi walowo lalowo uzavela obala; ngoba usuku luzawudalula, ngoba luzavezwa emlilweni; umlilo uzahlola umsebenzi walowo lalowo ukuthi unjani. 14 Uba umsebenzi womuntu awakhe phezulu usima, uzakwemukela umvuzo. 15 Uba umsebenzi womuntu uzatshiswa, uzalahlekelwa; kodwa yena uqobo ezasindiswa, kodwa ngokunjalo njengangomlilo. 16 Kalazi yini ukuthi liithempeli likaNkulunkulu, lokuthi uMoya kaNkulunkulu uhlala kini? 17 Uba umuntu echitha ithempeli likaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uzamchitha yena; ngoba ithempeli likaNkulunkulu lingcwele, eliyilo lina. 18 Kakungabi khona ozikhohlisayo; uba umuntu phakathi kwenu ecabanga ukuthi uhlakaniphile kulumhlaba, kumele abe yisithutha, ukuze ahlakaniphe. (aiōn g165) 19 Ngoba inhlakanipho yalumlaba iyibuthutha kuNkulunkulu. Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ubamba abahlakaniphileyo ebuqilini babo; 20 njalo lokuthi: iNkosi iyayazi imicabango yabahlakaniphileyo, ukuthi iyize. 21 Ngakho kakungabi khona ozincoma ngabantu; ngoba zonke izinto ngezenu, 22 loba uPawuli, loba uApolosi, loba uKefasi, loba umhlaba, loba impilo, loba ukufa, loba izinto ezikhona, loba izinto ezizayo; konke ngokwenu, 23 lina-ke lingabakaKristu, loKristu ungokaNkulunkulu.

4 Umuntu kanakane ngathi ngokunje, njengezisebenzi zikaKristu labaphathi bezimfihlo zikaNkulunkulu. 2 Futhi-ke, kuyadingeka ebaphathini, ukuthi umuntu aficwe ethembekile. 3 Kodwa kimi kuyinto encinyane kakhulu ukuthi ngithonisiswe yini, kumbe ngokwahlulela kwabantu; kodwa lami kangizithonisisi. 4 Ngoba kanginazeleli lutho

kimi, kanti kangilungisiswanga ngalokho; kodwa ongahlulelayo yiNkosi. 5 Ngakho lingahluleli lutho isikhathi singakafiki, ize ifike iNkosi, ezaveza futhi ekukhanyeni izinto ezifihlakeleyo emnyameni, njalo izeze obala amacebo ezinhliziyi; njalo khona ngulowo lalowo ezakuba lokubongwa okuvela kuNkulunkulu. 6 Njalo lezizinto, bazalwane, ngiziqondanise lami loApolosi ngenxa yenu, ukuze lifunde kithi ukuthi lingakhumbuli phezu kokulotshiwewo, ukuze lingakhukhunyezwa omunye ngomunye limelane lomunye. 7 Ngoba ngubani okwenza ukuthi wehluke? Njalo kuyini olakhe ongakwemukelanga? Njalo uba lawe wemukele, uzincomelani ngokungathi kawemukelanga? 8 Selisuthi, selinohle, libusile ngaphandle kwethu; yebo-ke kungathi ngabe liyabusa, ukuze lathi sibuse kanye lani. 9 Ngoba ngithi uNkulunkulu usimisile thina abaphostoli bokucina, sibe njengabamiselwe ukufa; ngoba senziwe umbukiso emhlabeni, lakuzo ingilosi, lebantwini. 10 Thina siyizithutha ngenxa kaKristu, kodwa lina lihlakaniphile kuKristu; thina sibuthakathaka, kodwa lina lilamandla; lina liyahlonitshwa, kodwa thina siyadelelwa. 11 Kuze kube liholo lakhathesi silambile, somile, sihambaze, siyatshaywa ngenqindi, siyimihambuma, 12 siyatshikathika sisebenza ngezethu izandla; sithi sithukwa sibusise; sithi sizingelwa sibekezele; 13 sithi sinyeywa sincenge; senziwa njengamanyala omhlaba, imfucuzo yezinto zonke, kuze kube khathesi. 14 Kangalibhaleli lezizinto ukuthi ngilithile inhloni, kodwa ngileluleka njengabantwana bami abathandekayo. 15 Ngoba lanxa lilabeluleki abayizinkulungwane ezilithumi kuKristu, kodwa kalilaboyihlo abanengi; ngoba mina ngalizala kuKristu Jesu ngevangel. 16 Ngakho ngiyalincenga: Banini ngabalingisi bami. 17 Ngalokho ngithume kini uTimothy, ongumntanami othandekayo lothembekileyo eNkosini, ozalikhumbuzo ngenhambo zami ezikuKristu, njengoba ngifundisa endaweni zonke kulo lonke ibandla. 18 Kodwa abanye bazikhukhumezile ngokungathi kangiyikuzo kini. 19 Kanti ngizakuzo kini masinyane, uba iNkosi ivuma, njalo ngizakwazi, hatshi ilizwi lalabo abazikhukhumezayo, kodwa amandla. 20 Ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawungelizwi kodwa ngamandla. 21 Lifunani? Ngize kini ngenduku yini, kumbe ngothando lomoya ochumileyo?

5 Isibili kuzwakele ukuthi kukhona ukuphinga phakathi kwenu, futhi ukuphinga kohlobo olungaqanjwayo laphakathi kwabezizwe, kuze kuthi omunye abe lomkayise. 2 Kodwa lina liyazikhukhumeza, njalo endaweni yalokho alizange lilile, ukuze owenze lesisenzo asuswe phakathi kwenu. 3 Ngoba mina-ke, njengongekho ngomzimba kodwa okhona ngomoya, sengiqumile ngowenze lokhu okunjalo, ngokungathi ngikhona, 4 ebizweni leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, selihlangene lomoya wami kanye lamandla eNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, 5 ukunikela onjalo kuSathane ekubhubheni kwenyama, ukuze umoya usindiswe osukwini lweNkosi uJesu. 6 Kakukuhle ukuzincoma kwenu. Kalazi yini ukuthi imvubelo encinyane ibilisa inhlama yonke? 7 Ngakho khuphani imvubelo endala, ukuze libe yinhlama entsha, njengabangelamvubelo. Ngoba lephasika lethu lihlathelwe thina, elinguKristu. 8 Ngakho asigcine umkhosi, kungabi ngemvubelo endala, njalo kungabi ngemvubelo yenzondo lobubi, kodwa ngesinkwa esingelamvubelo sobuqotho leseqiniso. 9 Ngalibhalela encwadini ukuthi lingahlanganyeli leziphingi; 10 kodwa kungeyisikho ngokupheleleyo leziphingi zalumhlaba kumbe lezihwaba, kumbe labaphangi, kumbe labakhonza izithombe; ngoba phela ngokunjalo kungafanela ukuthi liphume emhlabeni. 11 Kodwa khathesi-ke ngalibhalela ukuthi lingahlanganyeli, nxa umuntu ebizwa ngokuthi ungumzalwane eyisiphingi, kumbe isihwaba, kumbe okhonza izithombe, kumbe isithuki, kumbe isidakwa, kumbe umphangi; lingaze ladla lonjalo lakanye. 12 Ngoba ngilani lokwahlulela abangaphandle? Lina kalahluleli yini abangaphakathi? 13 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wahlulela abangaphandle. Njalo mxotsheni omubi asuke phakathi kwenu.

6 Kukhona yini umuntu wakini, othi elecala lomunye, abe lesibindi sokuyakwahlulelwa phambi kwabangalunganga, kungabi phambi kwabangcwele? 2 Kalazi yini ukuthi abangcwele bazakwahlulela umhlaba? Uba-ke umhlaba uzakwahlulelwa yini, kalifanele yini ukwahlulela amacala amancinyane? 3 Kalazi yini ukuthi sizazahlulela ingilosi? Kangakanani indaba zalokhukuphila? 4 Ngakho uba lilamacala alokhukuphila, babekeni phezu kwawo labo abadelekayo ebandleni. 5 Ngikhuluma kini ukuthi libe lenhloni. Ngokunjalo kakho ohlakaniphileyo phakathi kwenu yini, ngitsho

loyedwa, ongahlulela phakathi kwabazalwane bakhe? 6 Kodwa umzalwane umangalela umzalwane, lalokho phambi kwabangakholwayo. 7 Ngakho kusekhona isibili ukwehluleka phakathi kwenu, ukuthi lilokumangalelana. Kungani kulalokhu lingavumi ukoniwa? Kungani kulalokhu lingavumi ukuqilibezelwa? 8 Kodwa lina liyona liqilibezele, lalokhu kubazalwane. 9 Kumbe alazi yini ukuthi abangalunganga kabayikulidla ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu? Lingakhohliswa; kakulaziphingi, loba abakhonza izithombe, loba izifebe, loba ababuthakathaka ekulalaneni kwabesilisa, loba abesilisa abalalanayo, 10 loba amasela, loba izihwaba, loba izidakwa, loba izithuki, loba abaphangi, abazakulidla ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu. 11 Abanye benu babeyilezizinto; kodwa ligezisiwe, kodwa langcweliswa, kodwa lalungisiswa ebizweni leNkosi uJesu, langoMoya kaNkulunkulu wethu. 12 Zonke izinto zivumelekile kimi, kodwa kayisizo zonke izinto ezisizayo; zonke izinto zivumelekile kimi, kodwa mina kangiyikubuswa lutho. 13 Ukudla ngokwesisu, lesisu ngesokudla; kanti uNkulunkulu uzakuchitha kokubili, sona lakho. Kodwa umzimba kayisiwo wokuphinga, kodwa ungoweNkosi, njalo iNkosi ingeyomzimba; 14 njalo uNkulunkulu owavusa iNkosi uzasivusa lathi ngamandla akhe. 15 Kalazi yini ukuthi imizimba yenu iyizitho zikaKristu? Pho ngizathatha izitho zikaKristu ngizenze izitho zesifebe yini? Phinde! 16 Kumbe kalazi yini ukuthi onamathelela lesifebe ungumzimba munye laso? Ngoba labo ababili, uthi, bazakuba nyamanye. 17 Kodwa onamathelele leNkosi ungumoya munye layo. 18 Balekelani ukuphinga. Sonke isono umuntu asenzayo singaphandle komzimba; kodwa ophingayo wona owakhe umzimba. 19 Kumbe kalazi yini ukuthi umzimba wenu ulithempeli likaMoya oNgcwele okini, elilawo uvela kuNkulunkulu, njalo kalisibo abenu? 20 Ngoba lathengwa ngentengo; ngakho dumisani uNkulunkulu emzimbeni wenu, langomoya wenu, okungokukaNkulunkulu.

7 Mayelana-ke lezinto elangibhalela ngazo, kuhle emuntwini ukuthi angamthinti owesifazana. 2 Kodwa ngenxa yokuphinga, ngulowo lalowo kumele abe lowakhe umfazi, njalo ngulowo lalowomfazi abe leyakhe indoda. 3 Indoda kayenanise kumfazi isifiso esihle esifaneleyo; langokunjalo lomfazi endodeni. 4 Umfazi kalamandla phezu kowakhe

umzimba, kodwa indoda; langokunjalo lendoda kayilamandla phezu kowayo umzimba, kodwa umfazi. 5 Lingagodlezani, ngaphandle kokuvumelana okwesikhathi, ukuthi lizinikele ekuzileni ukudla lekukhulekeni, libuye lihlangane futhi, ukuze uSathane angalilingi ngokungazithibi kwenu. 6 Kodwa lokhu ngikutsho ngemvumo, kungeyisikho ngomlayo. 7 Ngoba ngithanda ukuthi abantu bonke babe njengami; kodwa ngulowo lalowo ulesakhe isiphiwo esivela kuNkulunkulu, omunye ngokunjalo, lomunye ngokunjalo. 8 Kodwa kwabangendanga labafelokazi ngithi: Kuhle kubo uba behlala njengami. 9 Kodwa uba bengelakuzithiba kabende; ngoba kungcono ukwenda kulokutsha. 10 Kodwa kwabendileyo ngiyabalaya, kungeyisimi kodwa yiNkosi, ukuthi umfazi kangehlukani lendoda; 11 kodwa uba laye esehlukana, kahlale engendanga, kumbe abuyisane lendoda; lendoda kayingamlahli umfazi. 12 Kodwa kwabanye kutsho mina, kungeyisimo iNkosi, ukuthi: Uba loba ngu-wuphi umzalwane elomfazi ongakholwayo, njalo yena evuma ukuhlala laye, angamlahli. 13 Lomfazi olendoda engakholwayo, njalo ivuma ukuhlala laye, angayitshiya. 14 Ngoba indoda engakholwayo yenziwa ibe ngcwele ngomfazi, lomfazi ongakholwayo wenziwa abe ngcwele ngendoda. Uba kungenjalo abantwana benu ngabangcolileyo, kodwa khathesi bangcwele. 15 Uba-ke ongakholwayo ezehlukanisa, kazehlukanise; kwezinjalo umzalwane kumbe umzalwanekazi kabotshwanga; kodwa uNkulunkulu usibizele ekuthuleni. 16 Ngoba wazi ngani, mfazi, ukuthi uzayisindisa indoda? Kumbe wazi ngani, ndoda, ukuthi uzamsindisa umfazi? 17 Kuphela nje njengokuthi uNkulunkulu ababele ngulowo lalowo, njengoba iNkosi ibizile ngulowo lalowo, akahambe ngokunjalo. Langokunjalo ngiyalaya emabandleni wonke. 18 Ukhona yini owabizwa esokile? Kangabi ngongasokwanga. Ukhona yini owabizwa engasokanga? Kangasokwa. 19 Ukusoka kakusilutho, lokungasoki kakusilutho, kodwa ukulondolozwa kwemilayo kaNkulunkulu. 20 Ngulowo lalowo kahlale kubizo abizwe kulo. 21 Wabizwa uyisigqili yini? Ungakhathazeki ngakho. Kodwa uba lawe ungakhululeka, kungcono ukusebenzise. 22 Ngoba lo obizwa eNkosini eyisigqili ungokhululekileyo weNkosi; ngokunjalo lalowo owabizwa ekhululekile, uyisigqili sikaKristu. 23 Lathengwa ngentengo;

lingabi yizigqili zabantu. **24** Ngulowo lalowo abizelwe kukho, bazalwane, kahlale kukho loNkulunkulu. **25** Kodwa mayelana lentombi kangilawo umlayo weNkosi; kodwa ngiyeluleka njengowemukele isihawu eNkosini ukuba athembeke. **26** Ngakho ngikhumbula ukuthi lokhu kuhle ngenxa yenkathazo ezikhona, ukuthi kuhle emuntwini ukubanje. **27** Ubotshelwe emfazini yini? Ungadingi ukukhululwa. Ukhululwe emfazini yini? Ungadingi umfazi. **28** Kodwa uba lawe uthatha, kawoni; lentombi uba isenda, kayoni. Kanti abanjalo bazakuba lenkathazo enyameni; mina-ke ngiyaliphephisa. **29** Kodwa ngitsho lokhu, bazalwane, ukuthi isikhathi sifitshane; kusukela khathesi labalabafazi kababe njengabangelabo; **30** labakhalayo, njengabangakhaliyo; labathokozayo, njengabangathokoziyo; labathengayo, njengabangelutho; **31** labasebenzisa lumhlaba, njengabangawusebenzisiyo; ngoba isimo salumhlaba siyedlula. **32** Kodwa ngithanda ukuthi lingabi lakukhathazeka. Ongathathanga ukhathalela izinto zeNkosi, ukuthi uzayithokozisa njani iNkosi; **33** kodwa othethayo ukhathalela izinto zomhlaba, ukuthi uzamthokozisa njani umfazi. **34** Wehlukene umfazi lentombi. Ongathathwanga ukhathalela okweNkosi, ukuze abe ngcwele emzimbeni kanye lemoyeni; kodwa othethweyo ukhathalela okomhlaba, ukuthi uzayithokozisa njani indoda. **35** Lalokhu ngikutsho ukuthi kube ngolwenu usizo; kungesikuthi ngiliphosele umchilo wokulikhina, kodwa ngokokufaneleyo lokubambelela eNkosini kungelakuphazamiseka. **36** Kodwa uba umuntu ebona ukuthi uziphatha ngokungafanelanga entombini yakhe, yona isikhulile, futhi kumele kwenzeke kanje, kenze akufunayo; koni; kabatshade. **37** Kodwa omiyo eqinile enhliziyweni yakhe, engacindezelwa lutho, futhi elamandla ngesakhe isifiso, esekumisile lokhu enhliziyweni yakhe ukuthi uzagcina eyakhe intombi, wenza kuhle; **38** ngakho lowo owendisayo wenza kuhle; kodwa ongendisiyo wenza ngcono. **39** Umfazi ubotshiwe ngomthetho selokhu indoda yakhe iphila; kodwa uba indoda yakhe isifile, ukhululekile ukuthi endeke kulowo amthandayo, kuphela eNkosini. **40** Kodwa uyathaba kakhulu uba ehlala enjalo, ngokubona kwami; ngikhumbula-ke ukuthi lami ngiloMoya kaNkulunkulu.

8 Mayelana-ke lezinto ezihlatshelwe izithombe, siyazi ukuthi sonke silolwazi. Ulwazi luyakhukhumeza,

kodwa uthando luyakha. **2** Uba-ke umuntu esithi uyazi ulutho, kakazi lutho njengoba kufanele ukuthi azi; **3** kodwa uba umuntu ethanda uNkulunkulu, yena uyaziwa nguye. **4** Ngakho mayelana lokudla izinto ezihlatshelwe izithombe, siyazi ukuthi isithombe kasilutho emhlabeni, lokuthi kakho omunye unkulunkulu ngaphandle koyedwa. **5** Ngoba lanxa kukhona okuthiwa ngonkulunkulu, loba kusezulwini loba kusemhlabeni (njengoba kukhona onkulunkulu abanengi, lamakhosi amanengi), **6** kanti kithi kuloNkulunkulu munye, uBaba, okuvela kuye izinto zonke, lathi sikuye; leNkosi inye, uJesu Kristu, okwavela ngaye konke, lathi sikhona ngaye. **7** Kodwa ulwazi kalukho kubo bonke; kanti abanye belesazela sesithombe kuze kube khathesi bayakudla njengokuhlatschelwe isithombe, lesazela sabo esibuthakathaka singcoliswa. **8** Kodwa ukudla kakusisondezi kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kungesikuthi nxa sisidla, silenzenzo; njalo kungesikuthi nxa singadli, silokulahlekela. **9** Qaphelani-ke, hlezi amandla enu la abe yisikhubekiso kwababuthakathaka. **10** Ngoba uba umuntu ekubona wena ololwazi uhlezi ekudleni ethempelini lesithombe, isazela salowo obuthakathaka kasiyikuqiniswa yini ukuthi adle izinto ezihlatshelwe izithombe? **11** Ngenxa yolwazi lwakho lomzalwane obuthakathaka uzabhubha yini, amfelayo uKristu? **12** Kodwa uba lisona ngokunjalo kubazalwane, lilimaza isazela sabo esibuthakathaka, liyona kuKristu. **13** Ngakho-ke uba ukudla kumkhubekisa umzalwane wami, kangisoze ngidle inyama loba nininini, ukuze ngingamkhubekisa umzalwane wami. (aiōn g165)

9 Kangisuye umphostoli yini? Kangikhulelekanga yini? Angimbonanga yini uJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu? Lina kalisiwo yini umsebenzi wami eNkosini? **2** Uba ngingesuye umphostoli kwabanye, kodwa nginguye sibili kini; ngoba lina liluphawu lobuphostoli bami eNkosini. **3** Ukuziphendulela kwami kwabangihlodayo yilokhu. **4** Kasilamandla yini okudla lokunatha? **5** Kasilamandla yini okuhambahamba lomzalwanekazi ongumkethu, njengabanye abaphostoli labo, labafowabo beNkosi, loKefasi? **6** Kumbé yimi ngedwa loBarnabasi yini esingelamandla okungasebenzi? **7** Ngubani owake waphuma impi ngezakhe indleko? Ngubani ohlanyela isivini, angadli okwesithelo saso? Kumbé ngubani owelusa umhlambi, angadli okochago lomhlambi?

8 Kambe lezizinto ngizitsho ngokomuntu? Kumbelomlayo kawutsho lezizinto yini? 9 Ngoba kulotshiwe emlayweni kaMozisi ukuthi: Ungayifaki isayeke inkabi ebhula amabele. Kambe uNkulunkulu ukhathalela inkabi? 10 Kumbelutsho ngenxa yethu isibili? Ngoba kubhalwe ngenxa yethu, ukuze kuthi olimayo kufanele alime ethembeni, lobhulayo esethembeni uhlanganyela ethembeni lakhe. 11 Uba thina sahlanyela kini okomoya, kuyinto enkulu yini uba sivuna okwenu okwenyama? 12 Uba abanye behlanganyela lamandla phezu kwenu, kakhulukanganani thina? Kodwa kasiwasebenzisanga lawomandla, kodwa sibekezelela konke, ukuze singabeki isikhubekiso evangelini likaKristu. 13 Kalazi yini ukuthi labo abasebenza ezintweni ezingcwele badla okwethempeli, labo abalinda ilathi bahlanganyela lelathi? 14 Ngokunjalo iNkosi layo ilayile ukuthi labo abatshumayela ivangeli baphile ngevangeli. 15 Kodwa mina angisebenzisanga lalunye lwalezizinto; futhi kangibhalanga lezizinto ukuze kwenziwe njalo kimi, ngoba kungaba ngcono kimi ukuthi ngife, kulokuthi umuntu akwenze ize ukuzincoma kwami. 16 Ngoba loba ngitshumayela ivangeli, kangilakuzincoma; ngoba imfanelo yetheswe mina; kodwa maye kimi, uba ngingatshumayeli ivangeli! 17 Ngoba uba ngisenza lokhu ngokuzithandela, ngilomvuzo; kodwa nxa kungeyisikho ngokuzithandela, ubuphathi bunikelwe kimi. 18 Pho umvuzo wami uyini? Uyikuthi nxa ngitshumayela ivangeli ngenze ukuthi ivangeli likaKristu lingabizi lutho, ukuze ngingasebenzisi kakhulu amandla ami evangelini. 19 Ngoba ngikhululekile kubo bonke, ngizenze isigqili sabo bonke, ukuze ngizuze abanengi kakhulu. 20 LakumaJuda ngaba njengomJuda, ukuze ngizuze amaJuda; kwabangaphansi komlayo njengongaphansi komlayo, ukuze ngizuze abangaphansi komlayo; 21 kwabangelamlayo njengongelamlayo (ngingesuye ongelamlayo kuNkulunkulu kodwa ngiphakathi komlayo kuKristu), ukuze ngizuze abangelamlayo; 22 kwababuthakathaka ngaba njengobuthakathaka, ukuze ngizuze ababuthakathaka; ngaba yikho konke kubo bonke, ukuze ngakho konke ngisindise abanye. 23 Lalokho ngikwenza ngenxa yevangeli, ukuze lami ngibe ngohlanganyela kulo. 24 Kalazi yini ukuthi abagijima emjahweni bagijima bonke, kodwa munye

owemukela umvuzo? Ngokunjalo gijimani, ukuze liwuzuze. 25 Labo bonke abancintisanayo bayazithiba ezintweni zonke; labo-ke ukuze bemukele umqhele ophelayo, kodwa thina ongapheliyo. 26 Mina-ke ngigijima ngokunjalo hatshi njengongaqondanga lutho; ngilwa ngokunjalo hatshi njengodabula umoya; 27 kodwa ngiyawudinda umzimba wami ngiwenze isigqili, hlezi kuthi, sengitshumayeze abanye ngilahlwe mina uqobo.

10 Kangithandi-ke ukuthi lingazi, bazalwane, ukuthi bonke obaba bethu babengaphansi kweyezi, njalo bonke badabula ulwandle, 2 futhi bonke babhabhathizwa kuMozisi eyezini lasolwandle, 3 labo bonke badla ukudla kunye komoya, 4 futhi bonke banatha okunathwayo kunye komoya; ngoba banatha edwaleni lomoya elabalandelayo; lalodwala lalinguKristu. 5 Kodwa ubunengi babo uNkulunkulu wayengathokozi ngabo; ngoba bachithwa enkangala. 6 Lalezizinto zaba yizibonelo kithi, ukuze singaloyisi okubi, njengalokhu labo baloyisa. 7 Njalo lingabi ngabakhonza izithombe, njengabanye babo; njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Abantu bahlala phansi ukudla lokunatha, basebesukuma ukudlala. 8 Njalo kasingaphingi, njengabanye babo abaphingayo, basebesiwa ngasuku lunye inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lantathu. 9 Njalo asingamlingi uKristu, njengabanye babo futhi bamlinga, basebebhujiwa zinyoka. 10 Lingasolike, njengabanye babo labo basola, babhujiswa ngumbhubhisi. 11 Lalezizinto zonke zabehelela labo kube yizibonelo, njalo zabhalelwa ukuba yisixwayiso sethu, osekufige ukucina kwezikhathi. (aiōn g165) 12 Ngakho lowo ocabanga ukuthi umi, kabone ukuthi kawi. 13 Kakulakulingwa okulibambileyo ngaphandle kokusebantwini; kodwa uNkulunkulu uthembekile, ongayikuvuma ukuthi lilingwe ngokungaphezu kwamandla enu, kanti kanye lesilingo uzakwenza lendlala yokuphepha, ukuze libe lamandla okusithwala. 14 Ngakho-ke, bathandiweyo bami, balekelani ukukhonza izithombe. 15 Ngikhuluma njengakwabahlakaniphileyo; lina yehlukanisani engikutshoyo. 16 Inkezo yesibusiso esiyibusiso, kayisiyo yini eyokuhlanganyela kwegazi likaKristu? Isinkwa esisihlephunayo, kayisiyo yini esokuhlanganyela komzimba kaKristu? 17 Ngoba thina abanengi siyisinkwa sinye, simzimba munye;

ngoba thina sonke sihlanganyela lesosinkwa sinye. 18 Khangelani ulsrayeli ngokwenyama; abadlayo imihlatshelo kabasibo yini abahlanganyela lelathi? 19 Ngithini pho? Ukuthi isithombe siyilutho yini? Kumbé ukuthi okuhlatshele izithombe kuyilutho? 20 Kodwa ukuthi izinto abezizwe abazihlabayo, bazihlabela amadimoni, njalo kungeyisikho kuNkulunkulu; kodwa kangithandi ukuthi libe lenhlanganyelo lamadimoni. 21 Lingenathe inkezo yeNkosi lenkezo yamadimoni; lingehlanguyele itafula leNkosi letafula lamadimoni. 22 Kumbé sizayivusela ubukhwele iNkosi? Kambe silamandla kulayo? 23 Zonke izinto zivunyelwe kimi, kodwa kaysizo zonke izinto ezisizayo. Zonke izinto zivunyelwe kimi, kodwa kaysizo zonke izinto ezakhayo. 24 Kakungabi khona ozidingela okwakhe, kodwa ngulowo lalowo okomunye. 25 Konke okuthengiswa esilaheni kudleni, lingabuzi lutho ngenxa yesazela; 26 ngoba umhlaba ungoweNkosi lokugcwala kwawo. 27 Njalo uba omunye kwabangakhulwayo elinxusa, njalo lithanda ukuya, dlanini konke okubekwa phambi kwenu, lingabuzi lutho ngenxa yesazela. 28 Kodwa uba umuntu esithi kini: Lokhu kuhlatshelwe isithombe; lingadli ngenxa yalowo olitshelileyo, langenxa yesazela; ngoba umhlaba ungoweNkosi lokugcwala kwawo. 29 Kodwa isazela ngithi, esingeyisiko esakho, kodwa esomunye; ngoba kungani inkululeko yami yahlulelwe yisazela somunye? 30 Njalo uba mina ngomusa ngihlanganyela, ngikhulunyelwani kubi ngalokho mina engikubongayo? 31 Ngakho uba lisidla, loba linatha, loba lisenzani, konke kwenzeleni udumo lukaNkulunkulu. 32 Lingabi ngabakhubekisi lakumaJuda lakumaGriki lebandleni likaNkulunkulu; 33 njengami futhi ezintweni zonke ngithokozisa bonke, ngingadingi olwami usizo, kodwa olwabanengi, ukuze basindiswe.

11 Banini ngabalandeli bami, njengoba lami okaKristu. 2 Ngiyalibabaza-ke, bazalwane, ukuthi liyangikhumbula ezintweni zonke, lokuthi libambelele ezimisweni njengoba ngalinika. 3 Kodwa ngithanda ukuthi lazi, ukuthi inhloko yawo wonke amadoda nguKristu; lenhloko yowesifazana yindoda; lenhloko kaKristu nguNkulunkulu. 4 Yonke indoda ekhulekayo loba eprofethayo, ikhanda limboziwe, ilithela ihlazo ikhanda layo. 5 Kodwa wonke owesifazana okhuleka kumbé aprofethe

ikhanda lingambombozwanga, ulithela ihlazo elakhe ikhanda; ngoba lokhu kufanana-ke lofhiweyo. 6 Ngoba uba owesifazana engagubuzeli, futhi kagele; kodwa uba kukubi kowesifazana ukugela kumbé ukuphucwa, kagutshuzelwe. 7 Ngoba indoda kayifanele ukumbomboza ikhanda, ngoba ingumfanekiso lodumo lukaNkulunkulu; kodwa owesifazana uludumo lwendoda. 8 Ngoba indoda kayivelanga kowesifazana, kodwa owesifazana endodeni; 9 ngoba futhi indoda kayidalelwanga owesifazana, kodwa owesifazana indoda; 10 ngenxa yalokhu owesifazana kufanele abe lamandla phezu kwekhanda ngenxa yezingilosi. 11 Kodwa indoda kayingaphandle kowesifazana, lowesifazana kangaphandle kwendoda, eNkosini. 12 Ngoba njengoba owesifazana evela endodeni, ngokunjalo lendoda ivela ngowesifazana, kodwa konke kuvela kuNkulunkulu. 13 Ziboneleni lina; kufanele yini ukuthi owesifazana akhuleke kuNkulunkulu engambombozanga? 14 Imvelo uqobo lwayo kayilifundisi yini, ukuthi uba indoda ilenwele ezinde, kuludumo kuye. Ngoba inwele uzuphiwe ukuthi zibe yisimbombozo. 16 Kodwa uba umuntu ebonakala elenkani, thina kasilawo umkhuba onjalo, ngitsho lamabandla kaNkulunkulu. 17 Kodwa ngokulaya lokhu kangilibabazi, ngoba libuthana ngokungekule kodwa ngokubi. 18 Okokuqala ngoba nxa libuthana ebandleni, ngizwa ukuthi kukhona ukwehlukana phakathi kwenu; njalo nganxanye ngiyakukholwa. 19 Ngoba kufanele ukuba lobubhazuka futhi phakathi kwenu, ukuze labo abaqinisileyo babonakale phakathi kwenu. 20 Ngakho nxa libuthana ndawonye, lokhu kakusikho ukudla isidlo seNkosi; 21 ngoba ngulowo lalowo uthatha kuqala esakhe isidlo ekudleni, lomunye ulambile, lomunye udakiwe. 22 Kanti kalilazo izindlu zokudlela lezokunathela? Kumbé lidelela ibandla likaNkulunkulu, liyangise yini abangelakho? Ngingathini kini? Ngingalibabaza kulokhu yini? Kangilibabazi. 23 Ngoba mina ngakwemukela eNkosini, lokho lami engalinika khona, ukuthi iNkosi uJesu ngobusuku eyanikelwa ngabo yathatha isinkwa, 24 isibongile yasihlephuna, yathi: Thathani, lidle, lokhu kungumzimba wami owahletshunelwa lina; lokhu kwenzeni ukungikhumbula. 25 Ngokunjalo lenkezo, sebedlile, yathi: Inkezo le iyisivumelwano

esitsha egazini lami; lokhu kwenzeni, loba nini liyinatha, ukungikhumbula. 26 Ngoba loba nini nxa lisidla lesisinkwa, linatha linkezo, litshumayela ukufa kweNkosi ize ifike. 27 Ngakho loba ngubani odla lesisinkwa kumbe anathe inkezo yeNkosi ngokungafanelanga, uzakuba lecala lomzimba legazi leNkosi. 28 Kodwa umuntu kumele azihlole, ngokunjalo-ke adle okwesinkwa anathe okwenkezo; 29 ngoba odlayo anathe ngokungafanelanga, uzidlela azinathele isigwebo, engawehlukanisi umzimba weNkosi. 30 Ngenxa yalokhu banengi kini ababuthakatha labagulayo, lenengi lilele. 31 Kodwa uba besizihlole thina, besingayikwahlulelwa; 32 kodwa nxa sisahlulelwa, sikhuzwa yiNkosi, ukuze singalahlwa kanye lomhlaba. 33 Ngakho, bazalwane bami, nxa libuthana ukuthi lidle, kalibomelelana. 34 Njalo uba omunye elambile, kabokudla ekhaya; ukuze lingabuthaneli ukugwetshwa. Okuseleyo-ke, ngizakulungisa mhla ngifikayo.

12 Maqondana-ke lezipho zomoya, bazalwane, kangithandi ukuthi lingazi. 2 Lazi ukuthi lalingabezizwe ladonselwa ezithombeni eziyizimungulu, njengelikhokhelwayo. 3 Ngakho ngiyalazisa, ukuthi kakho umuntu okhuluma ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu othi: UJesu uyisiqalekiso; futhi kakho umuntu ongathi: UJesu uyiNkosi, ngaphandle ngoMoya oNgcwele. 4 Kukhona-ke izipho ezehlukeneyo, kodwa uMoya munye. 5 Njalo kukhona inkonzo ezehlukeneyo, kodwa iNkosi yinye. 6 Kukhona-ke imisebenzi eyehlukeneyo, kodwa nguNkulunkulu munye, osebenza konke kubo bonke. 7 Kodwa ngulowo lalowo uphiwa ukubonakalisa kukaMoya kulokho okulusizo. 8 Ngoba omunye uphiwa ngoMoya ilizwi lenhlakanipho, lakomunye ilizwi lolwazi, ngoMoya munye; 9 lakomunye ukholo, ngoMoya munye; lakomunye izipho zokusilisa, ngoMoya munye; 10 lakomunye ukusebenza imisebenzi yamandla, lakomunye isiprofetho, lakomunye ukwehlukana imimoya, lakomunye inhlobo yendimi, lakomunye ukuchasisa indimi; 11 kodwa konke lokho lowoMoya munye uyakusebenza, ebabela ngulowo lalowo ngamunye njengokuthanda kwakhe. 12 Ngoba njengoba umzimba umunye, njalo ulezitho ezinengi, kodwa zonke izitho zalowomzimba munye, zizinengi, zingumzimba munye; kunjalo-ke loKristu; 13 ngoba ngoMoya munye lathi sonke

sabhabhathizelwa emzimbeni munye, loba amaJuda loba amaGriki, loba izigqili loba abakhululekileyo; futhi thina sonke sanathiswa kuMoya munye. 14 Ngoba umzimba lawo kawusiso isitho sinye kodwa ezinengi. 15 Uba unyawo lungathi: Lokhu ngingesisandla, kangisikho okomzimba; kungeyisikho ngalokho kakusilo olomzimba yini? 16 Uba-ke indlebe ingathi: Lokhu ngingesilo ilihlo, kangisikho okomzimba; ngenxa yalokho kayisiyo yini eyomzimba? 17 Uba umzimba wonke ubuyilihlo, ngabe kungaphi ukuzwa? Uba wonke ubuyikuzwa, ngabe kungaphi ukunuka? 18 Kodwa khathesi-ke uNkulunkulu umisile izitho, yilesa laleso sazo, emzimbeni, njengokuthanda kwakhe. 19 Kodwa uba zonke beziyisitho sinye, umzimba ngabe ungaphi? 20 Kodwa khathesi izitho zinengi, kodwa umzimba munye. 21 Ilihlo-ke lingeke latsho esandleni ukuthi: Kangikusweli. Kumbefuthi ikhanda ezinyaweni ukuthi: Kangilisweli; 22 kodwa kakhulukazi izitho zomzimba ezikhangeleka zibuthakathaka kakhulu, ziyadingeka; 23 lalezo ezomzimba esicabanga ukuthi zidelelekele kakhulu, yizo esizihlonipha ngokwengezelelwe kakhulu; lalezo ezethu ezingezinhle zilobuhle obengezelelwe kakhulu; 24 kanti ezinhle zethu kazikusweli; kodwa uNkulunkulu wawuhlanganisa umzimba, enika udumo olwengezelelwe kakhulu kwesikuswelayo, 25 ukuze kungabi khona ukwehlukana emzimbeni, kodwa izitho zinanzelelane ngokufananayo. 26 Uba-ke kuhlupheka isitho sinye, izitho zonke zihlupheka kanye laso; uba kudunyiswa isitho sinye, izitho zonke ziyajabula kanye laso. 27 Lina-ke lingumzimba kaKristu, lezitho ngamunye ngamunye. 28 Njalo uNkulunkulu umisile abathile ebandleni, kuqala abaphostoli, okwesibili abaprofethi, okwesithathu abafundisi, besekusiba imisebenzi yamandla, besekusiba izipho zokusilisa, izenzo ezisizayo, ubukhokheli, indimi ezehlukeneyo. 29 Bonke bangabaphostoli yini? Bonke bangabaprofethi yini? Bonke bangabafundisi yini? Bonke benza imisebenzi yamandla yini? 30 Bonke balezipho zokusilisa yini? Bonke bakhuluma ngendimi yini? Bonke bayachasisa yini? 31 Kodwa fisani kakhulu izipho ezingcono. Njalo ngisalitshengisa indlela engcono kakhulukazi.

13 Nxa ngingakhuluma ngendimi zabantu lezezingilos, kodwa ngingelathando, ngizakuba lithusi elikhalayo kumbe insimbi encencethayo. 2

Njalo loba ngingaba lesiprofetho, ngisazi imfihlo zonke lokwazi konke, njalo uba ngilokholo lonke, ukuze ngisuse izintaba, kodwa ngingelathando, angisilutho. 3 Njalo loba ngingabela abayanga konke engilakho, njalo uba nginganikela umzimba wami ukuthi ngitshiswe, kodwa ngingelathando, kakungisizi ngalutho. 4 Uthando luyabekezela, lulobubele; uthando kalulamona; uthando kaluzincomi, kalukhukhunyezwa, 5 kaluziphathi ngokungafanelanga, kaluzidingeli okwalo, kalucunuki, kalunakani okubi, 6 kaluthokozi ngokungalunganga, kodwa luthokoza eqinisweni; 7 lusibekela izinto zonke, lukholwa izinto zonke, luthemba izinto zonke, lubekezelela izinto zonke. 8 Uthando kalungeke lwehuleke. Kumbe-ke iziprofetho, zizakwenziwa ziphele; kumbe indimi, zizakhawula; kumbe ulwazi, luzakwenziwa luphele. 9 Ngoba sazi nganxanye, siprofetha nganxanye; 10 kodwa lapho sekufikile okupheleleyo, khona okuyingxanye kuzakwenziwa ize. 11 Lapho ngilusane, ngakhuluma njengosane, ngaqedisisa njengosane, nganakana njengosane; kodwa kuthe sengiyindoda, ngazenza ize izinto zosane. 12 Ngoba khathesi sibona esibukweni kaluvivi, kodwa ngalesosikhathi ubuso ngobuso; khathesi ngazi nganxanye, kodwa ngalesosikhathi ngizakwazi njengoba-ke ngangisaziwa. 13 Njalo khathesi-ke kumi ukholo, ithemba, uthando, lokhu kokuthathu; kodwa okukhulu kulokhu luthando.

14 Landelani uthando; lifise kakhulu izipho zomoya, kodwa ikakhulu ukuthi liprofethe. 2 Ngoba okhuluma ngendimi kakhulumi ebantwini, kodwa kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kakho ozwayo, kanti ukhuluma izimfihlo ngomoya. 3 Kodwa oprofethayo ukhuluma ebantwini ukwakha lenkuthazo lenduduzo. 4 Okhuluma ngendimi uyazakha yena, kodwa oprofethayo wakha ibandla. 5 Njalo ngiyathanda ukuthi lonke likhulume ngendimi, kodwa kakhulu ukuthi liprofethe; ngoba oprofethayo mkhulu kulokhuluma ngendimi, ngaphandle kokuthi atolike, ukuze ibandla lemukele ukwakhiwa. 6 Khathesi-ke, bazalwane, uba ngifika kini ngikhuluma ngendimi, ngizalisiza ngani, nxa ngingakhulumi kini kumbe ekwembulelweni, loba ekwazini, loba kusiprofetho, kumbe emfundisweni? 7 Ngokunjalo izinto ezingelampilo ezikhalayo, loba umhlanga, loba ichacho, uba zinganiki umehluko ngokukhala,

kuzakwaziwa njani okuvuthelwayo ngomhlanga kumbe okutshaywayo ngomqangala? 8 Ngoba-ke nxa uphondo lunika ukukhala okungaqondakaliyo, ngubani ozazilungisela impi? 9 Kunjalo lani, uba linganiki inkulumo ecacileyo ngolimi, kuzakwaziwa njani okukhulunywayo? Ngoba lizakuba likhuluma emoyeni. 10 Kukhona, nxa kungenzakala, imihlobo eminengi kangaka yemisindo emhlabeni kodwa kawukho ongatsho lutho; 11 ngakho uba ngingawazi umqondo welizwi, ngizakuba ngowezizweni kulowo okhulumayo, lalowo okhulumayo uzakuba ngowezizweni kimi. 12 Kunjalo lani, lokhu litshisekela izipho zomoya, dingani ukuthi livame ekwakhiweni kwebandla. 13 Ngakho-ke okhulumayo ngendimi kakhuleke ukuthi atolike. 14 Ngoba uba ngikhuleka ngendimi, umoya wami uyakhuleka, kodwa ingqondo yami kayilasithelo. 15 Ngakho kuyini? Ngizakhuleka ngomoya, njalo ngizakhuleka langengqondo; ngizahlabelela indumiso ngomoya, njalo ngizahlabelela indumiso langengqondo. 16 Uba kungenjalo, nxa ubonga ngomoya, lowo ogcwalisa indawo yongafundanga uzamutsho njani uAmeni ekubongeni kwakho, lokhu engakwazi okutshoyo? 17 Ngoba isibili wena ubonga kuhle, kodwa omunye kakhiwa. 18 Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami ukuthi ngikhuluma ngendimi kakhulu kulani lonke; 19 kodwa ebandleni ngithanda ukukhuluma amazwi amahlanu ngengqondo yami, ukuze ngifundise labanye, kulamazwi ayizinkulungwane ezilithumi ngendimi. 20 Bazalwane, lingabi ngabantwana engqondweni; kodwa ebubini banini zingane, lekunakaneni libe ngabakhulileyo. 21 Emlayweni kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ngezinye indimi langezinye indebe ngizakhuluma lalesisizwe, langokunjalo labo kabayikungizwa, itsho iNkosi. 22 Ngakho indimi zingezesibonakaliso, kungeyisikho kwabakholwayo, kodwa kwabangakholwayo; kanti isiprofetho, kungayisiso sabangakholwayo, kodwa sabakholwayo. 23 Ngakho uba ibandla lonke libuthene ndawonye, labo bonke bakhulume ngendimi, besekungena abangafundanga loba abangakholwayo, kabazukuthi liyahlanya yini? 24 Kodwa uba bonke beprofetha, njalo kungene othile ongakholwayo loba ongefundanga, uyakhuzwa yibo bonke, ahlolwe yibo bonke, 25 langokunjalo izinto ezifihliweyo zenhliziyo yakhe ziyadalulwa; ngokunjalo uzakuwa ngobuso akhonze uNkulunkulu, ebika ukuthi

uNkulunkulu ngoqotho uphakathi kwenu. 26 Ngakho kuyini, bazalwane? Loba nini libuthana, ngulowo lalowo wenu elesihlabelo, elemfundiso, elolimi, elesambulelo, elokutolika. Konke kakwenzelwe ekwakheni. 27 Uba umuntu ekhuluma ngendimi, kakube ngababili, kumbe bangadluli kwabathathu, njalo badedelane, lomunye katolike; 28 kodwa uba kungekho umtoliki, kumele athule ebandleni; akhulume kuye ngokwakhe lakuNkulunkulu. 29 Abaprofethi-ke ababili loba abathathu kabakhulume, labanye kabahlolisise. 30 Kodwa uba kusembulwa komunye ohleziyo, kathule owokuqala. 31 Ngoba lonke lingaprofetha munye ngamunye, ukuze bonke bafunde, njalo bonke bakhuthazwe; 32 lemimoya yabaprofethi iyathotshiselwa abaprofethi. 33 Ngoba uNkulunkulu kayisuye owesiphithiphithi, kodwa ngowokuthula, njengemabandleni wonke abangcwele. 34 Abesifazana benu kabathule emabandleni; ngoba kabavunyelwa ukukhuluma, kodwa ukuzithoba, njengoba lawo umlayo usitsho. 35 Uba-ke bethanda ukufunda ulutho, kababuze kubomkabo ekhaya; ngoba kulihlazo kowesifazana ukukhuluma ebandleni. 36 Kumbe ilizwi likaNkulunkulu laphuma kini? Kumbe lafika kini lodwa yini? 37 Uba umuntu ecabanga ukuthi ungumprofethi loba ungowomoya, umele ukwemukela izinto engilibhalela zona, ukuthi ziyimilayo yeNkosi; 38 uba umuntu engazi, kumele engazi. 39 Ngakho, bazalwane, tshisekelani ukuprofetha, njalo lingakuvimbeli ukukhuluma ngendimi; 40 konke kakwenziwe ngemfanelo langokulandelana.

15 Ngakho, bazalwane, ngilazisa ivangeli engalitshumayeza lona, lani elalemukelayo, njalo elimi kulo, 2 njalo elisindiswa ngalo; uba libambelela elizwini levangeli engalitshumayela kini, ngaphandle kokuthi lakholwa ize. 3 Ngoba ngalinika okokuqala lokho engakwemukelayo lami, ukuthi uKristu wafa ngenxa yezono zethu, njengokwemibhalo; 4 lokuthi wangcwatshwa; lokuthi wavuswa kwabafileyo ngosuku lwesithathu, njengokwemibhalo; 5 lokuthi wabonakala kuKefasi, emva kwalokho kwabalitshumi lambili; 6 emva kwalokho wabonakala ngesikhathi sinye kubazalwane abedlula amakhulu amahlanu, ubunengi babo basekhona kuze kube lamuhla, kodwa labanye sebalala; 7 emva kwalokho wabonakala kuJakobe, emva kwalokho wabonakala kubaphostoli bonke;

8 lekucineni kwabo bonke wabonakala lakimi njengozelwe ngesikhathi esingaqondanga. 9 Ngoba mina ngingomncinyanyana kubaphostoli, engingafanele ukuthiwa ngumphostoli, ngoba ngazingela ibandla likaNkulunkulu. 10 Kodwa khona, lomusa wakhe okimi kawubanga yize; kodwa ngitshikatshike okwengezelelwe kulabo bonke, kanti kungesimi, kodwa ngumusa kaNkulunkulu olami. 11 Ngakho loba kuyimi, loba kuyibo, ngokunjalo siyatshumayela langokunjalo lakholwa. 12 Kodwa uba uKristu etshunyayelwa ukuthi uvusiwe kwabafileyo, batsho njani abanye phakathi kwenu ukuthi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo? 13 Kodwa uba kungekho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, kavuswanga laye uKristu; 14 uba-ke uKristu engavuswanga, ngakho ukutshumayela kwethu kuyize, lokholo lwenu lalo luyize. 15 Lathi futhi sificwa singabafakazi bamanga bakaNkulunkulu, ngoba safakaza ngoNkulunkulu ukuthi wamvusa uKristu, angamvusanga, uba-ke abafileyo bengavuswa. 16 Ngoba uba abafileyo bengavuswa, kavuswanga laye uKristu; 17 njalo uba uKristu engavuswanga, ukholo lwenu luyize; lisesezonweni zenu. 18 Ngakho lalabo abalele bekuKristu sebahubha. 19 Uba singabathembela kuKristu kule impilo kuphela, singabalosizi kulabo bonke abantu. 20 Kodwa khathesi-ke uKristu uvusiwe kwabafileyo, waba yisithelo sokuqala sabaleleyo. 21 Ngoba lokhu ngomuntu ukufa kweza, langomuntu ukuvuka kwabafileyo kweza. 22 Ngoba njengalokhu kuAdamu bonke bayafa, ngokunjalo futhi kuKristu bonke bazakwenziwa baphile. 23 Kodwa ngulowo lalowo ngesakhe isigaba; isithelo sokuqala uKristu, besekusiba ngabakaKristu ekufikeni kwakhe, 24 besekusiba yikuphela, lapho esenikela umbuso kuNkulunkulu, uYise, lalapho esenze kwaphela konke ukubusa labo bonke ubukhosi lamandla. 25 Ngoba umele yena ukubusa, aze abeke zonke izitha ngaphansi kwenyawo zakhe. 26 Isitha sokucina esizachithwa yikufa. 27 Ngoba izinto zonke uzehlisele ngaphansi kwenyawo zakhe. Kodwa nxa esithi izinto zonke zehlisiwe, kusobala ukuthi ungaphandle kwazo yena ozehlisileyo izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe. 28 Nxa izinto zonke sezehlisiwe ngaphansi kwakhe, khona layo iNdodana ngokwayo izazehlisa ngaphansi kwalowo owehlisela zonke izinto ngaphansi kwayo,

ukuze uNkulunkulu abe yikho konke kukho konke. 29 Pho, bazakwenzani ababhabhathizelwa abafileyo uba abafileyo bengavuki isibili? Kungani babhabhathizelwa abafileyo na? 30 Kungani lathi sisengozini ihola ngehola? 31 Ngiyafa usuku ngosuku, ngiyaqinisa ngokuzincoma ngani engilakho kuKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu. 32 Uba ngokwabantu ngalwa lezilo eEfesu, nzuzo bani kimi, uba abafileyo bengavuki? Asidle sinathe, ngoba kusasa siyafa. 33 Lingakhohliswa; ukwejoywayelana lababi kuyonakalisa izimilo ezinhle. 34 Vusani ingqondo ngokulunga njalo lingoni; ngoba abanye balokungamazi uNkulunkulu; ngikhulumela ukuthi libe lenhloni. 35 Kodwa omunye uzakuthi: Abafileyo bavuswa njani? Njalo beza lomzimba onjani? 36 Siphukuphuku, lokho okuhlanyelayo wena, kakwenziwa kuphile ngaphandle kokuthi kufe; 37 lalokho okuhlanyelayo, kawuhlanyeli umzimba ozakuba khona, kodwa uhlamvu oluze, mhlawumbe, olwebele kumbe olukunye nje; 38 kodwa uNkulunkulu uyinika umzimba njengokuthanda kwakhe, lakuleyo laleyo yenhlanyelo owayo umzimba. 39 Inyama yonke kayisinyamanye; kodwa enye yinyama yabantu, lenye yinyama yenyamazana, lenye eyenhlanzi, lenye eyezinyoni. 40 Ikhona lezimzimba yezulwini, lezimzimba yemhlabeni; kodwa inkazimulo yezulu ingenye, leyemhlabeni ingenye. 41 Enye yinkazimulo yelanga, lenye yinkazimulo yenyanga, lenye yinkazimulo yezinkanyezi; ngoba inkanyezi yehlukile kwenye inkanyezi enkazimulweni. 42 Kunjalo-ke ukuvuka kwabafileyo. Kuhlanyelwa ekuboleni, kuyavuswa kungekho ekuboleni; 43 kuhlanyelwa ekudelweni, kuvuswe enkazimulweni; kuhlanyelwa ebuthakathakeni, kuvuswe emandleni; 44 kuhlanyelwa umzimba wemvelo, kuvuswe umzimba womoya. Kukhona umzimba wemvelo, njalo kukhona umzimba womoya. 45 Langokunjalo kulotshiwe ukuthi: Umuntu wokuqala uAdamu waba ngumphefumulo ophilayo; uAdamu wokucina ngumoya ophilisayo. 46 Kodwa okokuqala kakusikho okomoya, kodwa okwemvelo, besekusiza okomoya. 47 Umuntu wokuqala wavela emhlabeni, ungowomhlabathi; umuntu wesibili uyiNkosi evela ezulwini. 48 Njengoba enjalo owomhlabathi, banjalo labo abomhlabathi; lanjengoba enjalo owezulwini, banjalo labo abezulwini; 49 futhi njengoba sibelesimo sowomhlabathi, lathi sizakuba lesimo sowezulwini. 50 Kodwa

ngitsho lokhu, bazalwane, ukuthi inyama legazi kungelidle ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu; lokubola kakulidli ilifa lokungaboli. 51 Khangelani, ngilitshela imfihlo: Kasiyikulala sonke, kodwa sizaphendulwa sonke, 52 ngesikhatshana, ngokucwayiza kwelihlo, ekukhaleni kophondo lokucina; ngoba uphondo luzakhala, labafileyo bazavuswa bengelakubola, lathi sizaphendulwa. 53 Ngoba lokhu okubolayo kumele ukwembatha ukungaboli, lalokho okufayo kwembathe ukungafi. 54 Nxa-ke lokho okubolayo sekwembethe ukungaboli, lalokho okufayo sekwembethe ukungafi, kuzakwenzeka ngalesosikhathi ilizwi elilotshiweyo lokuthi: Ukufa kuginyiwe ekunqobeni. 55 Lungaphi, kufa, udonsi lwakho? Kungaphi, ngcwaba, ukunqoba kwakho? (Hadēs g86) 56 Lodonsi lokufa yisono; lamandla esono ngumlayo. 57 Kodwa kabongwe uNkulunkulu osinika ukunqoba ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. 58 Ngakho, bazalwane bami abathandekayo, manini, linganyikinyeki, lengezelelwe emsebenzini weNkosi kokuphela, lazi ukuthi ukutshikathika kwenu kakusilo ize eNkosini.

16 Mayelana-ke lokuqogelwa okwabangcwele, njengoba ngalaya amabandla eGalathiya, yenzani ngokunjalo lani. 2 Ngalo lonke usuku lokuqala lweviki kakube ngulowo lalowo wenu azibekela aqogelele loba yini aphumelela ngayo, ukuze kungabi yisikhathi sokuqogwa nxa ngifikayo. 3 Njalo loba nini ekufikeni kwami, loba ngobani elibakhethileyo, ngezincwadi, laba ngizabathuma ukuze base isipho senu somusa eJerusalem; 4 njalo uba kufanele ukuthi lami ngihambe, bazahamba lami. 5 Kodwa ngizakuza kini, nxa sengidabule eMakedoniya; ngoba ngizadabula eMakedoniya; 6 futhi ngingahle ngihlale lani, loba ngiqede lobusika, ukuze lina lingidlulisele loba ngaphi lapho engiya khona. 7 Ngoba kangifisi ukulibona khathesinje ekwedluleni; kodwa ngithemba ukuhlala lani isikhathi esithile, uba iNkosi ivuma. 8 Kodwa ngizahlala eEfesu kuze kufike iPentekoste; 9 ngoba ngivulelwe umnyango omkhulu lolamandla, labaphikisayo banengi. 10 Nxa-ke uTimothi engafika, bonani ukuthi ulani engelakwesaba; ngoba usebenza umsebenzi weNkosi njengami futhi. 11 Ngakho kakungabi khona omdelelayo; kodwa mdluliseni ngokuthula, ukuze eze kimi; ngoba ngimlindlele kanye labazalwane. 12 Njalo mayelana lomzalwane uApolosi, ngamkhuthaza

kakhulu ukuze eze kini kanye labazalwane; kodwa kwakungeyisiyo intando yakhe lakanye ukuthi eze khathesi, kodwa uzakuza nxa eselethuba. 13 Lindani, lime ekholweni, liziphathe njengamadoda, libe lamandla. 14 Izinto zenu zonke kazenziwe ngothando. 15 Futhi ngiyalincenga bazalwane, liyayazi indlu kaStefana, ukuthi iyisithelo sokuqala seAkaya, lokuthi bazimisele ukusebenzela abangcwele; 16 ukuze lani lehliselwe ngaphansi kwabanjalo, labo bonke abasebenza kanye lathi, betshikatshika. 17 Sengithokoza ngokufika kukaStefana loFortunatu loAkayiko, ngoba bona bagcwalisile ukusilela kwenu; 18 ngoba bawuvuselele umoya wami lowenu. Ngakho bananzeleleni abanjalo. 19 Amabandla eAsiya ayalibingelela; bayalibingelela kakhulu eNkosini oAkwila loPrisila, kanye lebandla elisemzini wabo. 20 Bonke abazalwane bayalibingelela. Bingelelanani ngokwanga okungcwele. 21 Isibingelelo ngesami isandla esikaPawuli. 22 Uba umuntu engayithandi iNkosi uJesu Kristu, kabe yisithuko. Woza Nkosi! 23 Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani. 24 Uthando lwami kalube lani lonke kuKristu Jesu. Ameni.

2 Kwabasekhorinte

1 UPawuli umphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, loTimothi umzalwane, kubandla likaNkulunkulu eliseKorinte, labo bonke abangcwele abakuyo yonke iAkaya: **2** Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu lakuyo iNkosi uJesu Kristu. **3** Kabongwe uNkulunkulu, ngitsho uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, uYise wobubele loNkulunkulu wenduduzo yonke, **4** osiduduzo ekuhluphekeni kwethu konke, ukuze sibe lamandla okududuzo abasekuhluphekeni loba yikuphi, ngenduduzo esiduduzwa ngayo thina ngokwethu nguNkulunkulu; **5** ngoba njengalokhu inhlupheko zikaKristu zengezelelekile kithi, ngokunjalo lenduduzo yethu yengezelelekile ngoKristu. **6** Njalo loba sihlutshwa, kungokwenduduzo losindiso lwenu, okusetshenzwa ekubekezeleni kulezizinhlupeko ezifananayo esihlupheka ngazo lathi; loba siduduzwa, kungokwenduduzo losindiso lwenu; **7** njalo ithemba lethu ngani liqinile, sisazi ukuthi njengalokhu lihlanganyela ezinhlupekweni ngokunjalo lenduduzweni. **8** Ngoba kasithandi ukuthi lingazi, bazalwane, ngokuhlupheka kwethu okwasehlela eAsiya, ukuthi sasindwa kakhulukazi ngokungaphezu kwamandla, saze saphelelwa lithemba lelempilo. **9** Kodwa thina ngokwethu sasilaso kithi isigwebo sokufa, ukuze singazithembi thina kodwa kuNkulunkulu ovusa abafileyo; **10** owasophula ekufeni okungaka, losophulayo; esithemba kuye ukuthi uzasophula futhi. **11** Lani lisebenzela thina ndawonye ngomkhuleko, ukuze isipho somusa kithi esivela ebantwini abanengi singasibongelwa ngabanengi. **12** Ngoba ukuzincoma kwethu yilokhu, ubufakazi besazela sethu, ukuthi ngokungelankohliso langobuqotho bukaNkulunkulu, kungeyisikho ngenhlakanipho yenyama kodwa emuseni kaNkulunkulu, saziphatha emhlabeni, njalo ngokukhethekileyo maqondana lani. **13** Ngoba kasilibhaleli okunye, kodwa loba izinto elizifundayo kumbe njalo lizivume; ngithemba futhi ukuthi lizazivuma kuze kube sekupheleni; **14** njengalokhu lathi selisivumile nganxanye, ukuthi siyikuzincoma kwenu njengalokhu lani lingabethu, osukwini lweNkosi uJesu. **15** Langalelithemba ngafisa ukuza kini kuqala, ukuze libe lomusa wesibili; **16** njalo

ukudlula kini ngisiya eMakedoniya, ngibuye kini futhi ngivela eMakedoniya, njalo ngidluliselwe yini eJudiya. **17** Ngakho ngiqonde lokho, besengisebenzisa yini ubulula? Kumbe izinto engizimisayo, ngimisa ngokwenyama yini, ukuze kube khona kimi uyebo, yebo; lohatshi, hatshi? **18** Kodwa uNkulunkulu uthembekile, ukuthi ilizwi lethu elikini kalisuye uyebo lohatshi. **19** Ngoba iNdodana kaNkulunkulu uJesu Kristu owatshunyayelwa yithi phakathi kwenu, yimi loSilivanu loTimothi, wayengeyisuye uyebo lohatshi, kodwa kuye kwakunguyebo. **20** Ngoba zonke izithembiso zikaNkulunkulu, kuye zinguyebo, lakuye zinguAmeni, kube ludumo lukaNkulunkulu ngathi. **21** Njalo osiqiniso kanye lani kuKristu, owasigcobayo, nguNkulunkulu, **22** owasiphawulayo lathi, wasenika isibambiso sikaMoya enhliziyweni zethu. **23** Kodwa mina ngibiza uNkulunkulu ukuthi abe ngumfakazi phezu komphfumulo wami, ukuze ngiliyekele angikezi eKorinte. **24** Kungesikuthi sibusa ukholo lwenu, kodwa siyizisebenzi ndawonye zentokozo yenu; ngoba limi ngokholo.

2 Ngasengizimisela lokhu, ukungaphindi ngize kini esizini. **2** Ngoba uba mina ngilibangela usizi, ngubani-ke ongithokozisayo, ngaphandle kobangelwe yimi usizi? **3** Njalo ngalibhalela into le efananayo ukuze ekufikeni kwami ngingabi losizi kulabo abamele bangithokozise, ngileqiniso ngani lonke, ukuthi intokozo yami ingeyenu lonke. **4** Ngoba esizini olukhulu lekudabukeni kwenhliziyo ngalibhalela ngezinyembezi ezinengi, kungeyisikho ukuthi libangelwe usizi, kodwa ukuze lazi uthando olwengezelelweyo engilalo kini. **5** Kodwa uba ekhona obange usizi, kabanganga usizi kimi, kodwa nganxanye (ukuze ngingathwalisi nzima) kini lonke. **6** Kumanele onjalo lokhukukhuza okungokwabanengi; **7** ukuze endaweni yalokho kungcono lithethelele liduduze, hlezi onjalo aginywe lusizi olwengezelelweyo. **8** Ngakho ngiyalincenga ukuthi liqinise uthando lwenu kuye. **9** Ngoba ngenxa yalokhu futhi ngabhala, ukuze ngazi ukuhlolwa kwenu, uba lingabalalelayo ezintweni zonke. **10** Lalowo elimthethelela ulutho, lami ngiyamthethelela; ngoba mina uba ngithethelele ulutho, lowo engimthethelelayo, ngikwenza ngenxa yenu phambi kobuso bukaKristu, **11** ukuze singasetshenziswa nguSathane; ngoba kasisibo abangazi ngamaqhinga akhe. **12** Lekufikeni kwami

eTrowasi ngevangeliki likaKristu, kwathi sengivulelwe umnyango eNkosini, 13 kangibanga lokuphumula emoyeni wami, ngoba angimtholanga uTitosi umzalwane wami; kodwa ngasengivalelisa kubo ngasuka ngaya eMakedoniya. 14 Njalo kabongwe uNkulunkulu osikhokhelayo ngesikhathi sonke ekunqobeni kuKristu, njalo ebonakalisa ngathi iphunga lolwazi lwakhe endaweni zonke. 15 Ngoba siliphunga elimnandi likaKristu kuNkulunkulu kulabo abasindiswayo lakulabo ababhubhayo; 16 kulaba iphunga lokufa ekufeni, lakwabanye iphunga elimnandi lempilo empilweni. Njalo ngubani olingene lezizinto? 17 Ngoba kasinjengabanengi, abalonayo ilizwi likaNkulunkulu; kodwa njengebuqothweni, njalo njengokuvela kuNkulunkulu, phambi kukaNkulunkulu sikhuluma sikuKristu.

3 Siqala siphinde ukuziveza yini? Kumbé siyadinga yini, njengabanye, izincwadi zokusiveza kini, loba zokuvezwa okuvela kini? 2 Lina liyincwadi yethu, ebhalwe enhliziyweni zethu, eyaziwa ifundwe ngabantu bonke; 3 libonakalisa ukuthi liyincwadi kaKristu esetshenziwa yithi, ebhalwe hatshi ngeyinki, kodwa ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, kungeyisikho ezibhebheni zamatshe, kodwa ezibhebheni zenyama yenhliziyu. 4 Lethemba elinjalo silalo ngoKristu kuNkulunkulu; 5 kungesikuthi siyenelisa thina ngokwethu ukucabanga ulutho njengoluvela kithi, kodwa ukwenelisa kwethu kuvela kuNkulunkulu; 6 owasenza futhi senelisa ukuba yizikhonzi zesivumelwano esitsha, esingeyisiko sokulotshiweyo kodwa esikaMoya; ngoba okulotshiweyo kuyabulala, kodwa uMoya uyaphilisa. 7 Kodwa uba inkonzo yokufa, emabaleneni, abazwe ematsheni, yafikela enkazimulweni, kwaze kwathi abantwana bakolsrayeli behluleka ukujolozela ubuso bukaMozisi ngenxa yenkazimulo yobuso bakhe, eyenziwa yaphela, 8 pho ingebe nkulu kangakanani inkonzo kaMoya enkazimulweni? 9 Ngoba uba inkonzo yokulahlwa iyinkazimulo, kangakanani inkonzo yokulunga yengeziwe enkazimulweni. 10 Ngoba lalokho okwake kwaba yinkazimulo, akuzange ngitsho kukhazimule ngalindlela, ngenxa yalinkazimulo eyidlulayo kakhulu. 11 Ngoba uba lokho okwenziwa kwaphela kulenkazimulo, kangakanani lokho okumiyo, kusenkazimulweni. 12 Ngakho silethemba elinje, sisebenzisa isibindi esikhulu

ekukhulumeni; 13 njalo kasinjengoMozisi owafaka isimbombozo ebusweni bakhe, ukuze abantwana bakolsrayeli bangajolozeli isiphetho sento eyenziwa yaphela; 14 kodwa ingqondo zabo zenziwa lukhuni; ngoba kuze kube lamuhla isimbombozo esifananayo sihlezi ekufundeni isivumelwano esidala singambombozswanga, esenziwa saphela kuKristu. 15 Kodwa kuze kube lamuhla, nxa kufundwa uMozisi, isimbombozo siphezu kwenhliziyo yabo. 16 Loba nini nxa ebuyela eNkosini, isimbombozo siyasuswa. 17 LeNkosi inguMoya; lalapho akhona uMoya weNkosi, lapho kukhona inkululeko. 18 Thina-ke, sonke esilobuso obembuliweyo sibona inkazimulo yeNkosi esibukweni, siyaguqulelwa esimeni esifananayo sisuka enkazimulweni sisiya enkazimulweni, njengokuvela kuMoya weNkosi.

4 Ngakho-ke, lokhu silenkonzo le, njengoba senzelwa umusa, kasidinwa; 2 kodwa sizilahlele izinto ezifihliweyo zehlazo, singahambi ebuqilini, singaphambanisi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, kodwa ngokwenza obala iqiniso siyazibuka kuso sonke isazela sabantu phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 3 Kodwa uba futhi ivangeli lethu lembesiwe, lembesiwe kulabo ababhubhayo; 4 okubo unkulunkulu walelilizwe uphumputhekisile ingqondo zabangakholwayo, ukuze kungakhanyi kubo ukukhanya kwevangeli lenkazimulo kaKristu, ongumfanekiso kaNkulunkulu. (aiōn g165) 5 Ngoba kasizitshumayeli, kodwa uKristu Jesu iNkosi; njalo thina sizinceku zenu ngenxa kaJesu. 6 Ngoba uNkulunkulu owathi ukukhanya kukhanya kuvela ebumnyameni, ukhanyisile ezinhliziyweni zethu, ukupha ukukhanya kolwazi lwenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ebusweni bukaJesu Kristu. 7 Kodwa silalo leligugu ezitsheni zebumba, ukuze ubuhlekazi bamandla bube ngobukaNkulunkulu, njalo bungaveli kithi; 8 siyaminyezelwa inhlangothi zonke, kodwa kasibandezeleki; siyadideka, kodwa kasilahli ithemba; 9 siyazingelwa, kodwa kasihlanyukwa; siwiselwa phansi, kodwa kasibhujiswa; 10 sihamba sithwele njalonnalo ukufa kweNkosi uJesu emzimbeni, ukuze lempilo kaJesu ibonakaliswe emzimbeni wethu. 11 Ngoba thina esiphilayo sinikelwa njalonnalo ekufeni ngenxa kaJesu, ukuze lempilo kaJesu ibonakaliswe enyameni yethu efayo. 12 Ngakho ukufa kusebenza kithi, kodwa impilo kini. 13 Ngakho silalowomoya wokholo, njengokulotshiweyo

ukuthi: Ngakholwa, ngakho ngakhuluma; lathi siyakholwa, ngakho lathi siyakhuluma; 14 sisazi ukuthi lowo owayivusayo iNkosi uJesu uzasivusa lathi ngoJesu, asiveze kanye lani. 15 Ngoba zonke izinto zingenxa yenu, ukuze umusa ovamileyo, ngokubonga kwabanengi, wengezelelwe kube ludumo lukaNkulunkulu. 16 Ngakho-ke kasidinwa, kodwa lanxa umuntu wethu wangaphandle ebhujiswa, kube kanti owangaphakathi wenziwa abe mutsha insuku ngensuku. 17 Ngoba inhlopheko yethu elula engeyomzuzwana iyasisebenzela isisindo sobukhosi esilaphakade esingelakulinganiswa isibili. (aiōnios g166) 18 singakhangele okubonwayo kodwa okungabonwayo; ngoba okubonwayo kungokwesikhathi; kodwa okungabonwayo ngokulaphakade. (aiōnios g166)

5 Ngoba siyazi ukuthi uba indlu yethu yemhlabeni yedumba idilizwa, silesakhiwo esivela kuNkulunkulu, indlu engenziwanga ngezandla, ephakade emazulwini. (aiōnios g166) **2** Ngoba lakule siyabubula, silangatha ukwembeswa ngendlu yethu evela ezulwini; 3 uba lathi sesembathisiwe singaficwa size. **4** Ngoba lathi esikhona kulelidumba siyabubula, sisindwa; ngoba kasifisi ukwembulwa kodwa ukwembeswa, ukuze okufayo kuginywe yimpilo. **5** Owasilungisela-ke khona lokhu nguNkulunkulu, futhi owasipha isibambiso sikaMoya. **6** Ngakho silesibindi ngesikhathi sonke, sisazi ukuthi sisekhona ekhaya emzimbeni sikhathshana leNkosi, **7** ngoba sihamba ngokholo, kungeyisikho ngokubona; **8** ngakho silesibindi, njalo siyathaba kakhulu ukuba singabikho emzimbeni, lokuba sekhaya leNkosi. **9** Ngalokho-ke siyazama kakhulu, loba sisekhaya, kumbe singekho ekhaya, ukuthi sibe ngabemukeyakayo kuye. **10** Ngoba sonke simele ukubonakala phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela sikaKristu, ukuze ngulowo lalowo azamukelele izinto ezenziwe ngomzimba, njengalokhu akwenzileyo, loba kuhle kumbe kubi. **11** Ngakho sisazi ukwesabeka kweNkosi siyabancenga abantu, kodwa sibonakalisiwe kuNkulunkulu; njalo ngithemba ukuthi sibonakalisiwe lezazeleni zenu. **12** Ngoba kasizivezi futhi kini, kodwa silinika ithuba lokuzincoma ngathi, ukuze libe lakho ukumelana labo abazincomayo ebusweni, kungeyisikho enhliziyweni. **13** Ngoba uba sihlanya, kukuNkulunkulu; uba siqondile, kukuni. **14** Ngoba uthando lukaKristu luyasiqhubezela, sibona lokhu, ukuthi uba omunye wafela bonke,

ngakho bonke bafa; **15** njalo wafela bonke ukuze abaphilayo bangabe besaziphilela bona, kodwa lowo owabafelayo wabuye wavuka. **16** Ngakho kusukela khathehi thina kasazi muntu ngokwenyama; lanxa lathi samazi uKristu ngokwenyama, kodwa khathehi kasisamazi. **17** Ukuze kuthi uba umuntu ekuKristu, uyisidalwa esitsha; okudala sekudlule, khangelana konke sekukutsha. **18** Konke lokhu-ke kuvela kuNkulunkulu, owabuyisana lathi ngoJesu Kristu kuye, wasinika inkonzo yokubuyisana; **19** okunjengokuthi uNkulunkulu wayekuKristu ebuyisana lomhlaba kuye, engababaleli iziphambeko zabo, ebeka kithi ilizwi lokubuyisana. **20** Ngakho siyizithunye esikhundleni sikaKristu, njengokungathi uNkulunkulu uyancenga ngathi; siyancenga esikhundleni sikaKristu sithi: Buyisanani loNkulunkulu. **21** Ngoba lowo ongasazanga isono wamenza isono esikhundleni sethu, ukuze thina sibe yikulunga kukaNkulunkulu kuye.

6 Sisebenza-ke kanye laye, lathi siyalincenga ukuthi lingawemukeli ngeze umusa kaNkulunkulu; **2** ngoba uthi: Ngesikhathi esihle ngikuzwile, langosuku losindiso ngakusiza; khangelana, khathehi yisikhathi esihle isibili; khangelana khathehi lusuku losindiso. **3** Kasikhubekisi ngalutho ngitsho, ukuze inkonzo ingasolwa; **4** kodwa kukho konke sizibonakalisa njengezikhonzi zikaNkulunkulu, ekubekezeleni okukhulu, ezinhlophekweni, ebunzimbeni, encindezelweni, **5** ekutshayweni, ekubotshweni, eziphithiphithini, ekusebenzeni nzima, ekungalalini, ekuzileni ukudla, **6** ekuhlambulukeni, elwazini, ekubekezeleni, ebubeleni, kuMoya oNgcwele, ethandweni olungazenzisiyo, **7** elizwini leqiniso, emandleni kaNkulunkulu; ngezikhali zokulunga kwesokunene lakwesokhohlo, **8** ngodumo langelhazo, ngokuthukwa langokudunyiswa; njengabakhohlisi, kanti abaqinisileyo; **9** njengabangaziwayo, kanti abaziwayo kakhulu; njengabafayo, kanti khangelani siyaphila; njengabalaywayo, kanti abangabulawayo; **10** njengabalosizi, kodwa abathokoza njaloni; njengabayanga, kodwa abanonthisa abanengi; njengabangelalutho, kanti abalako konke. **11** Umlomo wethu uvulekele lina, beKorinte, inhliziyoyethu yenziwe banzi. **12** Kalivinjelwanga yithi, kodwa livinjelwe emibilini yenu. **13** Njalo ngokwenanana okufananayo (ngikhuluma njengebantwaneni), lani

enziwani banzi. **14** Lingabotshwa ngokungalingani ejogweni labangakhulwayo; ngoba kulokuhlanganyela bani ukulunga lokungalungi? Kulokuhlanganyela bani ukukhanya lobumnyama? **15** Njalo uKristu ulokuzwana bani loBheliyali? Kumbe ulesabelo bani okholwayo longakhulwayo? **16** Njalo kulokuvumelana bani ithempeli likaNkulunkulu lezithombe? Ngoba lina lilithempeli likaNkulunkulu ophilayo, njengokutsho kukaNkulunkulu ukuthi: Ngizahlala kubo, ngizahamba phakathi kwabo; sengizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo, bona-ke bazakuba ngabantu bami. **17** Ngakho phumani phakathi kwabo lehlukaniswe, itsho iNkosi, lingathinti okungcolileyo; mina-ke ngizalemukela, **18** futhi ngizakuba nguBaba kini, lina selizakuba kimi ngamadodana lamadodakazi, itsho iNkosi uSomandla.

7 Lokhu silalezizithembiso, bathandekayo, asizihlambululeni kukho konke ukungcola kwenyama lokomoya, siphelalise ubungcwele ekwesabeni uNkulunkulu. **2** Semukeleni; kasonanga muntu, kasonakalisanga muntu, kasidlelezelanga muntu. **3** Kangikhulumeli ukusola; ngoba ngatsho phambili, ukuthi lisenhliziyweni zethu ukuthi sife ndawonye siphile ndawonye. **4** Sikhulu isibindi sami senkulumo kini, ngilokuziqhenya okukhulu ngani; ngigcwele induduzo; ngengezelelwe kakhulu intokozo kuyo yonke inhlopheko yethu. **5** Ngoba lekufikeni kwethu eMakedoniya, inyama yethu kayibanga lokuphumula, kodwa sabandezelwa ezintweni zonke; ngaphandle ingxabano, ngaphakathi ukwesaba. **6** Kodwa uNkulunkulu, oduduza abadanileyo, wasiduduza ekufikeni kukaTitosi; **7** njalo kungeyisikho ekufikeni kwakhe kuphela, kodwa langenduduzo aduduzeka ngayo ngani, lapho esilandisela ukulangatha kwenu, ukudabuka kwenu, ukungitshisekela kwenu, ngaze ngathokoza kakhulu. **8** Ngoba lanxa ngalidabukisa ngencwadi, kangizisoli; lanxa ngazisola; ngoba ngibona ukuthi leyoncwadi yalidabula, loba kungokwesikhathi. **9** Khathesi ngiyathokoza, kungeyisikho ukuthi ladatshulwa, kodwa ukuthi ladatshulelwa ekuphendukeni; ngoba ladatshulwa ngokukaNkulunkulu, ukuze lingalahlekela lutho ngenxa yethu. **10** Ngoba ukudabuka ngokukaNkulunkulu kuletha ukuphenduka kube lusindiso ongeziso ngalo; kodwa ukudabuka komhlaba kuletha ukufa. **11** Ngoba khangelani,

leyo into, ukuthi ladatshulwa ngokukaNkulunkulu, ukuthi kuveze kini ukukhuthala okungakanani, yebo, ukuziphendulela, yebo, ukuthukuthela, yebo, ukwesaba, yebo, ukulangatha, yebo, ukutshiseka, yebo, impindiselo. Kukho konke lazibonakalisa ukuthi limsulwa kule indaba. **12** Uba-ke lami ngalibhalela, kungeyisikho ngenxa yalowo owonayo, njalo kungeyisikho ngenxa yalowo owoniweyo, kodwa ukuze ukulikhuthalela kwethu kubonakaliswe kini phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **13** Ngalokho siduduzekile ngenduduzo yenu; yebo sathokoza ngokwengezelelweyo kakhulu ngentokozo kaTitosi, ngoba umoya wakhe uvuselelwe ngokuvela kini lonke; **14** ngoba uba ngazincomela lina ngolutho kuye kangiyangekanga; kodwa njengoba sakukhuluma konke kini ngeqiniso, ngokunjalo lokuzincoma kwethu okwakukaTitosi kwaba liqiniso. **15** Isihelo sakhe sesengezelelwe kakhulu kini, lapho ekhumbula ukulalela kwenu lonke, ukuthi lamemukela njani ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela. **16** Ngakho ngiyathokoza ukuthi ngiyalithemba kukho konke.

8 Sesilazisa, bazalwane, umusa kaNkulunkulu ophiwe emabandleni eMakedoniya; **2** ukuthi ekulingweni okukhulu kwenhlupho, ukwengezelelwa kwentokozo yabo lobuyanga babo obujulileyo bengezelela enothweni yokuphana kwabo. **3** Ngoba babekhululekile njengokwamandla abo, ngiyafakaza, langaphezu kwamandla abo, **4** ngesicelo esikhulu basincenga, ukuthi semukele isipho, lokuhlanganyela koncedo olungolwabangcwele; **5** njalo kakubanga njengoba sathemba, kodwa bazinikela kuqala eNkosini, lakithi ngentando kaNkulunkulu. **6** Kwaze kwathi sakhuthaza uTitosi ukuthi, njengalokhu wayeseqalile phambili, ngokunjalo awuqede futhi kini lumusa. **7** Kodwa njengalokhu lisengezelela kukho konke, ekholweni, lelizwini, lelwezini, lekukhuthaleni konke, lethandweni lwenu kithi, ukuze lakulumusa lengezelele. **8** Kangikhulumi njengokulawula, kodwa ngokutshiseka kwabanye, njalo ngihlola ubuqotho bothando lwenu. **9** Ngoba liyawazi umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, ukuthi lanxa wayenothile, waba ngumyanga ngenxa yenu, ukuze ngobuyanga bakhe lina linothe. **10** Lakulokhu ngipha umbono; ngoba lokhu kuluncedo kini, abaqala phambili nyakenye, kungeyisikwenza kuphela, kodwa lokufisa; **11** kodwa khathesi-ke qedani futhi ukwenza, ukuze, njengalokhu

kukhona ukukhuthalela ukufisa, ngokunjalo kukhona lokuqedisa ngalokho elilakho. 12 Ngoba uba kukhona ukufisa, umuntu uyemukeleka ngalokho alakho, kungeyisikho ngalokho angelakho. 13 Ngoba kungeyisikuthi abanye babe lenkululeko, lina-ke libe lohlupho; kodwa ngokulingana, okwalesisikhathi isengezo senu sibe ngesenswelo yabo, 14 ukuze kuthi lesengezo sabo sibe ngesenswelo yenu, ukuze kube khona ukulingana, 15 njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Owabutha okunengi, kabanga lokusalayo; lowabutha okuncinyane kasilelanga. 16 Kodwa kabongwe uNkulunkulu ofaka inkuthalo efananayo ngani enhliziyweni kaTitosi, 17 ukuthi isibili wemukela isikhuthazo, kodwa etshiseka kakhulu, wasuka waya kini ngesifiso sakhe. 18 Njalo sithuma kanye laye umzalwane, odumo lwakhe evangelini ludabule emabandleni wonke; 19 kungeyisilokhu kuphela, kodwa ukhethiwe futhi ngamabandla ukuthi asiphelekezele lalo umusa owasetshenzwa yithi kube ludumo lwale iNkosi, lekubonakalisweni kokukhuthala kwenu; 20 sivikela lokhu, hlezi umuntu asisole kulesisengezo esisetshenzwe yithi; 21 sinakekela okuhle kungekho phambi kweNkosi kuphela kodwa laphambi kwabantu. 22 Sasesithuma kanye labo umzalwane wethu, esimfice ezintweni ezinengi kanengi ekhuthale, kodwa khathezi ukhuthale kakhulukazi ngenxa yokulithemba okukhulu. 23 Kumbé ngoTitosi, ungumhlanganyeli lesisebenzi kanye lami kini; loba abazalwane bethu, bayizithunywa zamabandla, bayinkazimulo kaKristu. 24 Ngakho bonakalisani kubo ubufakazi bothando lwenu labokuzincomela kwethu lina, laphambi kwamabandla.

9 Ngoba mayelana lokuncedisa okungokwabangcwele kakusweleki kimi ukulibhalela; 2 ngoba ngiyazi ukukhuthala kwenu, engizincoma ngakho ngani kwabeMakedoniya, ukuthi iAkaya yayisizilungisele kusukela nyakenye; lokutshiseka okuvela kini kubavusile abanengi. 3 Kodwa ngithume abazalwane, ukuze ukuzincoma kwethu ngani kungenziwa ize maqondana lalokhu; ukuze, njengokutsho kwami, libe lilungile; 4 hlezi mhlawumbe, nxa abeMakedoniya befika lami belifica lingalungiselanga, siyangeke thina (ukuze singatsho, lina) ngalesisibindi sokuzincoma. 5 Ngakho ngibona kufanele ukuthi ngikhuthaze abazalwane,

ukuze baqale ukuza kini, njalo balungisele ngaphambili ukupha kwenu ngesihle okwakhulunywa ngakho mandulo, ukuthi lesi silungile, ngokunjalo njengesibusiso futhi kungenjengokuncitshana. 6 Lalokhu ukuthi, ohlanyela ingcosana, laye uzavuna ingcosana; lohlanyela ngokunengi, laye uzavuna ngokunengi. 7 Ngulowo lalowo njengalokhu azikethela khona enhliziyweni; kungabi ngokokudonda kumbé ngokokubanjwa ngamandla; ngoba uNkulunkulu uyamthanda onikela ngentokozo. 8 Njalo uNkulunkulu ulamandla okulengezelele wonke umusa, ukuze, lilokwenela konke ezintweni zonke ngesikhathi sonke, lengezwe emisebenzini yonke emihle; 9 njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Uchithachithile, wanika abayanga; ukulunga kwakhe kuhlala kuze kube phakade. (aiōn g165) 10 Njalo yena onika inhlangano kumhlanganyeli, lesinkwa sokudla, kwangathi anganika akhulise inhlangano yenu, andise izithelo zokulunga kwenu; 11 linothiswe ezintweni zonke kukho konke ukuphanda, okusebenza ngathi ukubongwa kuNkulunkulu; 12 ngoba umsebenzi walinkonzo kawugcwalisi kuphela inswelo zabangcwele, kodwa futhi wengeza ngokubongwa okunengi kuNkulunkulu; 13 ngobufakazi balinkonzo badumisa uNkulunkulu ngokulalela kovumo lwenu ivangeli likaKristu, langokupha kwenu okukhulu kubo, lakubo bonke; 14 langomkhuleko wabo ngani, beliangatha ngomusa kaNkulunkulu ongelakulinganiswa phezu kwenu. 15 Njalo kabongwe uNkulunkulu ngenxa yesipho sakhe esingakhulumekiyo.

10 Mina-ke uPawuli ngokwami ngiyalincenga ngobumnene langesisa sikaKristu, othobekileyo phakathi kwenu nxa ngikhona, kodwa nxa ngingekho ngilesibindi kini; 2 ngiyalincenga-ke ukuthi, nxa ngikhona, ngingabi lesibindi ngalokhukuzimisela ebengikhunjulelwa ngakho ukuthi ngilesibindi sokumelana labanye abacabanga ngathi njengabahamba ngokwenyama. 3 Ngoba lanxa sihamba enyameni kasilwi ngokwenyama; 4 ngoba izikhali zempi yethu kayisizo zasenyameni, kodwa zilamandla ngoNkulunkulu ekubhidlizeni izinqaba, 5 sehlisa iminakano lakho konke okuziphakamisela ukumelana lolwazi lukaNkulunkulu, lemicabango yonke siyithumbela ekumlaleleni uKristu; 6 futhi silokulungela ukuphindisela ukungalaleli konke, nxa ukulalela kwenu sekuphelele. 7 Likhangela izinto

njengokubonakala kwazo yini? Uba umuntu ezithemba yena ukuthi ungokaKristu, kabuye anakane lokhu ngaye, ukuthi njengoba yena engokaKristu, ngokunjalo lathi singabakaKristu. 8 Ngoba loba ngolutho olwengezelelweyo kakhulu ngingaze ngizincome futhi ngamandla ethu, eyasinika wona iNkosi ekwakheni, njalo kungabi ngokulichitha, kangiyikuyangeka; 9 ukuze ngingabonakali njengolethusa ngezincwadi. 10 Ngoba kuthiwa: Incwadi zakhe zinzima zilamandla; kodwa ubukhona bomzimba wakhe bubuthakathaka, lokukhuluma kwakhe kudelelekile. 11 Onjalo kanakane lokhu, ukuthi njengoba sinjalo ngelizwi ngezincwadi nxa singekho, lathi sinjalo ngesenzo nxa sikhona. 12 Ngoba kasilasibindi sokuzibalela kumbe ukuzifanisa labathile babo abaziqhenyayo; kodwa bona bayalinganisana bodwa, njalo bayafanisanisa bodwa, kabaqedisisi. 13 Kodwa thina kasisoze sizincome okwedlula amalawulo; kodwa ngesilinganiso sesigaba uNkulunkulu asabele sona, isilinganiso sokufika lakini. 14 Ngoba kasizeluli ngokweqileyo ngokungathi kasifinyelelanga kini, ngoba sifikile lakini evangelini likaKristu; 15 kasizincome okwedlula amalawulo emisebenzini yabanye, kodwa silethemba lokuthi, nxa lwandile ukholo lwenu, sizakhuliswa ngokwengezelelweyo phakathi kwenu ngesigaba sethu, 16 ukutshumayela ivangeli endaweni ezingaphetsheya kwenu, singazincome ngesigaba somunye ezintweni ezilungisiweyo. 17 Kodwa ozincomayo, kazincome eNkosini. 18 Ngoba kaysiye ozincomayo, kodwa lowo iNkosi emncomayo, nguye ovunywayo.

11 Kungathi lingangibekezelela kancane ebuthutheni bami; yebo lani lingibekezelele. 2 Ngoba ngilobukhwele ngani ngobukhwele bukaNkulunkulu; ngoba ngaliganela endodeni yinye ukuthi ngilise kuKristu liyintombi emsulwa. 3 Kodwa ngiyesaba ukuthi hlezi njengalokhu inyoka yakhohlisa uEva ngobuqili bayo, ngokunjalo imicabango yenu ingaduhiswa ebuqothweni obukuKristu. 4 Ngoba uba ofikayo etshumayela omunye uJesu esingamtshumayelanga, loba lisemukela omunye umoya elingamemukelanga, loba elinye ivangeli elingalemukelanga, kuhle ukuthi limbekezelele. 5 Ngoba ngithi kangisileli ngalutho kulabobaphostoli abaqakathekileyo sibili. 6 Njalo uba lami ngingafundanga ekukhulumeni,

kanti kungeyisikho elwazini; kodwa entweni yonke sibonakalisiwe kini ezintweni zonke. 7 Kumbe ngenze isono yini ngokuzithoba ukuze liphakanyiswe lina, lokhu ngilithumayeze ivangeli likaNkulunkulu ngesihle? 8 Ngaphanga amanye amabandla, ngithatha iholo ukuze ngilise; 9 lalapho ngangikhona kini ngiswele kangibanga ngumthwalo ngitsho emuntwini; ngoba abazalwane, abavela eMakedoniya, bagcwalisa inswelo yami; njalo kukho konke ngizigcinile ukuthi ngingabi ngumthwalo kini, futhi ngizazigcina. 10 Njengoba iqiniso likaKristu likimi, ukuthi lokhukuzincoma kakuyikumiswa ngami ezabelweni zeAkaya. 11 Ngenxa yani? Ngoba ngingalithandi yini? UNkulunkulu uyazi. 12 Kodwa engikwenzayo, ngizakwenza futhi, ukuze ngiqume ithuba kwabafuna ithuba, ukuze kulokho abazincoma ngakho, baficwe benjengathi labo. 13 Ngoba abanje bangabaphostoli bamanga, izisebenzi ezikhohlisayo, beziphendula babe ngabaphostoli bakaKristu. 14 Kakumangalisi-ke; ngoba uSathane uqobo uziphendula abe yingilosi yokukhanya. 15 Ngakho kakusinto enkulu uba lazo inceku zakhe ziziphendula zisiba njengenceku zokulunga, okuphela kwazo kuzakuba njengokwemisebenzi yazo. 16 Ngiyaphinda ngithi: Kakungabi lomuntu ocabanga ukuthi ngiyisithutha; kodwa uba kungenjalo ngemukelani lanjengesithutha, ukuze lami ngizincome kancinyane. 17 Lokho engikutshoyo, kangikutsho ngokweNkosi, kodwa njengebuthutheni, kulesisibindi sokuzincoma. 18 Lokhu abanengi bezincoma ngokwenyama, lami ngizazincoma. 19 Ngoba libekezelela abayizithutha ngentokozo, lina lingabahlakaniphileyo. 20 Ngoba liyabekezelela, uba umuntu elenza izigqili, uba umuntu elidla aliqede, uba umuntu elemuka, uba umuntu eziphakamisa, uba umuntu elitshaya ebusweni. 21 Ngitsho ngenhloni, kuze kungathi thina besibuthakathaka; kodwa lakukuphi umuntu alesibindi ngakho (ngikhuluma ebuthutheni) lami ngilesibindi ngakho. 22 BangamaHebheru yini? Lami. Bangamalsrayeli yini? Lami. Bayinzalo kaAbrahama yini? Lami. 23 Bayizikhonzi zikaKristu yini? (Ngikhuluma njengohlanya) ngiyiso kulabo; emisebenzini enzima okwengezelelweyo kakhulu, emivimvinyeni okwedlula amalawulo, ezintolongweni okungezelelweyo kakhulu, ezimfeni kanengi; 24 kumaJuda ngemukela kahlanu imivimvinyana

engamatshumi amane kusala owodwa. **25** Ngatshaywa kathathu ngezinduku, ngakhandwa ngamatshe kanye, kathathu ngachithekelwa ngumkhumbi, ubusuku lemini ngisekujuleni kolwandle; **26** ekuhambeni kanengi; engozini zemifula, engozini zabaphangi, ezingozini kwabakithi, ezingozini kwabezizwe, ezingozini emzini, ezingozini enkangala, engozini olwandle, ezingozini kubazalwane bamanga, **27** ekutshikatshikeni lebunzimeni, ekungalalini kanengi, ekulambeni lekomeni, ekuzileni ukudla kanengi, ekugodoleni lekuhambenize. **28** Ngaphandle kwezinto ezingaphandle, okungicindezelayo insuku zonke yikukhathalela wonke amabandla. **29** Ngubani obuthakathaka, ngingabi buthakathaka lami? Ngubani okhutshekiswayo, lami ngingatshiseki? **30** Uba kumele ukuzincoma, ngizazincoma ngezinto zobuthakathaka bami. **31** UNkulunkulu uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, obongekayo kuze kube nini lanini, uyazi ukuthi kangiqambi manga. (aiōn 9165) **32** EDamaseko induna yenkosi uAretha yalinda umuzi wabeDamaseko, efuna ukungibamba; **33** njalo ngehliswa ngewindi esilulwini ngomduli, ngasengiphepha ezandleni zayo.

12 Qiniso ukuzincoma kakusizi lutho kimi; ngoba ngizakuya kumibono lezembulo zeNkosi. **2** Ngiyamazi umuntu ekuKristu sekudlule iminyaka elitshumi lane (loba emzimbeni kangazi, loba ngaphandle komzimba kangazi, uNkulunkulu uyazi), ukuthi lonje wahluthulelwa ezulwini lesithathu. **3** Ngiyamazi-ke umuntu onjalo (loba emzimbeni, loba ngaphandle komzimba, kangazi; uNkulunkulu uyazi), **4** ukuthi wahluthulwa wasiwa eParadise, wezwa amazwi angakhulumeekiyo, angavunyelwa muntu ukuwakhuluma. **5** Ngizazincoma ngonjalo, kodwa ngami uqobo kangiyikuzincoma, ngaphandle kobuthakathaka bami. **6** Ngoba uba beningathanda ukuzincoma, beningazukuba yisithutha; ngoba ngizakhuluma iqiniso, kodwa ngiyayekela, hlezi umuntu acabange ngami okungaphezu kwalokho angibona ngiyikho, kumbe akuzwa kimi, **7** futhi ukuze ngingaphakanyiswa kakhulukazi ngobukhulukazi bezembulo, nganikwa ameva enyameni, isithunywa sikaSathane, ukungidutshuza, ukuze ngingaziphakamisi kakhulukazi. **8** Ngalokho nganxusa iNkosi kathathu ukuze kusuke kimi. **9** Yasisithi kimi: Umusa wami ukwanele; ngoba amandla ami apheleliswa ebuthakathakeni. Ngakho

ngizazincoma ngentokozo enkulu ebuthakathakeni bami, ukuze amandla kaKristu ahlale phezu kwami. **10** Ngakho ngiyathokoza ebuthakathakeni, ekuthukweni, ekubanjweni ngamandla, ekuzingelweni, ekukhathazekeni, ngenxa kaKristu; ngoba nxa ngibuthakathaka, khona ngilamandla. **11** Sengize ngaba yisithutha, ngizincoma; yini elingicindezeleyo; ngoba bekufanele ukuthi mina ngivezwe yini; ngoba kangisilelanga ngalutho kulabo abaphostoli abaqathekileyo sibili, lanxa ngingesilutho. **12** Isibili impawu zomphostoli zenziwa phakathi kwenu ekubekezeleni konke, ngezibonakaliso lezimangaliso lemisebenzi yamandla. **13** Ngoba kuyini elaba ngaphansi ngakho kwamanye amabandla, ngaphandle kokuthi mina uqobo kangibanga ngumthwalo kini? Ngithethelelani lokhukungalungi. **14** Khangelani, sengilungele ukuza kini ngokwesithathu, njalo kangizukuba ngumthwalo kini; ngoba kangifuni okwenu, kodwa lina; ngoba abantwana kabafanele ukudlinzekelela abazali, kodwa abazali abantwana. **15** Mina-ke ngizachitha ngentokozo njalo ngizachithelwa imphefumulo yenu, lanxa ngilithanda okwengezelelweyo kakhulu, ngithandwa kancinyane. **16** Kodwa kunjalo, mina kangibanga ngumthwalo kini; kodwa ngingumhugi, ngalibamba ngobuqili. **17** Ngaliqilibezela yini ngomunye walabo engabathuma kini? **18** Ngacela uTitosi, ngasengithuma kanye laye umzalwane; uTitosi waliqilibezela yini? Kasihambanga yini ngomoya munye? Ngitsho ngezinyathelo zinye yini? **19** Licabanga futhi ukuthi siyaziphendulela yini kini? Sikhuluma phambi kukaNkulunkulu sikuKristu; kodwa konke lokhu, bathandekayo, kungokokwakhiwa kwenu. **20** Ngoba ngilovalo hlezi mhlawumbe ekufikeni kwami ngizalifica lingenjengalokho engikuthandayo, lami ngificwe yini ngingenjengalokho elikuthandayo; hlezi mhlawumbe kube khona ukuxabana, umona, ulaka, umbango, ukuhleba, ukunyeya, ukuzikhukhumeza, iziphithiphithi; **21** hlezi ekufikeni kwami futhi uNkulunkulu wami angithobise phakathi kwenu, njalo ngililele abanengi abonileyo ngaphambili, njalo abangaphendukanga kukho ukungcola lobufebe lamanyala abakwenzileyo.

13 Ngalesisikhathi sesithathu ngiza kini; ngomlomo wabafakazi ababili kumbe abathathu wonke umutsho uzaqiniswa. **2** Sengitshilo ngaphambili njalo ngiyandulela ukutsho, njengalokhu ngikhona

ngokwesibili, njalo ngingekho khathesi ngibhalela labo abona ngaphambili, lakwabanye bonke, ukuthi nxa ngingabuya futhi, kangisoze ngibayekele; 3 njengoba lidinga ubufakazi bukaKristu okhuluma kimi, ongebuthakathaka kini kodwa elamandla phakathi kwenu; 4 ngoba lanxa wabethelwa ngobuthakathaka, kanti uyaphila ngamandla kaNkulunkulu. Ngoba lathi sibuthakathaka kuye, kodwa sizaphila kanye laye ngamandla kaNkulunkulu kini. 5 Zihloleni ukuthi lisekholweni; lizilinge. Kanti kalazi lina ukuthi uJesu Kristu ukini, ngaphandle kokuthi ngeqiniso lingabalahliweyo? 6 Ngithemba-ke ukuthi lizakwazi ukuthi thina kasisibo abalahliweyo. 7 Njalo ngiyakhuleka kuNkulunkulu, ukuthi lingenzi lutho olubi, kungesikuthi sibonakale thina singabathembekileyo, kodwa ukuze lina lenze ukulunga, kodwa thina sibe njengabalahliweyo. 8 Ngoba kasilamandla okwenza ulutho olumelana leqiniso, kodwa okweqiniso. 9 Ngoba siyajabula nxa sibuthakathaka thina, lani lilamandla; njalo lalokho siyakukhulekela, ukupheleliswa kwenu. 10 Ngakho ngibhala lezizinto ngingekho, ukuze kuthi nxa ngikhona ngingasebenzisi ubukhali, njengamandla iNkosi eyanginika wona, ekwakheni, njalo angabi ngawokubhidliza. 11 Elokucina, bazalwane, thokozani, lipheleliswe, liduduzwe, libe ngqondonye, lihlale ngokuthula; njalo uNkulunkulu wothando lowokuthula uzakuba lani. 12 Bingelelanani ngokwanga okuncwele. 13 Bonke abangcwele bayalibingelela. 14 Umusa weNkosi uJesu Kristu, lothando lukaNkulunkulu, lobudlelwano bukaMoya oNgcwele kakube lani lonke. Ameni.

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1 UPawuli umphostoli ongaveli ebantwini, njalo kungekho ngomuntu, kodwa ngoJesu Kristu, langaNkulunkulu uYise owamvusa kwabafileyo, **2** labazalwane bonke abalami, kumabandla eGalathiya: **3** Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba, leNkosini yethu uJesu Kristu, **4** owazinikela ngenxa yezono zethu, ukuze asophule kulo umhlaba omubi wakhathezi, ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu loBaba wethu; (aiōn g165) **5** obukuye ubukhosi kuze kube nini lanini. Amen. (aiōn g165) **6** Ngiyamangala ukuthi limhlamuke masinyane kangaka lowo owalibizela emuseni kaKristu, laya kwelinye ivangeli; **7** elingeyisilo elinye; kodwa bakhona abanye abalididayo bethanda ukuhlanekela ivangeli likaKristu. **8** Kodwa lanxa kungaba yithi kumbe ingilosi evela ezulwini engalitshumayeza ivangeli elehlukene lalelo esalitshumayeza lona, kayibe yisiqalekiso. **9** Njengoba sesitshilo, lakhathesi ngiyaphinda ngithi: Uba umuntu elitshumayeza ivangeli elehlukene lalelo elalemukelayo, kabe yisiqalekiso. **10** Ngoba ngincenga abantu loba uNkulunkulu khathesi yini? Kumbe ngidinga ukuthokozisa abantu yini? Ngoba uba ngisathokozisa abantu, ngingebe yinceku kaKristu. **11** Kodwa ngiyalazisa, bazalwane, ivangeli elatshunyayelwa yimi, ukuthi alinjengokomuntu. **12** Ngoba lami kangilemukelanga emuntwini, futhi kangilifundiswanga, kodwa ngokwembulelwa kukaJesu Kristu. **13** Ngoba selizwile ukuhamba kwami kwakuqala kobuJuda, ukuthi ngalizingela kakhulukazi sibili ibandla likaNkulunkulu, njalo ngangilichitha; **14** njalo ngangiphumelela kubuJuda ngaphezu kwabanengi abayintanga yami esizweni sami, ngatshisekela ngokwengeziweyo amasiko abobaba. **15** Kodwa nxa kwaba kuhle kuNkulunkulu, owangehlukanisa kusukela esizalweni sikamama, wangibiza ngomusa wakhe, **16** ukwembula iNdodana yakhe kimi, ukuze ngiyitshumayeke phakathi kwabezizwe, khona lapho kangelulekananga lenyama legazi; **17** futhi kangenyukelanga eJerusalema kubo ababengabaphostoli ngaphambi kwami, kodwa ngasuka ngaya eArabhiya, ngasengiphinda ngibuyela eDamaseko. **18** Emva kwalokho sekwedlule iminyaka emithathu ngenyukela eJerusalema ukuyabonana loPetro, ngasengihlala laye insuku ezilitshumi

lanhlanu. **19** Kodwa kangibonanga lamunye wabaphostoli, ngaphandle kukaJakobe umfowabo weNkosi. **20** Lezinto engilibhalela zona, khangelani, phambi kukaNkulunkulu, kangiqambi manga. **21** Emva kwalokho ngaya ezabelweni zeSiriya lezeKilikhiya. **22** Njalo nganginakaziwa ngobuso emabandleni eJudiya ayekuKristu; **23** kodwa ayesizwa nje ukuthi: Owake wasizingela, usetshumayela ukholo owake waluchitha, **24** asedumisa uNkulunkulu kimi.

2 Emva kwalokho sekwedlule iminyaka elitshumi lane ngenyukela futhi eJerusalema kanye loBarnabasi, ngathatha loTitosi futhi; **2** ngasengisenyuka ngesambulelo, ngasengibalandisela ivangeli engilitshumayela phakathi kwabezizwe, kodwa ngasese kulabo ababelodumo, hlezi mhlawumbe ngigijimele kumbe ngagijimela ize. **3** Kodwa ngitsho uTitosi owayelami, engumGriki, kacindezelwanga ukuthi asokwe; **4** njalo ngenxa yabazalwane bamanga abangeniswa ngensitha, abangena ngokunyanya ukuze bahlale ukukhululeka kwethu esilakho kuKristu Jesu, ukuze basenze izigqili; **5** esingabathobelanga ngokuzehlisa ngitsho okwehola, ukuze iqiniso levangeli lime njalo kini. **6** Kodwa kulabo okuthiwa bayilutho (loba babeyini kakutsho lutho kimi; uNkulunkulu kemukeli isimo somuntu) ngoba labo ababedunyisiwe kabangelekelelanga ngalutho; **7** kodwa kokuphambeneyo, bebona ukuthi ngaphiwa ivangeli lokungasoki, njengoPetro elokusoka, **8** ngoba owenza ngamandla kuPetro kubuphostoli bokusoka, wenza ngamandla lakimi kwabezizwe, **9** bathi besazi umusa engiwuphiweyo, oJakobe loKefasi loJohane, abadume bezinsika, banika mina loBarnabasi isandla sokunene sobudlelwano, ukuze thina siye kwabezizwe, bona-ke ekusokweni; **10** kuphela ukuze sikhumbule abayanga, into le lami engangikhuthalele ukuyenza. **11** Kodwa kwathi uPetro efika eAntiyoki, ngamelana laye ebusweni, ngoba wayefanele asolwe. **12** Ngoba bengakafiki abathile abavela kuJakobe, wayesidla labezizwe; kodwa kuthe sebefikile, wamonyuka wazehlukanisa, esesaba abokusoka. **13** Lamanye futhi amaJuda azenzisa kanye laye, kwaze kwathi loBarnabasi wathatheka ngokuzenzisa kwawo. **14** Kodwa kuthe sengibonile ukuthi kabahambi ngokuqonda eqinisweni levangeli, ngathi kuPetro phambi kwabo bonke: Uba wena ungumJuda, uphila ngokwabezizwe njalo

kungeyisikho ngokwamaJuda, ubacindezelelani abezizwe ukuthi baphile ngokwamaJuda? **15** Thina singamaJuda ngemvelo, njalo kasisizo izoni ezivela kwabezizwe, **16** sisazi ukuthi umuntu kalungisiswa ngemisebenzi yomlayo, kodwa ngokholo lukaJesu Kristu, lathi sakholwa kuKristu Jesu, ukuze silungisiswe ngokholo lukaKristu, njalo kungeyisikho ngemisebenzi yomlayo; ngoba ngemisebenzi yomlayo kakuyikulungisiswa nyama. **17** Kodwa uba thina, esidinga ukulungisiswa kuKristu, lathi uqobo sificwe siyizoni, ngakho uKristu uyisisebenzi sesono yini? Phinde! **18** Ngoba uba ngibuye ngakhe izinto engizidilizileyo, ngitshengisa ukuthi ngingophambekayo. **19** Ngoba ngomlayo mina ngafa kuwo umlayo, ukuze ngiphile kuNkulunkulu. **20** Ngibethelwe kanye loKristu, kodwa ngiyaphila; kakuseyimi-ke, kodwa uKristu uphila kimi; kodwa lokhu engikuphila kathesi enyameni ngikuphila ekholweni lweNdodana kaNkulunkulu eyangithandayo njalo yazinikelela mina. **21** Kangiwutshayi ize umusa kaNkulunkulu; ngoba uba ukulunga kusiya ngomlayo, ngakho uKristu wafela ize.

3 Hawu maGalathiya ayizithutha, ngubani oliloyileyo ukuze lingaleli iqiniso, lina abekwa obala phambi kwamehlo enu uJesu Kristu, ebethelwe phakathi kwenu? **2** Yilokhu kuphela engithanda ukukufunda kini ukuthi: Lemukela uMoya ngemisebenzi yomlayo yini, loba ngokuzwa kokholo? **3** Kanti liyizithutha kangaka? Liqale ngoMoya selipheleliswa ngenyama yini? **4** Lahlupheka izinto ezinengi kangaka ngeze yini? Uba-ke ngitsho ngeze. **5** Ngakho yena olinika uMoya losebenza imisebenzi yamandla phakathi kwenu, kungaba ngemisebenzi yomlayo yini, kumbe ngokuzwa kokholo? **6** NjengoAbrahama wakholwa kuNkulunkulu, kwabalelwa-ke kuye ukuthi yikulunga. **7** Ngakho liyazi ukuthi labo abangabokholo, bona bangabantwana bakaAbrahama. **8** Lombhalo, ubona ngaphambili ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulungisisa abezizwe ngokholo, watshumayela ivangeli ngaphambili kuAbrahama wathi: Izizwe zonke zizabusiwa kuwe. **9** Ngakho abangabokholo babusiwa kanye loAbrahama okholwayo. **10** Ngoba bonke abemisebenzi yomlayo bangaphansi kwesiqalekiso; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uqalekisiwe wonke ongaqhubeki kukho konke okulotshiweyo encwadini yomlayo ukukwenza. **11** Kodwa kusobala ukuthi ngomlayo kakulamuntu

olungisiswayo phambi kukaNkulunkulu; ngoba: Olungileyo uzaphila ngokholo; **12** kodwa umlayo kawusiwo wokholo, kodwa kuthiwa: Umuntu owenza lezizinto uzaphila kuzo. **13** UKristu wasihlenga kusiqaqalekiso somlayo, esenziwe waba yisiqaqalekiso esikhundleni sethu; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uqalekisiwe wonke olenga esihlahleni; **14** ukuze kuthi isibusiso sikaAbrahama sifike kwabezizwe ngoKristu Jesu, ukuze semukele isithembiso sikaMoya ngokholo. **15** Bazalwane, ngikhuluma njengokomuntu; ngitsho isivumelwano somuntu esiqinisiweyo, kakho osichithayo loba osengezelelayo. **16** Njalo izithembiso zakhulunywa kuAbrahama lenzalweni yakhe. Katsho ukuthi: Lezinzalweni, njengokungathi zinengi, kodwa njengokungathi ngeyodwa ukuthi: Lenzalweni yakho, enguKristu. **17** Lalokho ngiyakutsho: Umlayo oweza emva kweminyaka engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu kawusesuli isivumelwano esaqiniswa nguNkulunkulu kuKristu ngaphambili, ukuze usenze isithembiso sibe yize. **18** Ngoba uba ilifa livela emlayweni, alisaveli esithembisweni; kodwa uNkulunkulu walinika uAbrahama ngesithembiso. **19** Pho, umlayo uyini? Wengezwa ngenxa yeziphambeko, kuze kufike inzalo eyanikwa isithembiso; wamiswa ngezingilosi esandleni somlamuli. **20** Kodwa umlamuli kayisuye woyedwa, kodwa uNkulunkulu munye. **21** Pho umlayo uphambene lezithembiso zikaNkulunkulu yini? Phinde! Ngoba uba wawunikiwe umlayo olamandla okuphilisa, isibili ukulunga ngabe kuvela ngomlayo. **22** Kodwa umbhalo uvalele konke ngaphansi kwesono, ukuze isithembiso ngokholo lukaJesu Kristu siphile abakholwayo. **23** Kodwa kungakafiki ukholo, sasilondolozwe ngaphansi komlayo, sivalelwe kuze kube sekholweni obeluzakwembulwa. **24** Ngakho umlayo wawungumeluleki wethu kuKristu, ukuze silungisiswe ngokholo; **25** kodwa selufikile ukholo, kasisekho ngaphansi kukameluleki. **26** Ngoba lonke lingabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ngokholo kuKristu Jesu. **27** Ngoba lonke elabhabhathizelwa kuKristu, lembethe uKristu; **28** kakukho umJuda lomGriki, kakukho obotshiweyo lokhululekileyo, kakukho owesilisa lowesifazana; ngoba lina lonke limunye kuKristu Jesu. **29** Uba-ke lingabakaKristu, ngakho liyinzalo kaAbrahama, njalo liyizindlalifa njengokwesithembiso.

4 Kodwa ngithi, ngaso sonke isikhathi indlalifa iseyingane, kayehlukananga ngalutho esigqilini lanxa ingumnikazi wakho konke; **2** kodwa ingaphansi kwabaphathi lababonisi, kuze kufike isikhathi esamiswa nguyise. **3** Ngokunjalo lathi, lapho siseyizingane, sasiyizigqili ngaphansi kwemfundiso zakuqala zomhlaba; **4** kodwa kwathi ukuphelela kwesikhathi sekufikile, uNkulunkulu wathuma iNdodana yakhe, yazalwa ngowesifazana, yenziwa ngaphansi komthetho, **5** ukuze ihlenge abangaphansi komlayo, ukuze semukele ukuma kwabantwana. **6** Njengoba lingamadodana, uNkulunkulu wathuma uMoya weNdodana yakhe enhliziyweni zenu, ememeza esithi: Abha, Baba! **7** Ngakho kawuseyiso isigqili, kodwa indodana; njalo uba uyindodana, futhi uyindlalifa kaNkulunkulu ngoKristu. **8** Kodwa ngalesosikhathi, lingamazi uNkulunkulu, laliyizigqili kulabo abangeyisibo onkulunkulu ngemvelo; **9** kodwa khathesi lokhu selimazi uNkulunkulu, yebo kangithi lisaziwa nguNkulunkulu, libuyela njani futhi kumfundiso zakuqala ezibuthakathaka leziyibuyanga, elifuna ukuba yizigqili zazo futhi kakutsha? **10** Ligcina izinsuku, lezinyanga lezikhathi, leminyaka. **11** Ngilovalo ngani, hlezi ngitshikatshikele ize kini. **12** Banini njengami, ngoba lami nginjengani, bazalwane, ngiyalincenga; kalingonanga ngalutho; **13** liyazi-ke ukuthi ngobuthakathaka benyama ngatshumayela ivangeli kini ngokokuqala, **14** lokulingwa kwami okwakusenyameni yami kalikudelelanga njalo kalikwenyanyanga, kodwa langemukela njengengilosi kaNkulunkulu, njengoKristu Jesu. **15** Ngakho sasiyini isibusiso senu? Ngoba ngiyalifakazela ukuthi, uba kungenzeka, lalingakhupha amehlo enu linginike. **16** Ngakho sengibeyisitha senu ngokulitshela iqiniso yini? **17** Bayalitshisekela ngokungekuhle; kodwa bafuna ukulivalela ngaphandle, ukuze litshisekele bona. **18** Kodwa kuhle ukuthi litshisekelelwe kokuhle isikhathi sonke, njalo kungabi sebhukhoni bami lani kuphela. **19** Bantwana bami abancane, engilomhelo futhi wokulizala aze uKristu abunjwe kini, **20** kodwa bengingathanda ukuba khona lani khathesi, ngiphendule ilizwi lami, ngoba ngididekile ngani. **21** Ngitshelani, lina elithanda ukuba ngaphansi komlayo, kaliwuzwa yini umlayo? **22** Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi uAbrahama wayelamadodana amabili; enye ingeyesigqilikazi,

lenye ingeyokhululekileyo. **23** Kodwa eyesigqilikazi yazalwa ngokwenyama, kodwa eyokhululekileyo ngesithembiso. **24** Okuyizinto ezingumzekeliso; ngoba laba bayizivumelwano ezimbili; esinye esentabeni iSinayi, esizalela ebugqilini, esinguAgari. **25** Ngoba lokhu, uAgari, kuyintaba iSinayi eseArabhiya, njalo imele iJerusema yalamuhla, futhi iyisigqili kanye labantwana bayo. **26** Kodwa iJerusema ephezulu ikhululekile, engumama wethu sonke; **27** ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Thokoza, wena nyumba engazaliyo; kekela umemeze, wena ongawuzwanga umhelo; ngoba abantwana botshiyiweyo banengi okwedlula kakhulu kulaye olendoda. **28** Kodwa thina, bazalwane, njengolsaka singabantwana besithembiso. **29** Kodwa njengakulesosikhathi owazalwa ngokwenyama wamzingela yena ongowakoMoya, kunjalo lakhathesi. **30** Kodwa umbhalo uthini? Uthi: Xotsha isigqilikazi lendodana yaso; ngoba indodana yesigqilikazi kayisoze idle ilifa kanye lendodana yokhululekileyo. **31** Ngakho, bazalwane, kasisibo abantwana besigqilikazi, kodwa bokhululekileyo.

5 Ngakho manini liqine enkululekweni uKristu asikhulula ngayo, lingabuyi libotshelwe futhi ejogweni lobugqili. **2** Khangelani, mina Pawuli ngithi kini, uba lisokwa, uKristu kayikulisiza ngalutho. **3** Ngiyafakaza-ke futhi kumuntu wonke osokwayo, ukuthi ulomlandu wokwenza umlayo wonke. **4** Likhutshiwe kuKristu, lina elilungisiswa ngomlayo; liwile emuseni. **5** Ngoba thina ngoMoya silindele ngokholo ithemba lokulunga. **6** Ngoba kuKristu Jesu ukusoka kumbe ukungasoki kakusizi lutho, kodwa ukholo olusebenza ngothando. **7** Beligijima kuhle; ngubani olivimbele ukuthi lingalaleli iqiniso? **8** Lokhukuhuga kakuveli kolibizayo. **9** Imvubelo eyingcosana ibilisa inhlama yonke. **10** Mina ngilethemba ngani eNkosini, ukuthi kaliyikunakana okwehlukeneyo; kodwa lowo olihluphayo uzathwala isigwebo, loba engubani. **11** Kodwa mina, bazalwane, uba ngisatshumayela ukusoka, ngisazingelelwani? Ngakho isikhubekiso sesiphambano sisusiwe. **12** Sengathi abalihluphayo bangazithena labo. **13** Ngoba lina labizelwa enkululekweni, bazalwane; kuphela lingenzi inkululeko ibe lithuba enyameni, kodwa ngothando sebenzelanani. **14** Ngoba umlayo wonke ugcwaliseka elizwini linye, kulokhu ukuthi: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena.

15 Kodwa uba lilumana lidlana, qaphelani ukuthi bangazingelwa ngenxa yesiphambano sikaKristu. lingaqedwa omunye ngomunye. 16 Kodwa ngithi: 13 Ngoba ngitsho lalabo abasokwayo kabawugcini Hambani ngoMoya, lingagcwalisi lakanye inkanuko umlayo, kodwa bafuna ukuthi lisokwe, ukuze zenyama. 17 Ngoba inyama ikhanuka okuphambene bazincome enyameni yenu. 14 Kodwa kimi kakungabi loMoya, loMoya okuphambene lenyama; njalo lezizinto khona ukuzincoma ngaphandle kwesiphambanweni ziphambene, ukuze lingenzi izinto elizifunayo. 18 seNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, okubethelwe ngaso Kodwa uba likhokhelwa nguMoya, kalikho ngaphansi umhlaba kimi, lami kuwo umhlaba. 15 Ngoba kuKristu komlayo. 19 Imisebenzi zenyama-ke isobala, eyile: Jesu ukusoka kakusizi lutho, kumbe ukungasoki, Ukufeba, ukuphinga, ukungcola, amanyala, 20 kodwa isidalwa esitsha. 16 Njalo bonke abazahamba ukukhonza izithombe, ukuthakatha, ubutha, inkani, ngalesisimiso, ukuthula kakube phezu kwabo, umona, ulaka, ukubanga, ukuxabana, ukubazuka, lesihawu, laphezu kukalsrayeli kaNkulunkulu. 17 21 umhawu, ukubulala, ukudakwa, ukuminza, lezinye Kusukela khathezi, kakungabi lamuntu ongihluphayo; izinto ezinjalo; engilitshela ngakho ngaphambili, ngoba mina ngithwele emzimbeni wami impawu njengoba ngatsho futhi ngaphambili, ukuthi abenza zeNkosi uJesu. 18 Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu izinto ezinje kabayikulidla ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu. Kristu kawube lomoya wenu, bazalwane. Amen.

22 Kodwa isithelo sikaMoya luthando, intokozo, ukuthula, ukubekezela, ububele, ukulunga, ukholo, 23 ubumnene, ukuzithiba; kokunje kakulamlayo. 24 Kodwa abakaKristu babethele inyama kanye lokuhugeka lezinkanuko. 25 Uba siphila ngoMoya, njalo asihambe ngoMoya. 26 Kasingazikhukhumezi, siqalane, sifelane umona.

6 Bazalwane, uba-ke umuntu esehlelwa yisiphambeko esithile, lina abakaMoya mlungiseni onjalo ngomoya wobumnene, uziqaphele, hlezi lawe ulingwe. 2 Thwalisanani imithwalo yenu, langokunjalo gcwalisani umlayo kaKristu. 3 Ngoba uba umuntu ezitsho ukuthi uyilutho, engesilutho, uyazikhohlisa; 4 kodwa ngulowo lalowo kahlole owakhe umsebenzi, khona-ke ezakuba lokuzincoma ngokungokwakhe yedwa, njalo kungabi ngokomunye. 5 Ngoba ngulowo lalowo uzathwala owakhe umthwalo. 6 Lofundiswa ilizwi kahlanganyele ezintweni zonke ezinhle lalowo ofundisayo. 7 Lingakhohliswa, uNkulunkulu kahlekwa usulu; ngoba loba yini ayihlanyelayo umuntu yiyo leyo azayivuna. 8 Ngoba ohlanyela kweyakhe inyama, uzavuna ukubhubha kuvela enyameni; kodwa ohlanyela kuMoya uzavuna impilo elaphakade ivela kuMoya. (aiōnios g166) 9 Kodwa kasingadinwa ekwenzeni okuhle; ngoba ngesikhathi esifaneleyo sizavuna, uba singadinwanga. 10 Ngakho-ke njengoba silethuba, asenze okuhle kubo bonke, kodwa ikakhulu kwabendlu yokholo. 11 Bonani amabala amakhulu kangaka engilibhalela ngawo ngesami isandla. 12 Bonke abafuna ukubukeka enyameni, yibo abalicindezela ukuthi lisokwe, kuphela ukuze

Kwabase-Efesu

1 UPawuli, umphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, kubo abangcwele abaseEfesu, labathembekileyo kuKristu Jesu: **2** Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu laseNkosini uJesu Kristu. **3** Ubusisiwe uNkulunkulu loYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, osibusisileyo ngaso sonke isibusiso somoya ezintweni zezulwini kuKristu; **4** njengoba wasikhethe kuye ngaphambi kokusekelwa komhlaba, ukuthi sibe ngcwele, njalo singaseleki phambi kwakhe ethandweni, **5** esesimisele ngaphambili ukuma kwabantwana kuye ngoJesu Kristu, njengokufisa okuhle kwentando yakhe, **6** kube ludumo lobukhosi bomusa wakhe, asiphe wona ngesihle ngaye oThandiweyo; **7** esilohlengo kuye ngegazi lakhe, uthethelelo lweziphambeko, njengokwenotho yomusa wakhe, **8** awengezelele kithi kuyo yonke inhloko lokuqonda, **9** esesazisile imfihlo yentando yakhe, njengokufisa kwakhe okuhle, akumisa kuye ngokwakhe, **10** ukuze, ekuphatheni kokugcwaliseka kwezikhathi, ahlanganise ndawonye izinto zonke kuKristu, zombili ezisemazulwini lezisemhlabeni; **11** ngitsho kuye, lathi esabelwa ilifa kuye, esamiselwa ngaphambili njengokwesimiso sakhe owenzayo izinto zonke njengokwecebo lentando yakhe, **12** ukuze sibe ngabodumo lobukhosi bakhe, esathemba kuKristu kuqala; **13** eselithemba kuye lani, selizwile ilizwi leqiniso, ivangeli losindiso lwenu; kuye selikholiwe lani laphawulwa nguMoya oNgcwele wesithembiso, **14** oyisibambiso selifa lethu, kube yikuhlengwa okuzuziweyo, kudumo lobukhosi bakhe. **15** Ngenxa yalokho lami sengizwile ngokholo lwenu eNkosini uJesu lothando kubo bonke abangcwele, **16** kangiyekeli ukulibongela, ngiliphatha emikhulekweni yami; **17** ukuze uNkulunkulu weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, uYise wodumo, alinike umoya wenhlakanipho lowesambulo elwazini lwakhe; **18** amehlo engqondo yenu akhanyiswe, ukuze lazi ukuthi liyini ithemba lobizo lwakhe, lokuthi iyini inotho yodumo lwelifa lakhe kwabangcwele, **19** lokuthi buyini ubukhulu bamandla akhe obudlula amalawulo kithi esikholwa njengokusebenza kobuninimandla bamandla akhe, **20** awasebenzisa kuKristu, emvusa kwabafeyileyo, njalo emhlabisa ngakwesokunene sakhe endaweni zezulu, **21** phezulu kakhulu kwakho konke

ukubusa lobukhulu lamandla lobukhosi, lebiziso lonke elibizwayo, kungeyisikho kulesisikhathi kuphela, kodwa lakwesizayo; (aiōn g165) **22** wasebeka konke ngaphansi kwenyawo zakhe, wamnikela ukuba yinhloko phezu kwakho konke kulo ibandla, **23** elingumzimba wakhe, ukugcwala kwalowo ogcwalisa konke kukho konke.

2 Lina-kewalivusa elalifile ngeziphambeko langezono, **2** elalikade lihamba kuzo njengokwendlela yalumhlaba, njengokombusi wamandla omkhathi, awomoya osebenzayo khathezi phakathi kwabantwana bokungalaleli; (aiōn g165) **3** lathi sonke sake sahamba phakathi kwabo enkanukweni zenyama yethu, sisenza intando zenyama lezemcabango, njalo ngokwemvelo sasingabantwana bolaka, njengabanye labo; **4** kodwa uNkulunkulu, enothile esihawini, ngenxa yothando lwakhe olukhulu asithanda ngalo, **5** lanxa sasifile ngeziphambeko, wasiphilisa kanye loKristu (ngomusa lisindisiwe), **6** njalo wasivusa kanye laye, wasesihlalisa kanye laye endaweni zezulwini kuKristu Jesu; **7** ukuze abonakalise ezikhathini ezizayo inotho yomusa wakhe edlula amalawulo ngobubele kithi kuKristu Jesu; (aiōn g165) **8** ngoba ngomusa lisindisiwe ngokholo, lalokhu kakuveli kini; yisipho sikaNkulunkulu; **9** kakuveli emisebenzini, ukuze kungabi khona ozincomayo. **10** Ngoba singumsebenzi wakhe, kuKristu Jesu sadalelwa imisebenzi emihle, uNkulunkulu ayilungisele ngaphambili, ukuze sihambe kiyo. **11** Ngakho khumbulani ukuthi lina lake laba ngabezizwe enyameni, ababizwa ngokuthi yikungasoki ngalokhu okuthiwa yikusoka enyameni okwenziwe ngezandla, **12** ukuthi ngalesosikhathi lalingelaye uKristu, abemzini kubusakhamuzi bakolsrayeli, njalo abezizwe kuzivumelwano zesithembiso, lalingelathemba, njalo lingelaye uNkulunkulu emhlabeni. **13** Kodwa khathezi-ke kuKristu Jesu lina elalikade likhatshana, seliseduze ngegazi likaKristu. **14** Ngoba yena uyikuthula kwethu, owenza kokubili kwaba kunye, lowabhidliza umduli ophakathi owesehlukano, **15** echithile ubutha enyameni yakhe, umlayo wemithetho ezimisweni, ukuze kuye labo ababili abadale babe ngumuntu munye omutsha, enze ukuthula, **16** njalo enze ukuthi bobabili babuyisane loNkulunkulu emzimbeni munye ngesiphambano, esebulele ubutha ngaso; **17** njalo

weza watshumayela ukuthula kini elalikhathshana, lakulabo ababeseduze; 18 ngoba ngaye sobabili silokungena ngoMoya munye kuBaba. 19 Ngakho-ke kaliseyibo abemzini lezihambi, kodwa izakhamizi kanye labangcwele njalo abendlu kaNkulunkulu, 20 lakhiwe phezu kwesisekelo sabaphostoli labaprofethi, uJesu Kristu uqobo eyilitshe eliyinhloko yengonsi, 21 okuhlanganiselwe kuye isakhiwo sonke sikhule sibe lithempeli elingcwele eNkosini, 22 elakhiwa kuye lani kanye labanye libe yindlu yokuhlala kaNkulunkulu kuMoya.

ethandweni, 18 ukuze libe lamandla sibili okuqedisisa kanye labo bonke abangcwele, ukuthi kuyini ububanzi lobude lokutshona lokuphakama, 19 lokwazi uthando lukaKristu olwedlula ulwazi, ukuze ligcwaliswe ngokugcwala konke kukaNkulunkulu. 20 Njalo kuye, olamandla phezu kwakho konke okwenza okwedlula ngokwengezelelweyo kwesikucelayo kumbe esikunakanayo, njengamandla asebenza kithi, 21 kuye kakube udumo ebandleni kuKristu Jesu, ezizukulwaneni zonke zaphakade laphakade. Amen.

(aiōn g165)

3 Ngenxa yalokhu mina Pawuli, isibotshwa sikaKristu Jesu ngani abezizwe, 2 uba kambe selizwile ngokuphathwa komusa kaNkulunkulu engawuphiwelwa lina, 3 ukuthi njengesambulelo wangazisa imfihlo (njengalokhu ngabhala ngaphambili ngamafitshane, 4 okungalokhu, nxa lifunda, lingazi ulwazi lwami emfihlweni kaKristu); 5 yona engaziswanga ezizukulwaneni ezinye ebantwaneni babantu, njengalokhu isiyembuliwe khathesi kubaphostoli bakhe abangcwele labaprofethi ngoMoya; 6 ukuthi abezizwe babe yizindlalifa abahlanganyeli lomzimba ofananayo labahlanganyeli besithembiso sakhe kuKristu, ngevangeli, 7 engenziwa ngalo isikhonzi njengokwesipho somusa kaNkulunkulu engiwuphiwe ngokusebenza kwamandla akhe. 8 Kimi, engimncinyane kulomncinyane wabo bonke abangcwele, lowomusa ngawuphiwa, ukuthi ngitshumayele kwabezizwe ivangeli lenotho kaKristu engelakulinganiswa, 9 lokukhanyisela bonke ukuthi buyini ubudlelwano bemfihlo, ebifihliwe kusukela endulo kuNkulunkulu owadala izinto zonke ngoJesu Kristu, (aiōn g165) 10 ukuze khathesi emibusweni lemandleni endaweni zezulu yaziswe libandla inhlakanipho kaNkulunkulu ezinhlobonhlobo, 11 njengokwecebo laphakade alenza ngoKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu; (aiōn g165) 12 esilesibindi kuye lokungena ngethemba, ngokholo lwakhe. 13 Ngakho ngiyacela ukuthi lingalahli ithemba enhluphekweni zami ngani, eziludumo lwenu. 14 Ngenxa yalokhu ngiguqa ngamadolo kuYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, 15 okubizwa ngaye usendo lonke olusemazulwini lolusemhlabeni, 16 ukuze alinike, njengokwenotho yobukhosi bakhe, liqiniswe ngamandla ngoMoya wakhe emuntwini ongaphakathi, 17 ukuze uKristu ahlale ngokholo enhliziyweni zenu; ligxilile lisekelwe

4 Ngakho ngiyalincenga, mina isibotshwa eNkosini, ukuthi lihambe ngokufanele ubizo elabizwa ngalo, 2 kanye lokuthobeka konke lobumnene, lokubekezela, libekezeelelane ethandweni, 3 likhuthale ukugcina ukuhlangana koMoya ngesibopho sokuthula. 4 Munye umzimba njalo munye uMoya, njengalokhu lani labizwa ethembeni linye lobizo lwenu; 5 yinye iNkosi, lunye ukholo, lunye ubhabhathizo, 6 munye uNkulunkulu loYise wabo bonke, ophezu kwabo bonke, langabo bonke, lakini lonke. 7 Kodwa ngulowo lalowo wethu waphiwa umusa njengokwesilinganiso sesipho sikaKristu. 8 Ngakho uthi: Ekwenyukeleni kwakhe phezu wathumba ukuthunjwa, wanika abantu izipho. 9 Lokhu-ke ukuthi: Wenyuka, kuyini ngaphandle kokuthi laye wehlela kuqala kungxenywe ezingaphansi zomhlaba? 10 Owehlayo, nguye owenyukela futhi khatshana ngaphezulu kwamazulu wonke, ukuze agcwalise izinto zonke. 11 Yena wasenika abanye babe ngabaphostoli, labanye babe ngabaprofethi, labanye babe ngabavangeli, labanye babe ngabelusi labafundisi, 12 ekuphelelisweni kwabangcwele, emsebenzini wenkonzo, ekwakhiweni komzimba kaKristu; 13 size sifike sonke ebunyeni bokholo, lobolwazi lweNdodana kaNkulunkulu, endodeni epheleleyo, esilinganisweni sesimo sokugcwala kukaKristu; 14 ukuze singabe sisaba zinsane, ezizuliswa ngamagagasi njalo ezithwalelwa le lale yiwo wonke umoya wemfundiso, ngenkohliso yabantu, ngobuqili becebo lokuphambuka; 15 kodwa sikhulume iqiniso ethandweni sikhule kukho konke kuye, oyinhloko, uKristu, 16 okuvela kuye umzimba wonke, ohlanganiswe kuhle njalo ubambene, ngokwelekelelana kwalo lonke ilunga, njengokusebenza esilinganisweni saleso laleso isitho, wenza ukukhula komzimba ekuzakheni kwawo

ethandweni. 17 Ngakho ngitsho lokho ngifakaza eNkosini, ukuthi lingabe lisahamba lanjengabanye abezizwe behamba ebuzeni bengqondo yabo, 18 befiphaziwe engqondweni, benziwe abemzini empilweni kaNkulunkulu ngokungazi okukibo, ngobulukhuni benhliziyo yabo; 19 abathi sebentunyile, bazinikela emanyaleni, ekwenzeni kokungcola konke ngomhawu. 20 Kodwa lina kalimfundanga ngokunjalo uKristu, 21 uba-ke limzwile lafundiswa kuye, njengoba iqiniso likuJesu; 22 ukuthi lilahle mayelana lohambo lokuqala, umuntu omdala, owonakala mayelana lezifiso zenkohliso; 23 njalo lenziwe batsha emoyeni wengqondo yenu, 24 njalo lembathe umuntu omutsha, odalwe njengokukaNkulunkulu ekulungeni lebungcweleni beqiniso. 25 Ngakho lilahla amanga, khulumani iqiniso ngulowo lalowo lomakhelwane wakhe; ngoba siyizitho omunye komunye. 26 Thukuthelani lingoni; ilanga kalingatshoni phezu kolaka lwenu; 27 futhi lingamniki indawo udiyabholo. 28 Owebayo kangabe eseba; kodwa kulalokhu kakhuthale, asebenze okuhle ngezandla zakhe, ukuze abe lakho ukwabela olenswelo. 29 Kakungaphumi emlonyeni wenu lalinye ilizwi elibolileyo, kodwa kuphela okuhle okulungele ukwakha njengokufaneleyo, ukuze kunike umusa kubo abezwayo. 30 Njalo lingamdabukisi uMoya oyiNgcwele kaNkulunkulu, elaphawulwa ngaye kuze kube lusuku lohengo. 31 Konke ukubaba lentukuthelo lolaka lomsindo lokunyeya kakususwe kini, kanye layo yonke inzondo; 32 kodwa libe mnene omunye komunye, lilesihawu, lithethelelane, njengalokhu uNkulunkulu laye walithethelela kuKristu.

5 Ngakho banini ngabalandeli bakaNkulunkulu, njengabantwana abathandekayo; 2 njalo lihambe ethandweni, njengalokhu uKristu laye wasithanda, wazinikelela thina abe ngumnikelo lomhlatshelelo kuNkulunkulu ukuba luqhatshi olumnandi. 3 Kodwa ubufebe lakho konke ukungcola kumbe umhawu kakungaphathwa lakanye phakathi kwenu, njengoba kufanele abangcwele; 4 lamanyala, lokukhuluma okuyize, kumbe ukusoma okulenhamba, okuyizinto ezingafanelanga; kodwa kulalokhu, ukubonga. 5 Ngoba lokhu liyakwazi, ukuthi sonke isifebe, kumbe ongcolileyo, kumbe olomhawu, ongumkhonzi wezithombe, kalalifa embusweni kaKristu lokaNkulunkulu. 6 Kakungabi lamuntu

olikhohlisayo ngamazwi ayize; ngoba ngenxa yalezizinto ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luyehlela phezu kwabantwana bokungalaleli. 7 Ngakho lingabi ngabahlanganyeli labo. 8 Ngoba lake laba ngumnyama, kodwa khathesi liyikukhanya eNkosini; hambani njengabantwana bokukhanya, 9 ngoba isithelo sikaMoya sikubo bonke ubuhle lokulunga leqiniso, 10 lihlolisise okuthokozisayo eNkosini; 11 njalo lingahlanganyeli lemisebenzi yobumnyama engelazithelo, kodwa-ke kulalokho solani; 12 ngoba kuthelale inhloni lokukhuluma ngezinto ezenziwa yibo ekusithekeni. 13 Kodwa konke okusolwayo yikukhanya kuyabonakaliswa; ngoba konke okubonakaliswayo kuyikukhanya, 14 ngakho uthi: Phaphama wena oleleyo uvuke kwabafileyo, njalo uKristu uzakukhanyisela. 15 Ngakho qaphelani ukuthi lihamba njani ngonanzelelo, kungabi njengezithutha, kodwa njengabahlakaniphileyo, 16 lihlenga isikhathi, ngoba insuku zimbi. 17 Ngakho lingabi yizithutha, kodwa liqedisisa okuyintando yeNkosi. 18 Njalo lingadakwa liwayini, okukulo umsindo, kodwa gcwaliswani nguMoya, 19 likhulumisana ngezihlebelelo langamahubo okudumisa langezingoma zomoya, lihlabelele licule eNkosini enhliziyweni yenu, 20 limbonga njalo uNkulunkulu loBaba ngazo zonke izinto ebizweni leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, 21 lizehlisela ngaphansi omunye komunye ekumesabeni uNkulunkulu. 22 Bafazi, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwawenu amadoda, njengeNkosini, 23 ngoba indoda iyinhloko yomfazi, njengoba uKristu laye eyinhloko yebandla, njalo yena unguMsindisi womzimba. 24 Kodwa njengoba-ke ibandla lehliselwe ngaphansi kukaKristu, ngokunjalo labafazi kwawabo amadoda kuyo yonke into. 25 Madoda, thandani abenu abafazi, njengoKristu laye walithanda ibandla, wasezinikelela lona; 26 ukuze azingcwelele lona, eselihlambulule ngesihlambo samanzi ngelizwi, 27 ukuze azimisele lona, ibandla elilenzakimulo, elingelachatha, kumbe umxhele kumbe okunye nje, kodwa ukuze libe ngcwele lingelacala. 28 Ngokunjalo amadoda afanele ukuthanda abawo abafazi njengeyawo imizimba. Othanda owakhe umfazi, uyazithanda yena; 29 ngoba kakho owake wazonda eyakhe inyama, kodwa uyayondla ayiphathe kuhle, njengalokhu leNkosi isenza kubandla; 30 ngoba siyizitho zomzimba wakhe, okwenyama yakhe

lokmathambo akhe. 31 Ngenxa yalokhu umuntu uzatshiya uyise lonina anamathele kumkakhe, njalo laba ababili bazakuba nyamanye. 32 Inkulu le imfihlo; kodwa mina ngikhuluma ngoKristu lebandla. 33 Ngalokho lonke ngokukhethekileyo lani-ke, ngulowo lalowo kathande ngokunjalo owakhe umfazi njengaye; lomfazi ukuze ahloniphe indoda.

6 Bantwana, lalalani abazali benu eNkosini; ngoba lokhu kulungile. 2 Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko, okungumlayo wokuqala olesithembiso, 3 ukuze kube kuhle kuwe, njalo uphile isikhathi eside emhlabeni. 4 Lani bobaba, lingabathukuthelisi abantwana benu, kodwa libondle emlayweni lemfundisweni yeNkosi. 5 Zisebenzi, lalalani amakhosi enu ngokwenyama, ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela, ebuqothweni benhliziyo zenu, njengakuKristu; 6 kungeyisikho ngenkonzo yamehlo njengabathokozisa abantu, kodwa njengezisebenzi zikaKristu, zisenza intando kaNkulunkulu ngenhliziyo, 7 lisebenza ngenhliziyo enhle kungathi kuseNkosini njalo kungeyisikho ebantwini; 8 lisazi ukuthi loba yini enhle ngulowo lalowo angayenza, enjalo uzayemukela eNkosini, loba eyisigqili, loba engokhululekileyo. 9 Lani makhosi, yenzani izinto ezifananayo kuzo, liyekele ukuzisongela; lisazi ukuthi leyenu iNkosi isemazulwini, njalo ukubandlulula umuntu kakukho kuyo. 10 Elokucina, bazalwane bami, qinani eNkosini, lebinimandleni bamandla ayo. 11 Hlomani izikhali zonke zikaNkulunkulu, ukuze libe lamandla okumelana lobuqili bukadiyabhola; 12 ngoba kasibindani legazi lenyama, kodwa lemibuso, lamandla, lababusi balumhlaba wobumnyama balesisikhathi, lemimoya yamabutho obubi ezindaweni zamazulu. (aiōn g165)

13 Ngakho hlomani izikhali zonke zikaNkulunkulu, ukuze libe lamandla okugxila osukwini olubi, lokuze kuthi lapho seliqede konke, lime. 14 Ngakho manini, inkalo zenu zibotshiwe ngeqiniso, lifake isivikelo sesifuba sokulunga, 15 njalo ligqokise inyawo zenu ngokulunga kwevangeli lokuthula; 16 phezu kwakho konke selithethe isihlangu sokholo, elizakuba lamandla okucitsha ngaso yonke imitshoko evuthayo yomubi. 17 Njalo thathani ikhowa losindiso, lenkemba kaMoya, eyilizwi likaNkulunkulu, 18 ngawo wonke umkhuleko lonxuso likhuleka isikhathi sonke kuMoya, lakulokhu lilinde ngesineke sonke lonxuso ngabangcwele bonke, 19 langami, ukuze

ngiphiwe ilizwi ekuvuleni umlomo wami ngesibindi ukuze ngazise imfihlo yevangeli, 20 engiyisithunywa ngalo esisemaketaneni, ukuze ngikhulume ngesibindi kulo, njengoba kungifanele ukuthi ngikhulume. 21 Kodwa ukuze lani lazi izinto eziqondana lami, engikwenzayo, uzalitshele konke uTikiko umzalwane othandekayo lesikhonzi esithembekileyo eNkosini; 22 engimthume kini ngakhona lokhu, ukuze lazi izinto eziqondana lathi, lokuthi aduduze inhlizyo zenu. 23 Ukuthulakakube kubazalwane, lothando kanye lokholo oluvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu Kristu. 24 Umusa kawube kubo bonke abathanda iNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu ngokungonakaliyo. Amen.

KwabaseFiliphi

1 UPawuli loTimothi, izinceku zikaJesu Kristu, kubo bonke abangcwele kuKristu Jesu abaseFiliphi, kanye lababonisi labadikoni: **2** Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu. **3** Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami ekulikhumbuleni konke, **4** ngezikhathi zonke kuwo wonke umkhuleko wami ngani lonke ngincenga ngentokozo, **5** ngokuhlanganyela kwenu evangelini, kusukela osukwini lokuqala kuze kube khathesi; **6** ngilethemba lakhona lokhu, ukuthi owaqalisa umsebenzi omuhle kini uzawuphelelisa kuze kube sosukwini lukaJesu Kristu; **7** njengoba kulungile kimi ukuthi ngikhumbule lokhu ngani lonke, ngoba ngilani enhliziyweni, ukuthi lekubotshweni kwami, lekuvikeleni lekuqiniseni ivangeli, lina lonke lingabahlanganyeli bomusa wami. **8** Ngoba uNkulunkulu ungumfakazi wami, wokuthi ngililangatha kangakanani lonke emibilini kaJesu Kristu. **9** Njalo ngikhuleka lokhu, ukuthi uthando lwenu luvame-ke lusanda ngokwanda elwazini lekuqediseni konke, **10** ukuze lizivume izinto ezinhle kakhulu, ukuze lihlambuluke lingasoleki kuze kube sosukwini lukaKristu, **11** ligcwaliswe ngezithelo zokulunga ezingoJesu Kristu, ebukhosini lodumo lukaNkulunkulu. **12** Kodwa ngithanda ukuthi lazi, bazalwane, ukuthi izinto ezangehlelayo zenza kakhulu ukuqhutshelwa phambili kwevangeli; **13** zize izibopho zami kuKristu zibonakale esigodlweni sonke lakwabanye bonke, **14** labazalwane abanengi eNkosini, beqiniswe ngezibopho zami, sebelesibindi esikhulu sokukhuluma ilizwi ngokungesabi. **15** Abanye kambe batshumayela uKristu ngomona langombango, labanye kambe ngenhliziyo enhle; **16** laba batshumayela uKristu ngokuphikisana, bengelaqiniso, besithi baletha ukuhlupheka ekubotshweni kwami; **17** kodwa labo ngothando, besazi ukuthi ngimiselwe ukuvikela ivangeli. **18** Kuyini pho? Loba kunjalo kuyo yonke indlela, loba ekuzenziseni, kumbe eqiniseni, uKristu uyatshunyayelwa; kulokhu-ke ngiyathokoza, yebo ngizathokoza futhi. **19** Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kuzaphendukela kimi esindisweni ngomkhuleko wenu, langokwelekelela kukaMoya kaJesu Kristu, **20** njengokulindela okukhulu lethemba lami, ukuthi kangiyikuyangiswa ngalutho, kodwa ngesibindi sonke, njengesikhathi sonke, lakhathesi uKristu uzakhuliswa

emzimbeni wami, loba ngempilo, kumbe ngokufa. **21** Ngoba kimi ukuphila kunguKristu, lokufa kuyinzuzo. **22** Kodwa uba ukuphila enyameni kuyisithelo somsebenzi kimi, lengizakukhetha kangikwazi. **23** Ngoba ngiminyezelwe ngokubili; ngilesifiso sokusuka lokuba loKristu, okungcono kakhulukazi; **24** kodwa ukuhlala enyameni kuyasweleka kakhulu ngenxa yenu. **25** Njalo ngilalelithemba ngiyazi ukuthi ngizakuba khona, ngihlale lani lonke, ekuqhubekeni kwenu lentokozweni yokholo, **26** ukuze ukuzincoma kwenu ngami kwengezwe kuKristu Jesu kimi, ngobukhona bami kini futhi. **27** Kuphela hambani ngokufanele ivangeli likaKristu, kuze kuthi, loba ngifika ngilibona, loba ngingekho, ngizwe indaba zenu, zokuthi limi emoyeni munye, ngangqondonye lilwela ukholo lwevangeli ndawonye, **28** njalo lingethuswa ngalutho ngabaphikisayo; okuyisibonakaliso kubo sokubhubha, kodwa kini esosindiso, njalo lokhu kuvela kuNkulunkulu; **29** ngoba lanikwa ngesihle esikhundleni sikaKristu, kungeyisikho ukukholwa kuye kuphela, kodwa lokumhluphekela; **30** lilokulwa okufananayo njengalokho elakubona kimi, lelizukwa kimi khathesi.

2 Ngakho uba kukhona inkuthazo kuKristu, uba kukhona induduzo yothando, uba kukhona ubudlelwano bukaMoya, uba kukhona imihelo lesihawu, **2** gcwalisani intokozo yami, ukuze libe ngqondonye, libe lothando olufananayo, libe lenhliziyonye, ukuqonda kunye; **3** lingenzi lutho ngokubangisana kumbe ngokuziqhenya, kodwa ngokuthobeka liphakamise omunye komunye ngcono kulani; **4** ngulowo lalowo angakhathaleli okwakhe, kodwa ngulowo lalowo lokwabanye. **5** Ngoba kawube kini lowomqondo owawukhona lakuKristu Jesu; **6** owathi esesimeni sikaNkulunkulu, kanakananga ukuthi kuyikuphanga ukulingana loNkulunkulu, **7** kodwa wazidela, ethatha isimo senceku, enziwe esimeni sabantu; **8** njalo eficwe elesimo njengomuntu, wazithoba, waba ngolalelayo kwaze kwaba sekufeni, yebo ukufa kwesiphambano. **9** Ngakho laye uNkulunkulu wamphakamisa kakhulu, wamnika ibizo eliphezu kwalo lonke ibizo; **10** ukuze kuthi ebizweni likaJesu lonke idolu liguqe, elabezulwini, lelabemhlabeni, lelambangaphansi komhlaba, **11** lenlimi zonke zivume ukuthi uJesu Kristu uyiNkosi, kube ludumo kuNkulunkulu uYise. **12** Ngakho, bathandiweyo bami, njengalokho lilalela ngezikhathi

zonke, kungenjengebukhoni bami kuphela, kodwa khathezi ikakhulukazi ngingekho, fezani usindiso lwenu ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela; 13 ngoba kunguNkulunkulu osebenza kini kokubili ukuthanda lokwenza njengentando yakhe enhle. 14 Yenzani zonke izinto kungelakusola lokuphikisana, 15 ukuze lingasoleki libe msulwa, abantwana bakaNkulunkulu abangelasici phakathi kwesizukulwana esigobileyo lesiphambeneyo, elikhanya phakathi kwaso njengokukhanya emhlabeni, 16 libonakalise ilizwi lempilo, ekuzincomeni kwami osukwini lukaKristu, ukuthi kangigijimelanga ize, njalo kangitshikatshikelanga ize. 17 Yebo, uba lami ngithululwa njengomnikelo wokunathwayo phezu komhlathshelo lenkonzo yokholo lwenu, ngiyathokoza njalo ngithokoza kanye lani lonke; 18 ngenxa yalokho-ke thokozani lani njalo lithokoze kanye lami. 19 Ngiyathemba-ke eNkosini uJesu ukuthuma uTimothi kini masinyane, ukuze lami ngithokoze lapho ngisazi izindaba zenu. 20 Ngoba kangilaye olengqondo enjengeyakhe, ozananzelela indaba zenu ngobuqotho, 21 ngoba bonke bazidingela okwabo, kungeyisikho okukaKristu Jesu. 22 Kodwa liyazi ukuqinisa kwakhe, ukuthi njengomntwana kuyise, usebenzile lami evangelini. 23 Ngiyathemba-ke ukhule ngimthume yena, nxa sengibonisisile okuqondene lami; 24 kodwa ngiyathemba eNkosini, ukuthi lami ngizakuza kini masinyane. 25 Kodwa ngibone kufanele ukuthi ngithume kini uEpafrodithu, umzalwane lesisebenzi lolibutho kanye lami, kodwa isithunywa senu, lesisebenzi sokuswela kwami; 26 njengoba wayelilangatha lonke, njalo ekhathazekile kakhulu, ngoba lezwa ukuthi wayegula; 27 ngoba njalo wagula waphosa wafa, kodwa uNkulunkulu wamhawukela, njalo kungeyisuye yena yedwa, kodwa lami, ukuze ngingabi losizi phezu kosizi. 28 Ngakho ngitshisekela kakhulu ukumthuma, ukuze kuthi, nxa limbona, lithokoze futhi, losizi lwami lunciphe. 29 Memukeleni-ke eNkosini ngentokozo yonke, libahloniphe abanjalo-ke; 30 ngoba ngenxa yomsebenzi kaKristu waphose wafa, edela impilo, ukuze aphelelise okusileleyo komsebenzi wenu kimi.

3 Elokucina, bazalwane bami, thokozani eNkosini. Ukulibhalela izinto ezifananayo, mina kakungidini, kodwa lina kuyaliqinisa. 2 Nanzelelani izinja, linanzelele izisebenzi ezimbi, linanzelele

ukusika; 3 ngoba thina siyikusoka, esikhonza uNkulunkulu ngoMoya, siziqhenya kuKristu Jesu, njalo singathembeli enyameni; 4 lanxa mina ngilethemba futhi enyameni; uba omunye ecabanga ukuthemba enyameni, mina kakhulu; 5 ngasokwa ngosuku lwesificaminwembili, ngingowohlanga lukalsrayeli, owesizwe sakoBhenjamini, umHebheru wamaHebheru, ngokomlayo umFarisi, 6 ngokokukhuthala ngazingela ibandla, ngokokulunga okusemlayweni ngingasoleki. 7 Kodwa izinto ezaziinzuzo kimi, lezo ngazibala njengokulahlekelwa ngenxa kaKristu. 8 Yebo isibili, futhi ngikubala konke njengencithakalo ngenxa yobuhlekazi bolwazi lukaKristu Jesu iNkosi yami; okungenxa yakhe ngilahlekelwe yikho konke, njalo ngakuthatha ngificwe kuye, ngingelakho okwami ukulunga okuvela emlayweni, kodwa lokho okungokholo lukaKristu, ukulunga okuvela kuNkulunkulu ngokholo; 10 ukuze ngimazi yena lamandla okuvuka kwakhe, lokuhlanganyela kwenhlupheko zakhe, ngenziwe ngifuze ukufa kwakhe, 11 uba kungenzeka ngifinyelele ekuvukeni kwabafileyo. 12 Kangitsho ukuthi sengikubambile, kumbe ukuthi sengiphelelisiwe; kodwa ngxotshana lakho, ukuthi futhi ngingakubambisisa lokho engabanjisiselwa khona nguKristu Jesu. 13 Bazalwane, mina kangibali ukuthi mina uqobo sengikubambisile; kodwa kunye engikwenzayo, ngikhohlwa okungemuva, ngizelulela kokungaphambili, 14 ngigijimela umzila ngokunxwanela emvuzweni wobizo lwaphezulu lukaNkulunkulu kuKristu Jesu. 15 Ngakho sonke esesiphelele, kasikhumbule lokhu; njalo uba licabanga ulutho olwehlukeneyo, lalokhu uNkulunkulu uzalembulela khona; 16 kodwa kulokhu esesifike kukho, kasihambeni ngesimiso sinye, sikhumbule intonye. 17 Banini ngabahlanganyeli abangabalingiseli bami, bazalwane, njalo baqaphelisiseni abahamba ngokunjalo, njengoba lilathi njengesibonelo. 18 Ngoba abanengi bahamba, engalitshela kanengi ngabo, lakhathesi ngitsho ngezinyembezi ngithi, bayizitha zesiphambano sikaKristu; 19 abakuphela kwabo kuyikubhujiswa, abankulunkulu wabo uyisisu, lodumo lwabo lusehlazweni labo, abacabanga izinto zomhlaba. 20 Ngoba ikithi isemazulwini, lalapho esilindele ukuthi uMsindisi avele khona, iNkosi uJesu

Kristu; 21 ozaphendula umzimba wethu wobuphansi, ukuze ufanane lomzimba wakhe wenkazimulo, njengokusebenza elamandla ngitsho okwehlisela ngaphansi kwakhe zonke izinto.

4 Ngakho, bazalwane bami abathandekayo labalangathwayo, intokozo lomqhele wami, manini liqine ngokunjalo eNkosini, bathandekayo. 2 Ngiyamncenga uYuwodiya, njalo ngiyamncenga uSintike, ukuthi babe lomqondo munye eNkosini. 3 Ngiyakucela-ke lawe, mnakwethu oqotho, siza labo abesifazana, abasebenza kakhulu kanye lami evangelini, kanye loKlementi, lezinye izisebenzi kanye lami, amabizo azo asencwadini yempilo. 4 Thokozani eNkosini njalanjalo; ngiyaphinda ngithi: Thokozani. 5 Ukubekezela kwenu kakwaziwe yibo bonke abantu. INkosi iseduze. 6 Lingakhathazeki ngalutho, kodwa ezintweni zonke, izicelo zenu kazaziwe kuNkulunkulu ngomkhuleko langonxuso kanye lokubonga, 7 lokuthula kukaNkulunkulu, okudlula ukuqedisisa konke, kuzalondoloza inhliziyu zenu lemicabango yenu kuKristu Jesu. 8 Elokucina, bazalwane, konke okuliqiniso, konke okuhloniphekayo, konke okulungileyo, konke okuhlambulukileyo, konke okuhle, konke okulodumo oluhle, uba kukhona okuhle njalo uba kukhona okudumisekayo, nakanani ngakho lokhu; 9 lelakufundayo njalo lakwemukela futhi lakuzwa laselikubona kimi, zenzeni lezizinto; loNkulunkulu wokuthula uzakuba lani. 10 Kodwa ngathokoza kakhulu eNkosini, ukuthi khathesi selize lavuselela ukunginanzelela, ebelinanzelela kambe, kodwa laswela ithuba. 11 Kakusikho ukuthi ngitsho mayelana lenswelo; ngoba mina sengifundile ukuthi ngeneliswe ezintweni engikuzo. 12 Ngiyakwazi konke ukuthotshiswa, futhi ngiyakwazi ukuba lokunengi kakhulu; kukho konke lezintweni zonke sengifundisiwe futhi ukusutha lokulamba, lokuba lokunengi kakhulu lokuswela. 13 Ngingakwenza konke ngoKristu engiqinisa. 14 Kodwa lenze kuhle ngokuhlanganyela ekuhluphekeni kwami. 15 Liyazi futhi lani, beFiliphi, ukuthi ekuqaleni kwevangeli, ekusukeni kwami eMakedoniya, kwakungekho bandla elahlanganyela lami endabeni yokupha lokwemukela, ngaphandle kwenu lodwa; 16 ngoba laseThesalonika lathumela ekusweleni kwami kanye njalo laphinda. 17 Kungesikuthi ngidinga isipho, kodwa ngidinga isithelo esengeza

isikhwama senu. 18 Kodwa ngemukele konke njalo ngengezelelwe; ngigcwele, ngengikwemukela kuEpafrodithu izinto ezivela kini, uqhathshi olumnandi, umnikelo owemukelakayo, othabisayo kuNkulunkulu. 19 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wami uzagcwalisa yonke inswelo yenu njengokwenotho yakhe ebukhosini, kuKristu Jesu. 20 Akube-ke kuNkulunkulu loBaba wethu udumo kuze kube nini lanini. Amen. (aion g165) 21 Bingelelani wonke ongcwele okuKristu Jesu. Abazalwane abalami bayalibingelela. 22 Bonke abangcwele bayalibingelela, kodwa ikakhulu labo abendlu kaKesari. 23 Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani lonke. Amen.

KwabaseKholose

1 UPawuli umphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, loTimothi umzawlane, **2** kubo abangcwele labazawlane abathembekileyo kuKristu abaseKholose: Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu. **3** Siyambonga uNkulunkulu loYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, sikhuleka ngani njalonjalo, **4** sesizwile ngokholo lwenu kuKristu Jesu, langothando olukwabangcwele bonke, **5** ngethemba elibekelwe lona emazulwini, elezwa ngalo ngaphambili ngelizwi leqiniso levangeli, **6** eselifikile kini, njengalokhu lemhlabeni wonke, njalo lithela izithelo, njengoba kunjalo laphakathi kwenu, kusukela ngosuku elezwa laseliwazi umusa kaNkulunkulu ngeqiniso; **7** njengalokhu lani lafunda kuEpafra othandekayo wethu inceku kanye lathi, oyisikhonzi esithembekileyo sikaKristu ngani, **8** ositshela futhi ngothando lwenu kuMoya. **9** Ngakho lathi, kusukela ngosuku esezwa ngalo, kasiyekeli ukulikhulekela, lokucela ukuthi ligcwaliswe ngolwazi lwentando yakhe ngenhlakanipho yonke lokuqedisisa okungomoya, **10** ukuze lihambe ngokufanele iNkosi kukho konke okuthokozisayo, lithela izithelo kuwo wonke umsebenzi olungileyo njalo likhule elwazini lukaNkulunkulu; **11** liqiniswe ngamandla wonke njengokwamandla obukhosi bakhe, ekubekezeleni konke lesineke, lenjabulo; **12** sibonge uBaba owasenza safanela ekuhlanganyeleni kwelifa labangcwele ekukhanyeni, **13** owasikhulula emandleni obumnyama, wasesisa embusweni weNdodana yothando lwakhe, **14** esilohlengo kuyo ngegazi layo, uthethelelo lwezono. **15** Engumfanekiso kaNkulunkulu ongabonwayo, izibulo lesidalwa sonke; **16** ngoba kuyo zonke izinto zadalwa, ezisemazulwini lezisemhlabeni, ezibonwayo lezingabonwayo, loba izihlalo zobukhosi, loba ubuphathamandla, loba imibuso, loba amandla; zonke izinto zidalwa ngayo zadalelwa yona; **17** yona-ke ingaphambi kwazo zonke izinto, njalo ngayo zonke izinto zibambene. **18** Njalo yona yinhloko yomzimba, olibandla; eyikuqala, izibulo kwabafileyo, ukuze yona ibe ngeyokuqala ezintweni zonke; **19** ngoba kwamthokozisa uBaba ukuthi ukugcwala konke kuhlale kiyo, **20** njalo ngayo enze izinto zonke zibuyisane laye uqobo, esenze ukuthula ngegazi lesiphambano sayo, ngayo, loba

yizinto ezisemhlabeni loba ezisemazulwini. **21** Lani elalikade lingabemzini lezitha ngengqondo emisebenzini emibi, kodwa khathezi usebuyisene lani **22** emzimbeni wenyama yayo ngokufa ukuthi alimise phambi kwakhe lingcwele njalo lingelacala njalo lingasoleki, **23** uba-ke lihlala ekholweni lisekelwe liqinile, lingasuswa ethembeni levangeli elalizwayo, elatshunyayelwa kuso sonke isidalwa esingaphansi kwezulu, engenziwe isikhonzi salo mina Pawuli. **24** Khathezi-ke ngiyathokoza ekulihluphekeleni kwami, njalo okusileleyo kwenhlupheko zikaKristu ngiyakugcwalisa enyameni yami esikhundleni somzimba wakhe, olibandla; **25** mina engenziwa isikhonzi salo, njengokwesimiso sikaNkulunkulu enganikwa sona maqondana lani, ukugcwalisa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, **26** imfihlo ebifihliwe kusukela ezikhathini zendulo njalo kusukela kuzizukulwana; kodwa khathezi ibonakaliswe kwabangcwele bakhe, **(aiōn g165)** **27** kubo uNkulunkulu wathanda ukubazisa ukuthi iyini inotho yobukhosi balimfihlo phakathi kwabezizwe, enguKristu phakathi kwenu, ithemba lenkazimulo; **28** esimtshumayelayo thina, sixwayisa wonke umuntu, sifundisa wonke umuntu ngayo yonke inhlakanipho, ukuze silethe wonke umuntu ephelele kuKristu Jesu; **29** engikutshikatshikelayo lami, ngisilwa njengokusebenza kwakhe, okusebenza kimi ngamandla.

2 Ngoba ngithanda ukuthi lazi ukuthi kukhulu kangakanani ukulwa engilakho ngani labaseLawodikeya, njalo ngobunengi balabo abangabonanga ubuso bami enyameni, **2** ukuze inhliziyo zabo ziduduzwe, behlanganiswe ethandweni, lenothweni yonke yokuqinisekiswa okupheleleyo kokuqedisisa, elwazini lwemfihlo kaNkulunkulu loBaba, lekaKristu, **3** okufihlwe kuye izinto zonke eziligugu zenhlanipho lezolwazi. **4** Ngitsho lokhu-ke, ukuze kungabi lamuntu olikhohlisayo ngamazwi ayengayo. **5** Ngoba lanxa ngingekho ngenyama, kanti ngilani ngomoya, ngithokoza ngibona ukuhlela kwenu, lokuqina kokholo lwenu kuKristu. **6** Ngakho njengalokho limemukele uKristu Jesu iNkosi, hambani kuye, **7** ligxilise impande lakhiwe kuye, njalo liqiniswe ekholweni, njengokufundiswa kwenu, lengeze kulo ekubongeni. **8** Nanzelelani hlezi kube khona olithumbayo ngolwazi lwenhlakanipho langenkohliso eyize, njengokomkhuba wabantu,

njengokwemfundiso zakuqala zomhlaba, njalo kungenjengokukaKristu; 9 ngoba kuhlala kuye ukugcwala konke kobuNkulunkulu ngomzimba, 10 njalo liphelelisiwe kuye, oyinhloko yakho konke ukubusa lamandla; 11 elasokelwa kuye lani ngokusoka okungenziwanga ngezandla, ngokuhlubula umzimba wezono zenyama, ekusokeni kukaKristu, 12 lingcwatshwe kanye laye ebhabhathizweni, elavuswa lani kanye laye kulo ngokholo lokusebenza kukaNkulunkulu, owamvusa kwabafileyo. 13 Lani lifile eziphambekweni lokungasoki kwenyama yenu, ulenze laphila kanye laye, eselithethelele zonke eziphambeko, 14 esesule incwadi yezimiso emelana lathi, ephambene lathi, wayisusa phakathi, eseyibethele esiphambanweni; 15 ebahlubule ababusi lamandla, wabaveza obala, wathakazelela ukubanqoba ngaso. 16 Ngakho kakungabi khona olilahla ekudleni kumbe ekunatheni, loba endabeni yomkhosi loba eyokuthwasa kwenyanga kumbe eyamasabatha; 17 eziyisithunzi sezinto ezizayo, kodwa umzimba ungokaKristu. 18 Kakungabi lamuntu olemuka umvuzo wenu ngobuqili, ethanda ukuzenza othobekileyo lokukhonza izingilosi, engena ezintweni angazibonanga, ezikhukhumeza ngeze ngengqondo yenyama yakhe, 19 njalo engabambi iNhlolo, umzimba wonke ngamalunga lemisipha usondliwa njalo uhlanganiswa ngayo, ukhula ngokukhula kukaNkulunkulu. 20 Ngakho uba lafa kanye loKristu emfundisweni zakuqala zomhlaba, libophekeleni ngemikhuba ngokungathi liphila elizweni, 21 (ungabambi, unganambithi, ungathinti, 22 ezizaphela zonke ngokusetshenziswa) njengokwemilayo lezimfundiso zabantu? 23 Ezilesimo senhlakanipho ekukhonzeni kokuzenzela lekuzithobeni lekuphatheni nzima umzimba, kakusizi lutho ukumelana lokusuthisa inyama.

3 Ngakho uba livuswe loKristu, dingani okwaphezulu, lapho akhona uKristu ehlezi ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu. 2 Nakanani ngezinto eziphezulu, kungeyisikho ngezinto ezisemhlabeni. 3 Ngoba lifile, lempilo yenu ifihlwe loKristu kuNkulunkulu. 4 Nxa ebonakaliswa uKristu, oyimpilo yethu, ngalesosikhathi lani lizabonakaliswa laye enkazimulweni. 5 Ngakho bulalani amalunga enu asemhlabeni, ukuphinga, ukungcola, inkanuko embi, ukufisa okubi, lomhawu, oyikukhonza izithombe, 6 okwehla ngalezizinto ulaka

lukaNkulunkulu phezu kwabantwana bokungalaleli; 7 elake lahamba kuzo lani, lapho lalihlezi phakathi kwazo. 8 Kodwa khathesi lani khuphani konke lokhu, ulaka, ukuthukuthela, inzondo, inhlamba, ukukhuluma amanyala emlonyeni wenu; 9 lingaqambelani amanga, lokhu selimhlubule umuntu omdala lezenzo zakhe, 10 selembethe omutsha, owenziwa kutsha elwazini njengomfanekiso walowo owamdalayo; 11 okungekho umGriki lomJuda, ukusoka lokungasoki, owezizweni, umSikethiya, isigqili, okhululekileyo; kodwa uKristu uyikho konke lakukho konke. 12 Ngakho yembathani, njengabakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu, abangcwele labathandekayo, imihelo yesihawu, ububele, ukuzithoba, ubumnene, ukubekezela; 13 libekezelelane, lithethelelane uba umuntu elensolo komunye; njengoba loKristu walithethelela, ngokunjalo lani; 14 phezu kwakho konke-ke yembathani uthando, oluyisibopho sokuphelela. 15 Lokuthula kukaNkulunkulu kakubuse enhliziyweni zenu, elibizelwa kukho lani emzimbeni munye; futhi banini ngababongayo. 16 Ilizwi likaKristu kalihlale phakathi kwenu ngokwenotho enhlakanipheni yonke; lifundisane lilayane, ngezihlabelelo, lamahubo odumo, lengoma zomoya, lihlabelela lilomusa enhliziyweni zenu eNkosini. 17 Njalo konke loba yini eliyenzayo, elizwini loba esenzweni, konke kwenzeni ebizweni leNkosi uJesu, libonge uNkulunkulu loBaba ngaye. 18 Bafazi, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwawenu amadoda, njengokufanele eNkosini. 19 Madoda, thandani omkenu, lingabi lokubaba kubo. 20 Bantwana, lalalani abazali ezintweni zonke; ngoba lokhu kuyayithokozisa iNkosi. 21 Bobaba, lingabathukuthelisi abantwana benu, ukuze bangadani. 22 Zisebenzi, lalalani ezintweni zonke labo abangamakhosi njengokwenyama, kungeyisikho ngenkonzo yamehlo njengabathokozisa abantu, kodwa ngobuqotho benhliziyo, lisesaba uNkulunkulu; 23 njalo yonke loba yini eliyenzayo, yenzeni ngenhliziyo, njengeNkosini, njalo kungeyisikho ebantwini; 24 lisazi ukuthi eNkosini lizakwemukela umvuzo welifa; ngoba likhonza iNkosi uKristu. 25 Kodwa owenza okubi uzazemukela okubi akwenzileyo; njalo kakukho ukubandlulula umuntu.

4 Makhosi, nikani izisebenzi okulungileyo lokulingeneyo, lisazi ukuthi lani lileNkosi emazulwini. 2 Khuthalani emkhulekweni, lilinde kuwo ngokubonga; 3 likhuleke ngesikhathi

esifananayo ngathi futhi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu asivulele umnyango welizwi, ukukhuluma imfihlo kaKristu, lami engibotshwe ngenxa yayo; 4 ukuthi ngiyibonakalise, njengalokhu ngifanele ukukhuluma. 5 Hambani ngenhlakanipho mayelana labangaphandle, lihlenga isikhathi. 6 Ilizwi lenu kalihlale emuseni, linambitheke ngetshwayi, ukuze lazi ukuthi kulifanele njani ukuphendula lowo lalowo. 7 Konke okumaqondana lami uzalitshele uTikiko, umzawlwane othandekayo lesikhonzi esithembekileyo lesisebenzi kanye lathi eNkosini; 8 engimthume kini kukho lokhu, ukuze azi indaba zenu lokuthi aduduze inhliziyi zenu; 9 kanye loOnesimo umzawlwane othembekileyo lothandekayo, owakini. Bazalazisa konke okulapha. 10 Uyalibingelela uAristako oyisibotshwa kanye lami, loMarko umzawakhe kaBarnabasi, elemukela imilayo ngaye; uba efika kini, memukeleni, 11 loJesu othiwa nguJustusi, owabokusoka; laba bodwa yizisebenzi kanye lami embusweni kaNkulunkulu, ababa yinduduzo kimi. 12 Uyalibingelela uEpafra owakini, inceku kaKristu, elilwela emikhulekweni ngezikhathi zonke, ukuze lime liphelele ligcwaliswe entandweni yonke kaNkulunkulu. 13 Ngoba ngiyafakaza kuye ukuthi uyalitshisekela kakhulu labaseLawodikeya labaseHiyerapoli. 14 Uyalibingelela uLuka umelaphi othandekayo, loDema. 15 Binglelani abazawlwane abaseLawodikeya, loNimfa, lebandla elisemzini wakhe. 16 Njalo nxa isifundiwe lincwadi phakathi kwenu, bonani ukuthi ifundwe lebandleni labeLawodikeya, njalo ukuthi lani liyifunde leyo evela eLawodikeya. 17 Limtshele uArkipho lithi: Qaphela inkonzo oyemukele eNkosini, ukuthi uyiphelelise. 18 Isibingelelo ngesami isandla esikaPawuli. Khumbulani izibopho zami. Umusa kawube lani. Amen.

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1 UPawuli loSilivanu loTimothi, kubandla labeThesalonika kuNkulunkulu uBaba, leNkosi uJesu Kristu: Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu, leNkosi uJesu Kristu. **2** Sibonga uNkulunkulu ngezikhathi zonke ngani lonke, siliphatha emikhulekweni yethu, **3** sikhumbula ngokungaphezi isenzo senu sokholo, lomsebenzi onzima wothando, lokuqina kwethemba eNkosini yethu uJesu Kristu, phambi kukaNkulunkulu loBaba wethu; **4** sisazi, bazalwane abathandiweyo nguNkulunkulu, ukukhethwa kwenu; **5** ngoba ivangeli lethu kalifikanga kini ngelizwi kuphela, kodwa langamandla, langoMoya oNgcwele, langokuqiniswa okukhulu, njengoba lisazi ukuthi sasinjani phakathi kwenu ngenxa yenu. **6** Lani laba ngabalingisi bethu labeNkosi, selilemukele ilizwi ekhuluphekeni okukhulu lilentokozo kaMoya oNgcwele, **7** laze laba yizibonelo kubo bonke abakhulwayo eMakedoniya leAkaya. **8** Ngoba kini kwezwakala ilizwi leNkosi, kungeyisikho eMakedoniya leAkaya kuphela, kodwa ukholo lwenu kuNkulunkulu lwaphumela lakuyo yonke indawo, okokuthi kwakungasadingeki ukuthi sikhulume ulutho. **9** Ngoba bona uqobo lwabo balandisa ngathi ukuthi saba lokungena okunjani kini, lokuthi laphendukela njani kuNkulunkulu livela ezithombeni, ukuthi likhonze uNkulunkulu ophilayo loweqiniso, **10** lilindele iNdodana yakhe ivela emazulwini, ayivusa kwabafileyo, uJesu osihlangula elakeni oluzayo.

2 Ngoba liyazi lina, bazalwane, ukungena kwethu kini, ukuthi kakubanga yize; **2** kodwa lanxa sasihluphekile kuqala saphathwa kubi, njengoba lisazi, eFiliphi, saba lesibindi kuNkulunkulu wethu sokukhuluma kini ivangeli likaNkulunkulu phakathi kokulwa okukhulu. **3** Ngoba inkuthazo yethu yayingayisiyo yokuduhla njalo ingaveli ekungcoleni, njalo ingengobuqili; **4** kodwa njengoba sivunyelwe nguNkulunkulu ukuthi siphathiswe ivangeli, sikhuluma ngokunjalo, kungenjengokuthokozisa abantu, kodwa uNkulunkulu ohlola inhliziyi zethu. **5** Ngoba kasizange size ngamazwi ayengayo, njengoba lisazi, futhi kungeyisikho ngokufihla ubuhwaba; uNkulunkulu ungumfakazi; **6** singadingi udumo ebantwini, futhi

olungaveli kini kumbe kwabanye, loba sasingaba ngumthwalo njengabaphostoli bakaKristu, **7** kodwa saba mnene phakathi kwenu njengomdlezana esingatha abakhe abantwana. **8** Njengoba besilithanda kangaka, sathokoza ukulinika kungeyisilo ivangeli likaNkulunkulu kuphela, kodwa lemiphefumulo yethu uqobo, ngoba laselingabathandekayo kithi. **9** Ngoba liyakhumbula, bazalwane, ukutshikatsika lokulwisa kwethu; ngoba ubusuku lemini sisebenza ukuze singabi ngumthwalo lakomunye wenu, silitshumayeza ivangeli likaNkulunkulu. **10** Lina lingabafakazi, loNkulunkulu, ukuthi sasingcwele njani njalo silungile futhi singasoleki kini elikhulwayo; **11** njengoba-ke lisazi ukuthi ngulowo lalowo wenu, njengoyise kwabakhe abantwana, salikhuthaza njani saliduduzisa safakazi **12** ukuthi lihambe ngokufanele uNkulunkulu olibizela embusweni lebukhosini bakhe. **13** Ngenxa yalokhu njalo thina kasiyekeli ukumbonga uNkulunkulu, ukuthi selemukele ilizwi likaNkulunkulu elalizwa kithi, lemukela kungeyisilo ilizwi labantu, kodwa linjengeqiniso ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, osebenza lakini elikhulwayo. **14** Ngoba lina, bazalwane, laba ngabalingiseli bamabandla kaNkulunkulu aseJudiya kuKristu Jesu; ngoba lani lahlupheka lezizinto kwabesizwe sakini uqobo, njengoba lawo kumaJuda, **15** abulala leNkosi uJesu labaprofethi bawo uqobo, asizingela lathi, kawamthokozisi uNkulunkulu, amelana labantu bonke, **16** esivimbela ukutshumayeza abezizwe ukuze basindiswe, ukuze agcwalise izono zawo njalonjalo; kodwa ulaka selwehle phezu kwawo kuze kube sekupheleni. **17** Kodwa thina, bazalwane, lokhu sehlukaniswe lani okwesikhathshana, ngobuso, kungeyisikho ngenhliziyo, sazama kakhulukazi ukuthi sibone ubuso benu ngokulangatha okukhulu. **18** Ngakho besifisa ukufika kini, ikakhulu mina Pawuli, lakanye lokuphinda, kodwa uSathane wasivimbela; **19** ngoba liyini ithemba lethu, kumbe intokozo, kumbe umqhele wokuzincoma? Angithi yini futhi, phambi kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu ekufikeni kwayo? **20** Ngoba lina liludumo lentokozo yethu.

3 Kwathi-ke singaselakubekezela, sathi kuhle ukuthi sitshiye sodwa eAtene, **2** sasesithuma uTimothi umzalwane wethu lesikhonzi sikaNkulunkulu lesisebenzi kanye lathi evangelini likaKristu, ukuze aliqinise lokuthi alikhuthaze ngokholo lwenu, **3** ukuze kunganyikinywa lamunye kulezizinhlupheko; ngoba

liyazi lina ukuthi simiselwe lokhu. 4 Ngoba lathi siselani, salitshela ngaphambili ukuthi sesizahlupheka, njengoba futhi kwenzeka, lani liyakwazi. 5 Ngenxa yalokhu futhi ngingaselakubekezela, ngathumela ukuthi ngazi ukholo lwenu, hlezi mhlawumbe umlingi ulilingile, lokuthi umtshikatsika wethu ube yize. 6 Kodwa khathesi uTimothy usefikile kithi evela kini, usibikele indaba ezinhle zokholo lothando lwenu, lokuthi lihlala lilomkhumbulo omuhle ngathi, lifisa kakhulu ukusibona, njengoba-ke lathi lina; 7 ngenxa yalokhu saduduzeka, bazalwane, ngani, kukho konke ukuhlupheka losizi lwethu ngokholo lwenu; 8 ngoba khathesi siyaphila, uba lina limi liqinile eNkosini. 9 Ngoba sibongobani esingenanisa kuNkulunkulu ngani, ngentokozo yonke esithokoza ngayo ngenxa yenu phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu? 10 Ebusuku lemini siyakhuleka kakhulu sidlulisa amalawulo ukuze sibone ubuso benu, siphelise-ke okusileleyo kokholo lwenu. 11 Njalo kungathi uNkulunkulu uqobo loBaba wethu, leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu angaqondisa indlela yethu kini; 12 njalo kungathi iNkosi ingalandisa njalo ilenze lengezeleleke ethandweni omunye komunye lakubo bonke, njengoba sinjalo lathi kini, 13 ukuze iqinise inhliziyu zenu zingasoleki ebungcweleni, phambi kukaNkulunkulu loBaba wethu, ekufikeni kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kanye labangcwele bakhe bonke.

4 Okunye-ke, bazalwane, siyalincenga silikhuthaza eNkosini uJesu, njengalokhu lakwemukela kithi ukuthi kulifanele njani ukuhamba lokumthokozisa uNkulunkulu, ukuze lengezelele kukho kakhulu. 2 Ngoba liyazi ukuthi milayo bani esalinika yona ngeNkosi uJesu. 3 Ngoba le yintando kaNkulunkulu, ukungcweliswa kwenu, ukuthi lizithinte ekuphingeni; 4 ukuthi ngulowo lalowo wenu kakwazi ukugcina esakhe isitsha ekungcweliseni lekuhlonipheni, 5 kungeyisikho enkanukweni yesifiso, njengabezizwe labo abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu. 6 Kakungabi khona oweqayo aqile umfowabo endabeni; ngoba iNkosi ingumphindiseli ngazo zonke lezizinto, njengoba lathi salitshela ngaphambili, safakaza. 7 Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasibizelanga emanyaleni, kodwa ebungcweleni. 8 Ngakho lowo odelelayo, kadeleli muntu, kodwa uNkulunkulu owasinika futhi uMoya wakhe oyiNgcwele. 9 Kodwa mayelana lothando lobuzalwane kalidingi ukuthi ngilibhalele; ngoba lina uqobo lifundisiwe nguNkulunkulu ukuthi lithandane;

10 ngoba lani lenza lokhu kubo bonke abazalwane abaseMakedoniya yonke; kodwa siyalikhuthaza, bazalwane, ukuthi lengezelele kakhulu, 11 njalo likhuthalele ukuba lokuthula lokwenza okwenu, lokusebenza ngezenu izandla, njengoba salilaya; 12 ukuze lihambe ngokuhlonitshwa ngabangaphandle, lingasweli lutho. 13 Kodwa kangithandi ukuthi lingabi lalwazi, bazalwane, ngalabo abaleleyo, ukuze lingadabuki, njengabanye labo abangelathemba. 14 Ngoba uba sikholwa ukuthi uJesu wafa wavuka, ngokunjalo-ke labo abalele kuJesu, uNkulunkulu uzabaletha kanye laye. 15 Ngoba lokhu sikutsho kini ngelizwi leNkosi, ukuthi thina esiphilayo esitshiywe kuze kube sekufikeni kweNkosi, isibili kasiyikubaqalela labo asebelele; 16 ngoba iNkosi uqobo izakwehla ivela ezulwini ngesimemezelo sokulawula, ngelizwi lengilosi eyinduna, langokukhala kophondo lukaNkulunkulu, labafileyo kuKristu bazavuka kuqala; 17 kulandele thina esiphilayo esitshiyweyo, sizahluthunelwa kanye labo emayezini siyehlangebeza iNkosi emoyeni; ngokunjalo besesihlala leNkosi njalonjalo. 18 Ngakho duduzanani ngalamazwi.

5 Kodwa ngezikhathi langemizuzu, bazalwane, kalisweli ukuthi libhalelwe, 2 ngoba lina uqobo liyazi kuhle kakhulu ukuthi usuku lweNkosi luzafika ngokunjalo njengesela ebusuku; 3 ngoba nxa besithi: Ukuthula lokuhlala kuhle, khona ukubhujiswa okujumayo kuzabehlela, njengomhelo kowesifazana okhulelweyo, njalo kabasoze baphunyuke. 4 Kodwa lina, bazalwane, kalikho emnyameni, ukuze lolosuku luliphuthume njengesela; 5 lina lonke lingabantwana bokukhanya labantwana bemini; kasisibo abobusuku loba abobumnyama; 6 ngakho-ke asingalali njengabanye labo, kodwa asilinde siqonde. 7 Ngoba abalalayo balala ebusuku; labadakwayo badakwa ebusuku. 8 Kodwa thina esingabemini, asiqonde, sifake isivikelo sesifuba sokholo lothando, lethemba losindiso libe likhowa, 9 ngoba uNkulunkulu kasimisela ulaka, kodwa ukuzuzisa usindiso ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, 10 owasifelayo, ukuze loba siphapheme loba silele, siphile kanye laye. 11 Ngakho khuthazanani, lakhane, njengoba lani likwenza. 12 Kodwa siyalincenga, bazalwane, ukuthi libazi labo abasebenza nzima phakathi kwenu, labaliphathayo eNkosini, labalelulekayo, 13 njalo libahlonipha kakhulu okwedlula amalawulo ethandweni

ngenxa yomsebenzi wabo. Hlalisani ngokuthula. **14** Kodwa siyalikhuthaza, bazalwane, yelulekani abangelamthetho, liduduze abadanileyo, lisekele ababuthakathaka, libekezelele bonke. **15** Qaphelani ukuthi kungabi khona ophindisela omunye okubi ngokubi; kodwa dingisisani ngesikhathi sonke okuhle lomunye komunye lakibo bonke. **16** Thokozani njalonjalo; **17** khulekani lingaphezi; **18** bongani kukho konke; ngoba lokhu kuyintando kaNkulunkulu kuKristu Jesu ngani. **19** Lingamcitshi uMoya; **20** lingadeleli iziprofetho; **21** hlohisani konke; libambebele kokuhle; **22** dedani kukho konke ukubonakala kobubi. **23** Kungathi uNkulunkulu wokuthula uqobo angalenza libe ngcwele ngokupheleleyo; njalo kungathi umoya wenu wonke lomphfumulo lomzimba kungalondolozwa kungasoleki ekufikeni kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. **24** Uthembekile yena olibizayo; laye ozakwenza lokhu. **25** Bazalwane, sikhulekeleni. **26** Bingelelani abazalwane bonke ngokwanga okungcwele. **27** Ngiyalifungisa ngeNkosi, ukuthi lincwadi ifundwe kubo bonke abazalwane abangcwele. **28** Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani. Ameni.

KwabaseThesalonika

1 UPawuli loSilivanu loTimothi kubandla labeThesalonika elikuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu: 2 Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu. 3 Simele ukumbonga uNkulunkulu njalunjalo ngani, bazalwane, njengoba kufanele, ngoba ukholo lwenu luyanda ngokungelakulinganiswa, lothando lwalowo lalowo wenu lonke luyengezeleleka komunye lomunye; 4 ngakho thina ngokwethu siyazincoma ngani emabandleni kaNkulunkulu ngenxa yokubekezela kwenu lokholo phakathi kokuzingelwa kwenu konke lezinhlupheko elibekezela kuzo; 5 okuyisibonakaliso sokwahlulelwa okulungileyo kukaNkulunkulu, ukuze kuthiwe lingabafanele umbuso kaNkulunkulu, lani eliwuhluphekelayo; 6 njengoba kuyinto elungileyo kuNkulunkulu ukuthi abuyisele ukuhlupheka kwabalihluphayo, 7 njalo kini elihluphekayo, ukuphumula kanye lathi, ekwembulweni kweNkosi uJesu evela ezulwini lengilosi zamandla akhe, 8 emalangabini omililo, esenza impindiselo kwabangamaziyo uNkulunkulu, lakwabangalaleli ivangeli leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu; 9 abazahlupheka ngesijeziro sokubhujiswa okulaphakade, basuswe ebusweni beNkosi lenkazimulweni yamandla akhe, (aiōnios g166) 10 mhla efika ukuthi adunyiswe kubangcwele bakhe, njalo abatshazwe ekubo bonke abakholwayo (ngoba ubufakazi bethu bakholeka phakathi kwenu) ngalolosuku. 11 Ngenxa yalokho sihlala siliikhulekela lani, ukuze uNkulunkulu wethu alibone lingabafanele ubizo, lokuze aphelelise yonke intando enhle yobuhle bakhe lomsebenzi wokholo ngamandla; 12 ukuze ibizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu lidunyiswe kini, lani kuye, njengomusa kaNkulunkulu wethu loweNkosi uJesu Kristu.

2 Siyalincenga-ke, bazalwane, mayelana lokufika kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, lokubuthana kwethu kuyo, 2 ukuthi lingaphangisi liququhiswe engqondweni, kumbe lethuswe, loba ngumoya, loba yilizwi, loba yincwadi ngokungathi ivela kithi, ngokungathi usuku lukaKristu selufikile. 3 Kakungabi lamuntu olikhohlisayo langayiphi indlela;

ngoba aluyikufika ngaphandle kokuthi ukuhlubuka kufike kuqala, lomuntu wesono embulwe, indodana yokubhujiswa, 4 omelana azikhukhumeze phezu kwakho konke okuthiwa nguNkulunkulu loba yinto ekhonzwayo, aze ahlale ethempelini likaNkulunkulu njengoNkulunkulu, ezitshaya uNkulunkulu. 5 Kalikhumbuli yini ukuthi ngiseselani ngalitshele lezizinto? 6 Selikwazi khathezi okuvimbelayo, ukuze embulwe ngesakhe isikhathi. 7 Ngoba imfihlo yokungabi lomthetho isasebenza; kuphela kukhona ovimbelayo okwalesisikhathi, aze asuswe phakathi, 8 khona-ke ezakwembulwa oNgelamthetho, iNkosi ezamqeda ngokuphefumula komlomo wayo, izambhubhisa ngokubonakala kokufika kwayo; 9 lowo okufika kwakhe kunjengokusebenza kukaSathane emandleni wonke lezibonakalisweni lezimangalisweni zamanga, 10 lenkohlisweni yonke yokungalungi kulabo ababhubhayo, ngoba kabemukelanga uthando lweqiniso ukuze basindiswe. 11 Ngenxa yalokhu-ke uNkulunkulu uzabathumezela amandla enkohliso, ukuze bakholwe amanga; 12 ukuze balahlwe bonke abangakhohlwanga iqiniso, kodwa bathokoza kukho ukungalungi. 13 Kodwa thina simele ukubonga uNkulunkulu njalunjalo ngani, bazalwane abathandwa beNkosi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu walikhethela usindiso kusukela ekuqaleni, ekungcwelisweni koMoya, lokholo lweqiniso; 14 owalibizela kulokhu ngevangelile lethu, ekuzuzeni inkazimulo yeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. 15 Ngakho-ke, bazalwane, manini liqine, libambelele ezimfundisweni elazifundiswayo, loba ngelizwi, kumbe ngencwadi yethu. 16 Kakuthi-ke iNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu uqobo, loNkulunkulu, ngitsho uBaba wethu owasithandayo, lowasinika induduzo elaphakade lethemba elihle ngomusa, (aiōnios g166) 17 aduduze inhliziyu zenu, aliqinise emazwini lemisebenzini yonke emihle.

3 Elokucina, bazalwane, sikhulekeleni, ukuze ilizwi leNkosi ligijime, lidunyiswe, njengalokhu kwaba njalo lakini, 2 lokuthi sikhululwe ebantwini abangaqondanga lababi; ngoba ukholo kayisilo lwabo bonke. 3 Kodwa iNkosi ithembekile, ezaliquinisa ilivikele komubi. 4 Silethemba-ke eNkosini ngani, ukuthi izinto esililaya zona, lani liyazenza njalo lizazenza. 5 Kodwa iNkosi sengathi ingaqondisa inhliziyu zenu ethandweni lukaNkulunkulu, lekubekezeleni kukaKristu. 6 Siyalilaya-ke, bazalwane, ebizweni

leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, ukuthi lizehlukanise laye wonke umzalwane ohamba ngokungafanelanga, njalo kungenjengomlayo elawemukela kithi. **7** Ngoba liyazi ngokwenu ukuthi lifanele lisilingise njani; ngoba kasihambanga ngokungafanelanga phakathi kwenu, **8** njalo kasidlanga kudla komuntu ngesihle, kodwa ekutshikatshikeni lekusebenzeni nzima, ubusuku lemini sisebenza, ukuze singabi ngumthwalo lakomunye wenu; **9** kungesikuthi sasingelalungelo, kodwa ukuze sizinikele kini njengesibonelo sokusilingisela. **10** Ngoba lalapho silani, salilaya lokhu ukuthi: Uba umuntu engafuni ukusebenza, akumelanga adle. **11** Ngoba sizwa ukuthi abanye phakathi kwenu bahambahamba ngokungafanelanga, kabasebenzi lutho, kodwa besenza izinto ezingelamsebenzi. **12** Abanjalo-ke siyabalaya sibakhuthaze ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, ukuze basebenze ngokuthula badle okwabo ukudla. **13** Lani, bazalwane, lingadinwa yikwenza okuhle. **14** Kodwa uba umuntu engalaleli ilizwi lethu ngenchwadi, mqapheliseni lowo, njalo lingahlangani laye, ukuze abe lenhloni; **15** njalo lingamphathi njengesitha, kodwa melulekeni njengomzalwane. **16** Sengathi-ke iNkosi yokuthula uqobo ingalinika ukuthula ngesikhathi sonke ngendlela zonke. INkosi kayibe lani lonke. **17** Isibingelelo ngesami isandla esikaPawuli, okuluphawu kuyo yonke incwadi; ngibhala ngokunjalo. **18** Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani lonke. Amen.

1 KuThimothi

1 UPawuli, umphostoli kaJesu Kristu njengokomlayo kaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu, loweNkosi uJesu Kristu ithemba lethu, **2** kuTimothi umntanami weqiniso ekholweni: Umusa, isihawu, ukuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu loJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu. **3** Njengoba ngakukhuthaza ukuthi uhlale eEfesu, ngisiya eMakedoniya, ukuze ulaye abathile ukuthi bangafundisi imfundiso eyehlukileyo, **4** futhi bangananzeleli izinganekwane lendaba zosendo olokuzalana ezingapheliyo, ezibanga ukuphikisana kulokwakha kukaNkulunkulu okusekholweni. **5** Kodwa injongo yomlayo luthando oluvela enhliziyweni emhlophe lakusazela esihle lekholweni olungelakuzenzisa; **6** kulokhu abathile abaduhe kukho baphambukela ekukhulumeni okuyize, **7** befuna ukuthi babe ngabafundisi bomlayo, bengaqedisisi lezinto abazitshoyo, kumbe langezinto abaziqiniso. **8** Kodwa siyazi ukuthi umlayo ulungile, uba umuntu ewusebenzisa ngokomlayo, **9** esazi lokhu, ukuthi umlayo kawubekelwa olungileyo, kodwa abangelamlayo labangalaleliyo, abeyisa uNkulunkulu labayizoni, abangangcwele labangakholwayo, ababulala oyise lababulala onina, ababulala abantu, **10** izifebe, abesilisa abalalanayo, abathumba abantu, abaqambimanga, abephula izifungo, njalo nxa kukhona okunye okuphambene lemfundiso ephilileyo, **11** njengokwewangeli lenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu obusisiweyo, engaphathiswa lona. **12** Ngiyambongake owanginika amandla, uKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu, ukuthi wangibona ngithembekile, wangimisa enkonzwini, **13** engangikade ngingumhlambazi lomzingeli lomthuki; kodwa ngahawukelwa, ngoba ngangikwenza ngokungazi ekungakholweni; **14** kodwa umusa weNkosi yethu wengezelelwa kakhulu kanye lokholo lothando olukuKristu Jesu. **15** Lithembekile lelilizwi njalo lifanele ukwemukelwa konke, ukuthi uKristu Jesu weza emhlabeni ukusindisa izoni, engiyinduna yazo mina; **16** kodwa ngenxa yalokhu ngahawukelwa, ukuze kimi engiyinduna uJesu Kristu abonakalise konke ukubekezela, ngibe yisibonelo kwabazakholwa kuye empilweni ephakade. (aiōnios g166) **17** Kuyo-ke iNkosi eyisimakade, engabhubhiyo, engelakubonwa, uNkulunkulu yedwa ohlakaniphileyo, kakube udumo lobukhosi kuze kube nini lanininini.

Ameni. (aiōn g165) **18** Lumlayo ngiwunika wena, mntanami Timothi, njengeziprofetho ezenzakala kuqala ngawe, ukuze ngazo ulwe ukulwa okuhle, **19** ubamba ukholo lesazela esihle, abanye abasininayo, bachithekelwa ngumkhumbi mayelana lokholo; **20** okukubo uHimeneyo loAleksandro, engibanikele kuSathane, ukuze bafunde ukuthi bangahlambazi.

2 Ngakho kuqala kukho konke ngikhuthaza ukuthi ukunxusa, imikhuleko, ukulabhela, ukubonga kwenzelwe abantu bonke; **2** amakhosi, labo bonke abayiziphathamandla, ukuze sichithe impilo elokuthula lepholileyo kukho konke ukukhonza uNkulunkulu lenhlonipho; **3** ngoba lokhu kule kuyemukeleka phambi kukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu, **4** ofuna ukuthi bonke abantu basindiswe njalo beze elwazini lweqiniso. **5** Ngoba munye uNkulunkulu, njalo munye umlamuli phakathi kukaNkulunkulu labantu, umuntu uKristu Jesu, **6** owazinikela yena ukuba lihlawulo labo bonke, ubufakazi ngezikhathi ezifaneleyo, **7** mina engamiselwa khona ukuba ngumtshumayeli lomphostoli (ngikhuluma iqiniso kuKristu, kangiqambi manga) umfundisi wabezizwe ekholweni leqinisiweni. **8** Ngakho ngifisa ukuthi amadoda akhuleke kuyo yonke indawo, ephakamisa izandla ezingcwele, engelalaka lokuxabana. **9** Ngokunjalo labesifazana bazicecise ngezizigqoko ezifaneleyo, lenhlonipho lokuqonda, kungabi ngenwele ezelukiweyo, kumbe igolide, kumbe amapharele, kumbe izembatho ezidulayo, **10** kodwa, okufanele abesifazana abathi bakhonza uNkulunkulu, ngemisebenzi emihle. **11** Owesifazana kafunde ngokuthula ekuzithobeni konke. **12** Kodwa kangivumeli owesifazana ukuthi afundise, kumbe abe lamandla phezu kowesilisa, kodwa abe ekuthuleni. **13** Ngoba uAdamu wabunjwa kuqala, emva kwalokho uEva; **14** futhi uAdamu kakhohliswanga, kodwa owesifazana esekhohlisiwe waba sesiphambekweni, **15** kodwa uzasindiswa ngokuzala abantwana, uba behlala ekholweni lethandweni lebungcweleni kanye lokuqonda.

3 Lithembekile ilizwielithi: Uba umuntu efisa isikhundla sombonisi, ufisa umsebenzi omuhle; **2** ngakho kumele ukuthi umbonisi abe ngongasolekiyo, indoda yomfazi munye, ozithintayo, oqondileyo, oziphatha ngokufaneleyo, ophatha kule izihambi, olelisu lokufundisa; **3** angabi yisidakwa, angabi

ngothanda ukulwa, anganxwaneli inzuzo embi, kodwa abe mnene, angabi ngothanda ukuxabana, angabi ngothanda imali; 4 ephatha kuhle owakhe umuzi, elabantwana abalalela ngenhlonipho yonke, 5 ngoba uba umuntu engakwazi ukuphatha owakhe umuzi, angaligcina njani ibandla likaNkulunkulu? 6 Kangabi ngosanda ukukholwa, hlezi ngokukhukhunyezwa awele ekulahlweni kukadiyabhola. 7 Kumele futhi ukuthi abe lobufakazi obuhle kwabangaphandle, hlezi awele ekuthukweni lemjibileni kadiyabhola. 8 Ngokunjalo abadikoni bahlonipheke, bangabi ndimimbili, bangananzi iwayini elinengi, bangafisi inzuzo embi, 9 babambe imfihlo yokholo esazeleni esimhlophe. 10 Laba-ke kabaqale bahlolwe, okulandelayo kabakhonze uba bengasoleki. 11 Ngokunjalo omkabo babe ngabahloniphekayo, abanganyeyiyo, abazithintayo, bethembekile ezintweni zonke. 12 Abadikoni kababe ngamadoda amfazi munye, apha kule abantwana leyawo imizi. 13 Ngoba abakhonze kuhle bazizuzela isimilo esihle, lesibindi esikhulu ekholweni olukuKristu Jesu. 14 Lezizinto ngikubhalela zona, ngithemba ukuza kuwe masinyane; 15 kodwa uba ngibambeka, ukuze wazi ukuthi kufanele uziphathe njani endlini kaNkulunkulu, elibandla likaNkulunkulu ophilayo, insika lesisekelo seqiniso. 16 Kuyavunywa-ke ukuthi yinkulu imfihlo yokukhonza uNkulunkulu: UNkulunkulu wabonakaliswa enyameni, wathiwa ulungile kuMoya, wabonwa zingilosi, watshunyayelwa ezizweni, wakholeka emhlabeni, wenyuselwa ebukhosini.

4 UMoya-ke utsho ngokucacileyo ukuthi ngezikhathi zokucina abanye bazahlelela nyovane ekholweni, balalele omoya abaduhisayo lemfundiso zamadimoni, 2 ekuzenziseni kwabaqambimanga, betshiswe kwezabo izazela ngensimbi etshisayo, 3 besalela ukuthathana, bezila ukudla uNkulunkulu akudalileyo ekwemukelweni lokubonga ngabakholwayo labazi iqiniso; 4 ngoba sonke isidalwa sikaNkulunkulu sihle, kakulahlwa lutho, uba lwemukelwa kanye lokubonga; 5 ngoba luyangcweliswa ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu langomkhuleko. 6 Uba ubeluleka lezizinto abazalwane uzakuba yisikhonzi esihle sikaJesu Kristu, wondliwe emazwini okholo, lawemfundiso enhle oyilandelayo ngokunanzelela. 7 Kodwa wale inganekwane ezimbi lezezalukazi. Uzejwayeze ukukhonza uNkulunkulu; 8 ngoba

ukwejwayeze umzimba kulokusiza okuncinyane; kodwa ukukhonza uNkulunkulu kusiza ezintweni zonke, kulesithembiso sempilo yalamuhla lezayo. 9 Lithembekile ilizwi njalo lifanele konke ukwemukelwa. 10 Ngoba ngalokho lathi siyasebenza nzima futhi siyathukwa ngoba sithembele kuNkulunkulu ophilayo onguMsindisi wabo bonke abantu, ikakhulu wabakholwayo. 11 Laya ngalezizinto ufundise. 12 Kungabi lamuntu odelela ubutsha bakho, kodwa woba yisibonelo kwabakholwayo elizwini, ekuhambeni, ethandweni, emoyeni, ekholweni, ekuhlambulukeni. 13 Ngize ngifike, nanzelela ekubaleni, ekulayeni, ekufundiseni. 14 Ungadeleli isiphiwo esikuwe, owasiphiwa ngesiprofetho kanye lokubekwa izandla zobudala. 15 Nakana ngalezizinto, ube kulezizinto, ukuze ukuqhubeka kwakho kubonakale phakathi kwabo bonke. 16 Zinanzelele wena lemfundiso. Hlala kulezizinto; ngoba ngokwenza lokho uzazisindisa wena kanye lalabo abakuzwayo.

5 Ungamkhalimeli omdala, kodwa meluleke njengoyihlo; abatsha njengabafowenu; 2 abesifazana abadala njengonyoko; abesifazana abatsha njengabodadewenu, ekuhlambulukeni konke. 3 Hlonipha abafelokazi abangabafelokazi isibili. 4 Kodwa uba umfelokazi othile elabantwana loba abazukulu, kabafunde kuqala ukuhlonipha indlu yakwabo, kabenanise umkhondo kubazali; ngoba lokhu kuhle kuyemukeleka phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 5 Lowo-ke ongumfelokazi isibili osele yedwa uthembele kuNkulunkulu, uhlala ekunxuseni lemikhulekweni ebusuku lemini. 6 Kanti lowo ozinikela ekuzithokoziseni, ufile ephila. 7 Laya-ke ngalezizinto, ukuze bangasoleki. 8 Kodwa uba umuntu engondli abakibo, ikakhulu abendlu yakhe, uluphikile ukholo, futhi mubi kulongakholwayo. 9 Kangabalwa umfelokazi ongaphansi kweminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha, umfazi owake wenda endodeni kanye, 10 onconywa ngemisebenzi emihle, uba ondle abantwana, uba engenise izihambi, uba egezise inyawo zabangcwele, uba esize abahluphekayo, uba ekhuthalele wonke umsebenzi omuhle. 11 Kodwa abafelokazi abatsha ubale; ngoba nxa sebelenkanuko ezimelana loKristu, bafuna ukwenda; 12 balokulahlwa, ngoba bachithile ukholo lwabo lokuqala. 13 Futhi-ke ngesikhathi esifananayo bafunda ukuvilapha bezula lezindlu, futhi bengavilaphi kuphela,

kodwa babuye bahlebe bengena kokungeyisikho okwabo, bekhuluma okungafanelanga. **14** Ngakho ngifisa ukuthi abafelokazi abatsha bende, bazale abantwana, baphathe umuzi wabo, banganiki isitha lathuba lokuthuka. **15** Ngoba lakhathesi abanye sebephambuke balandela uSathane. **16** Uba okholwayo owesilisa kumbe okholwayo owesifazana elabafelokazi, kabasize, njalo ibandla lingathwaliswa nzima, ukuze lisele abangabafelokazi isibili. **17** Abadala abaphatha kuhle bafanele ukuhlonitshwa ngokuphindiweyo, ikakhulu labo abasebenza nzima elizwini lekufundiseni; **18** ngoba umbhalo uthi: Ungayifaki isayeke inkabi ebhulayo; futhi uthi: Isisebenzi sifanele iholo laso. **19** Ungalemukeli icala elimelana lomdala, ngaphandle phambi kwabafakazi ababili kumbe abathathu. **20** Abonayo basole phambi kwabo bonke, ukuze abanye labo babe lokwesaba. **21** Ngiyakulayisisa phambi kukaNkulunkulu leNkosi uJesu Kristu lengilosi ezikethiweyo, ukuze uzigcine lezizinto ngokungaqumi ngaphambili, ungenzi lutho ngokubandlulula. **22** Ungaphangisi ukubeka izandla phezu komuntu, futhi ungahlanganyeli ezonweni zabanye; uzigcine wena umsulwa. **23** Ungabe usanatha amanzi wodwa, kodwa sebenzisa iwayini elilutshwana, ngenxa yesisu sakho lemikhuhlane yakho futhifuthi. **24** Izono zabanye abantu zisobala, zibaqalela ukuya ekugwetshweni; kanti ezabanye ziyalandela. **25** Ngokunjalo lemisebenzi emihle isobala; laleyo eyehlukileyo ingeke ifihlakale.

6 Bonke abangaphansi kwejugwe, izigqili, kabathi amakhosi abo afanele konke ukuhlonitshwa, ukuze ibizo likaNkulunkulu lemfundiso kungahlanjazwa; **2** labalamakhosi akholwayo bangawadeleli, ngoba engabazalwane; kodwa kulalokhu kabawasebenzele, ngoba ekholwa njalo ethandeka, abahlanganyeli benzuzo. Fundisa njalo ukhuthaze lezizinto. **3** Uba kukhona ofundisa okwehlukileyo, njalo engavumelani lamazwi aphilileyo, aweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, lemfundiso evumelana lokukhonza uNkulunkulu, **4** uyazikhukhumeza, engazi lutho, kodwa ubulawa yinkani lemibuzo lokuphikisana ngamazwi, okuvela kukho umona, umbango, ukuthuka, imicabango emibi, **5** ukuxabaxabana kwabantu abangqondo yabo yonakele, labalahlekelwe liqiniso, besithi ukukhonza uNkulunkulu kuyindlela yenzuzo. Zehlukanise labanjalo. **6** Kodwa ukukhonza uNkulunkulu lokwenela

kuyinzuzo enkulu; **7** ngoba kasizanga lalutho emhlabeni; kusobala ukuthi kasiyikusuka lalutho; **8** kodwa uba silokudla lezembatho sizakweneliswa yikho. **9** Kodwa abafisa ukunotha bawela ekulingweni lemjibileni, lenkanukweni ezinengi zobuphukuphuku ezilimazayo, ezicwilisela abantu encithakalweni lekubhujisweni; **10** ngoba uthando lwemali luyimpande yakho konke okubi; abanye beyifisa, baduhile ekholweni, bazigwaza ngenhlungu ezinengi. **11** Kodwa wena, O muntu kaNkulunkulu, balekela lezizinto; njalo udingisise ukulunga, ukwesaba uNkulunkulu, ukholo, uthando, ukubekezela, ubumnene. **12** Lwana ukulwa okuhle kokholo, ubambelele empilweni ephakade, owabizelwa kuyo, wavuma uvumo oluhle phambi kwabafakazi abanengi. (aiōnios g166) **13** Ngiyakulaya phambi kukaNkulunkulu ophilisa konke, loKristu Jesu owafakaza uvumo oluhle phambi kukaPontiyusi Pilatu, **14** ukuthi ugcine umthetho ungelasici, ungasoleki, kuze kube sekubonakaleni kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, **15** ozakubonakalisa ngezakhe izikhathi obusisiweyo loSomandla oyedwa, iNkosi yamakhosi, loMbusi wababusi, **16** yena yedwa olokungafi, ohlala ekukhanyeni okungelakusondelelwa, akulamuntu ebantwini owambonayo, kumbe ongambona; okukuye udumo lamandla aphakade. Amen. (aiōnios g166) **17** Laya abanothileyo emhlabeni wakhathesi ukuthi bangazigqaji, bangathembeli ekungaqondini kwenotho, kodwa kuNkulunkulu ophilayo osipha ngokunotha zonke izinto ukuze sithokoze, (aiōn g165) **18** benze okuhle, banothe emisebenzini emihle, balungele ukupha, ukwabelana ngesihle, **19** bazibekele isisekelo esihle sibekelwa okuzayo, ukuze babambe impilo elaphakade. **20** O Timothy, londoloza kuhle okubekwe kuwe, uxwaye ukukhuluma okuyize okungcolileyo lokuphikisana kwalokho okuthiwa lulwazi kungeyisilo, **21** okuthe abanye ngokukuvuma baduha ekholweni. Umusa kawube lawe. Amen.

2 KuThimothi

1 UPawuli umphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, njengokwesithembiso sempilo ekuKristu Jesu, 2 kuTimothi, umntanami othandekayo: Umusa, isihawu, ukuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba, loKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu. 3 Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu, engimkhonzayo kusukela kubokhokho esazeleni esimhlophe, njengalokhu ngikukhumbula ngokungaphezi emikhulekweni yami ebusuku lemini, 4 ngilangatha ukukubona, ngikhumbula inyembezi zakho, ukuze ngigcwaliswe ngentokozo, 5 nxa ngibeka emkhumbulweni ukholo olungelakuzenzisa olukuwe, olwaluhlezi kugogo wakho uLoyisi kuqala lakunyoko uYunike, njalo ngithemba ukuthi lukhona lakuwe. 6 Ngenxa yalesisizatho ngiyakukhumbuzwa ukuthi uvuselele isipho sikaNkulunkulu, esikuwe ngokubekwa kwezandla zami. 7 Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasinikanga umoya wobugwala, kodwa owamandla lowothando lowokuqonda. 8 Ngakho ungabi lanhloni ngobufakazi beNkosi yethu, loba ngami isibotshwa sayo; kodwa kumele uhlupheke kanye levangeli njengamandla kaNkulunkulu, 9 owasisindisayo, njalo wasibiza ngobizo olungcwele, kungeyisikho njengemisebenzi yethu kodwa ngokwelakhe icebo langomusa, asinika wona kuKristu Jesu kungakafiki izibanga zezikhathi, (aiōnios g166) 10 kodwa oselubonakaliswe khathezi ngokubonakala koMsindisi wethu uJesu Kristu, owachitha ukufa, waseletha ekukhanyeni impilo lokungabhubhi ngevangel, 11 engamiselwa lona mina ukuba ngumtshumayeli lomphostoli lomfundisi wezizwe. 12 Ngenxa yalesisizatho lami ngiyahlupheka lezizinto, kodwa kangilanhloni; ngoba ngiyamazi engikholwe kuye, njalo ngileqiniso ukuthi ulamandla okulondoloza lokho engikubeke kuye kuze kufike lolosuku. 13 Bamelela kusibonelo samazwi aphilileyo owawezwayo kimi, ekholweni lethandweni olukuKristu Jesu. 14 Lokhu okuhle okuphathisiweyo kulondoloze ngoMoya oNgcwele ohlezi kithi. 15 Uyakwazi lokhu, ukuthi bonke abaseAsiya bangihlamuka, okukubo uFigelo loHermogene. 16 Sengathi iNkosi inganika umusa indlu kaOnesiforo; ngoba wangivuselela kanengi, njalo wayengelanhloni ngeketane lami, 17 kodwa ekufikeni kwakhe eRoma, wangidingisisa kakhulu wasengithola; 18 sengathi iNkosi ingamnika ukuthi athole isihawu eNkosini ngalolosuku; lokuthi

zingaki izinto angenzela zona eEfesu, uyakwazi wena kuhle kakhulu.

2 Ngakho wena, mntanami, qiniswa emuseni okuKristu Jesu. 2 Lezinto owazizwa kimi phakathi kwabafakazi abanengi, zinikele ebantwini abathembekileyo, abazakuba lamandla okufundisa labanye. 3 Ngakho wena hlupheka ngobunzima, njengebutho elihle likaJesu Kristu. 4 Kakho osebenza njengebutho okhanywa zindaba zempilo, ukuze amkholise lowo ombuthileyo. 5 Futhi nxa umuntu laye encintisana, kanikwa umqhele ngaphandle kokuthi encintisana ngokomthetho. 6 Kufanele umlimi osebenza kakhulu emukele kuqala izithelo. 7 Nakana ngezinto engizitshoyo; njalo sengathi iNkosi ingakunika ukuqedisisa ezintweni zonke. 8 Khumbula ukuthi uJesu Kristu wavuswa kwabafileyo, owenzalo kaDavida, njengokwewangeli lami; 9 engihlupheka kulo okubi kuze kube kuzibopho, njengomenzi wobubi; kanti ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kalibotshwanga. 10 Ngakho ngikubekezelele konke ngenxa yabakhethiweyo, ukuze labo bazuze usindiso olukuKristu Jesu, kanye lobukhosi obuphakade. (aiōnios g166) 11 Lithembekile ilizwi elithi: Ngoba uba safu kanye laye, sizaphila kanye laye futhi; 12 uba sibekezela, lathi sizabusa kanye laye; uba simphika, laye uzasiphika; 13 uba singathembeki, yena uhlala ethembekile; angeziphike yena. 14 Bakhumbuze lezizinto, ulayisise phambi kweNkosi ukungaphikisi ngamazwi kokungasizi lutho, kodwa ekuduhisweni kwabezwayo. 15 Khuthalela ukuthi uziveze kuNkulunkulu uthembekile, isisebenzi esingelambangela yokuba lenhloni, esiqondisa kuhle ilizwi leqiniso. 16 Kodwa xwaya ukukhuluma okungcolileyo okuyize; ngoba bazaqhubeka ekungamesabini uNkulunkulu okukhulu, 17 lelizwi labo lizabhibhidla okwemvukuzane; okukubo uHimeneyo loFileto; 18 abaduhileyo eqinisweni, besithi ukuvuka kwabafileyo sekudlule, begenqula ukholo lwabanye. 19 Loba kunjalo isisekelo sikaNkulunkulu simi siqinile, silaloluphawu lokuthi: INkosi iyabazi abangabayo, lokuthi: Wonke obiza ibizo likaKristu kehlukane lokungalungi. 20 Kodwa endlini enkulu kakukho izitsha zegolide lezesiliva kuphela, kodwa lezesihlahla lezebumba, njalo ezinye ngezenhlonipho, kodwa ezinye ngezokungahlonitshwa. 21 Ngakho uba umuntu ezihlambulula kulezizinto, uzakuba yisitsha senhlonipho, esingcwelisiweyo, njalo esilosizo

kumninindlu, sesilungiselwe wonke umsebenzi omuhle. 22 Balekela-ke inkano yobutsha, kodwa udingisise ukulunga, ukholo, uthando, ukuthula kanye labo ababiza iNkosi kuvela enhliziyweni emhlophe. 23 Kodwa yala ukuphikisana okobuthutha lokokungafundi, usazi ukuthi kubanga ukulwa. 24 Inceku yeNkosi-ke kayifanele ukulwisa, kodwa ukuba mnene kubo bonke, ibe lelisu lokufundisa, ibekezela, 25 ibeluleke ngobumnene abalenkani; mhlawumbe uNkulunkulu angabanika ukuphenduka baye kulwazi lweqiniso, 26 njalo basanguluke kumjibila kadiyabhola, ababanjwe nguy e entandweni yakhe.

3 Kodwa yazi lokhu, ukuthi ensukwini zokucina kuzafika izikhathi ezinzima. 2 Ngoba abantu bazakuba ngabazithandayo, abathanda imali, abazikhukhumezayo, abazigqajayo, abahlambazayo, abangalaleli abazali, abangabongiyo, abangangcwele, 3 abangelathando ngemvelo, abangelakuxoliswa, abahlebayo, abangazikhuziyo, abalolaka, abangathandi okuhle, 4 abanikela abanye, abalamawala, abazikhukhumezayo, abathanda intokozo kulokuthanda uNkulunkulu, 5 abalesimo sokukhonza uNkulunkulu, kodwa amandla akho bewaphika; labanjalo baxwaye. 6 Ngoba okuvela kubo labo ngabanyenyela ezindlini, njalo bathumbe abesifazana ababuthakathaka abasindwa yizono, bebuswa zinkanuko eziyinhlobonhlobo, 7 befunda njalonjalo, futhi bengasoze babelakho ukufika elwazini lweqiniso. 8 Njengoba-ke uJanesi loJambere bamelana loMozisi, ngokunjalo lalaba bamelana leqiniso, abantu abalengqondo eyonakeleyo, abangasizi lutho mayelana lokholo. 9 Kodwa kabayikuqhubekela phambili; ngoba ubuthutha babo buzakuba sobala kubo bonke, njengoba kwaba njalo lakobabo. 10 Kodwa wena ulandele ngokunanzelela imfundiso yami, ukuziphatha, injongo, ukholo, ukubekezela, uthando, ukuqiniseka, 11 ukuzingelwa, izinhlopheko, njengalokhu okwangehlela eAntiyoki, elkoniyuma, eListra, ukuzingelwa okunjani engakuthwalayo; njalo kukho konke iNkosi yangophula. 12 Isibili labo bonke abathanda ukuphila ngokwesaba uNkulunkulu kuKristu Jesu bazazingelwa; 13 kodwa abantu ababi labakhohlisi bazaqhubekela phambili bedlulisa ebubini, bekhohlisa njalo bekhohliswa. 14 Kodwa wena mana kulezozinto ozifundileyo lowaqiniseka kuzo, usazi ukuthi uzifunde

kubani, 15 lokuthi kusukela ebuntwaneni wayazi imibhalo engcwele, elamandla okukuhlakaniphisa kube sesindisweni ngokholo olukuKristu Jesu. 16 Wonke umbhalo waphefumulelwa nguNkulunkulu, njalo ulungele imfundiso, ukukhalimela, ukuqondisa, ukufundisa okusekulungeni; 17 ukuze umuntu kaNkulunkulu aphelele, alungisiselwe wonke umsebenzi omuhle.

4 Ngakho mina ngiyalayisisa phambi kukaNkulunkulu, leNkosi uJesu Kristu, ozakwahlulela abaphilayo labafileyo, ekubonakaleni kwakhe lembusweni wakhe, 2 tshumayela ilizwi, ulunge ngesikhathi esilungileyo, ngesikhathi esingalunganga, sola, ukhuze, weluleke, ekubekezeleni konke lemfundisweni. 3 Ngoba kuzakuba lesikhathi lapho bengayikuvuma imfundiso ephilileyo, kodwa ngokowabo umhawu bazazibuthelelela abafundisi, belunywa zindlebe; 4 njalo bazafulathelisa indlebe zabo eqinisweni, bazaphambukela ezinganekwaneni. 5 Kodwa wena qonda ezintweni zonke, ubekezeelele inhlopheko, wenze umsebenzi womvangeli, ugcwalise inkonzo yakho. 6 Ngoba mina sengithululwe njengomnikelo wokunathwayo, lesikhathi sokusuka kwami sesifikile. 7 Ngilwile ukulwa okuhle, ngiqedile uhambo, ngilondolozile ukholo; 8 kusukela khathezi, ngibekelwe umqhele wokulunga, ezanginika wona ngalolosuku iNkosi, umahluleli olungileyo; kodwa kungeyisimi ngedwa, kodwa labo bonke abathanda ukubonakala kwayo. 9 Khuthala ukuza kimi masinyane; 10 ngoba uDema ungihlamukile, ethande umhlaba wakhathezi, waya eThesalonika; uKresena eGalathiya, uTitosi eDalmathiya. (aiōn g165) 11 ULuka yedwa ulami. Thatha uMarko ubuye laye; ngoba uloncedo kakhulu kimi enkonzwini. 12 Kodwa uTitiko ngimthume eEfesu. 13 Ulethe isembatho engasitshiya kuKarpo eTrowasi, nxa ubuya, lezingwalo, ikakhulu incwadi zesikhumba. 14 UAleksandro umkhandi wethusi wangitshengisa okubi okunengi; sengathi iNkosi ingambuyisela njengokwemisebenzi yakhe; 15 umxwaye lawe, ngoba wamelana kakhulukazi lamazwi ethu. 16 Ekuziphenduleleni kwami kwakuqala kwakungekho muntu owangimelayo, kodwa bonke bangihlamuka; sengathi kungebalelwe kubo. 17 Kodwa iNkosi yangimela, yangipha amandla, ukuze ngami ukutshumayela kupheleliswe, lezizwe zonke

zizwe; ngasengikhululwa emlonyeni wesilwane, **18**
njalo iNkosi izangikhulula kuwo wonke umsebenzi
omubi, njalo izangisindisela umbuso wayo wezulu;
kakube kuyo ubukhosi kuze kube phakade laphakade.
Ameni. (aiōn g165) **19** Bingelela uPriska loAkwila,
lendlu kaOnesiforo. **20** UErastu wasala eKorinte;
kodwa uTrofimu ngamtshiya eMilethu egula. **21**
Khuthala ufike ubusika bungakafiki. Uyubulu
uyakubingelela, loPudeni, loLino, loKlawudiya, labo
bonke abazalwane. **22** INkosi uJesu Kristu kayibe
lomoya wakho. Umusa kawube lani. Amen.

KuThithusi

1 UPawuli, inceku kaNkulunkulu, lomphostoli kaJesu Kristu, njengokokholo lwabakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu lolwazi lweqiniso olunjengokukhonza uNkulunkulu, **2** ethembeni lempilo elaphakade, uNkulunkulu ongaqambi manga alithembisa zingakafiki izibanga zesikhathi, (aiōnios g166) **3** kodwa wabonakalisa ngezikhathi ezifaneleyo ilizwi lakhe ngokutshumayela mina engakuphathiswayo njengokulaya kukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu, **4** kuTitosi umntanami isibili njengokokholo esiluhlanganyele sonke: Umusa, isihawu, ukuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba, leNkosini uJesu Kristu uMsindisi wethu. **5** Ngenxa yalokhu ngakutshiya eKrete, ukuze ulungise lezozinto eziseleyo, njalo ubeke abadala kuwo wonke umuzi, njengoba mina ngakulaya; **6** uba kukhona ongasolekiyo, indoda elomfazi munye, elabantwana abakhulwayo, abangasolwa ngokuganga, loba ngokungalaleli. **7** Ngoba kufanele umbonisi abe ngongasolekiyo, njengomphathindlu kaNkulunkulu; ongayisiso siqholo, ongathukutheli masinyane, ongesiso sidakwa, ongathandi ukulwa, ongefisi inzuzo embi, **8** kodwa ophatha kuhle izihambi, othanda okuhle, oziphathayo, oqondileyo, ongcwele, ozithintayo, **9** ebambeleva elizwini elithembekileyo njengokwemfundiso, ukuze laye abe lamandla okukhuthaza ngemfundiso ephilileyo, lokwehlula labo abalenkani. **10** Ngoba kulabanengi labo abangalaleliyo, abakhuluma okuyize labakhohlisayo, ikakhulu labo abokusoka, **11** imilomo yabo imele ukufakwa isayeke, abagenqula imizi yonke, befundisa izinto ezingafanelanga, ngenxa yenzuzo embi. **12** Omunye kubo, owabo umprofethi, wathi: AmaKrete ahlezi engabaqambimanga, izilo ezimbi, iziminzi ezivilaphayo. **13** Lobubufakazi buqinisile. Ngalesosizatho balayisise ngobukhali, ukuze baphile ekholweni, **14** bangalaleli inganekwane zamaJuda, lemithetho yabantu abafulathela iqiniso. **15** Kwabahlambulukileyo konke kuhlambulukile; kodwa kwabangcolileyo labangakhulwayo kakulalutho oluhlazekileyo; kodwa lengqondo lezazela zabo kungcolile. **16** Bavuma ukuthi bayamazisi uNkulunkulu, kodwa bemphika ngezenzo, besenyanyeka, labangalaleliyo, lakuwo wonke umsebenzi omuhle kabasizi lutho.

2 Kodwa wena khuluma izinto ezifanele imfundiso ephilileyo. **2** Amadoda amadala ukuthi azithinte, ahlonipheke, engaqondileyo, ephilile ekholweni, ethandweni, ekubekezeleni; **3** abesifazana abadala ngokunjalo ukuthi baziphathe ngokufanele abangcwele, bangabi ngabahlebayo, bangafuywa liwayini elinengi, abafundisi bokuhle, **4** ukuze bafundise abesifazana abatsha ukuthi baqonde, babengabathandi babomkabo, bathande abantwana babo, **5** abaqondileyo, bemhlophe, begcina amakhaya, belungile, bezehlisele ngaphansi kwawabo amadoda, ukuze ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lingadunyazwa. **6** Abesilisa abatsha ngokunjalo ubakhuthaze ukuthi babe ngabaqondileyo; **7** mayelana lazo zonke izinto zitshengise uyisibonelo sezenzo ezinhle: Ekufundiseni okungabolanga, ubunzulu, ukuqonda, **8** ilizwi eliphilileyo, elingasolekiyo; ukuze omelana lani abe lenhloni, aswele ulutho olubi angalukhuluma ngani. **9** Khuthaza izigqili ukuthi zizehlisele ngaphansi kwawazo amakhosi, zikholeke ezintweni zonke, zingaphikisi, **10** zingantshontshi, kodwa zitshengise konke ukuthembeka okuhle, ukuze zicecise imfundiso kaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu ezintweni zonke. **11** Ngoba ubonakele umusa kaNkulunkulu osindisayo ebantwini bonke, **12** usifundisa ukuthi, sidele ukungakhonzi uNkulunkulu lenkanuko zomhlaba, siphile ngokuqonda langokulunga langokwesaba uNkulunkulu emhlabeni wakhathezi, (aiōn g165) **13** silindele ithemba elibusisiweyo lokubonakala kwenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu omkhulu loMsindisi wethu uJesu Kristu, **14** owazinikelela thina, ukuze asihlenge ebubini bonke, azihlambululele isizwe esikhethekileyo, esitshisekela imisebenzi emihle. **15** Khuluma lezizinto, ukhuthaze, ukhuze ulamandla wonke. Kungabi khona umuntu okudelelayo.

3 Bakhumbuze ukuthi bazehlisele ngaphansi kwababusi leziphathamandla, babalalele, balungele wonke umsebenzi omuhle, **2** bangahlebi muntu, bangabi yizilwi, babekezele, batshengise bonke ubumnene ebantwini bonke. **3** Ngoba lathi kade sasiyiziphukuphuku, singalaleli, sikhohliswa, sisebenzela inkano lentokozo ezinenginengi, siphila ebubini lemoneni, sizondeka, sizondana. **4** Kodwa lapho sekubonakele umusa lothando lukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu kubantu, **5** kungeyisikho okuvela ezenzweni zokulunga esazenzayo thina, kodwa

njengokwesihawu sakhe wasisindisa, ngokugeziswa
 kokuzalwa kutsha lokuvuselelwa koMoya oNgcwele,
 6 owamthulula ngokwengezelelweyo phezu kwethu,
 ngoJesu Kristu uMsindisi wethu, 7 ukuze silungisiswe
 ngomusa wakhe, sibe yizindlalifa ngokwethemba
 lempilo elaphakade. (aiōnios g166) 8 Lithembekile ilizwi,
 njalo ngithanda ukuthi uqinise isibili ngalezizinto,
 ukuze abakholwa kuNkulunkulu bakhuthalele
 ukuma emisebenzini emihle. Lezi yizinto ezinhle
 ezilosizo ebantwini; 9 kodwa xwaya imibuzo
 yobuthutha lendaba zosendo olokuzalana lombango
 lokuphikisana ngomlayo; ngoba kazisizi futhi ziyize.
 10 Umuntu obhazukayo emva kwesilayo sokuqala
 lesesibili, mdele, 11 usazi ukuthi onjalo uphambukile,
 uyona, uyazilahla yena. 12 Nxa ngizathuma uArtema
 kuwe loba uTikiko, khuthala uze kimi eNikapoli; ngoba
 ngizimisele ukuhlala khona ebusika. 13 Khuthala
 uncedise uZena isazumthetho loApolosi ekuhambeni
 kwabo, ukuze kungabi lalutho oluswelakalayo
 kubo. 14 Abakithi-ke labo kabafunde ukuma
 emisebenzini emihle yokudingekayo kusweleka,
 ukuze bangabi ngabangelazithelo. 15 Bonke abalami
 bayakubingelela. Bingelela abasithandayo ekholweni.
 Umusa kawube lani lonke. Amen.

UFilimoni

1 UPawuli isibotshwa sikaKristu Jesu loTimothi umzalwane, kuFilimoni othandekayo lesisebenzi kanye lathi, **2** lakuApiyiya othandekayo, lakuArkiph owebutho kanye lathi, lakubandla elisendlini yakho: **3** Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu. **4** Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami, ngikuphatha ngezikhathi zonke emikhulekweni yami, **5** ngisizwa ngothando lwakho langokholo olalo eNkosini uJesu lakubo bonke abangcwele, **6** ukuze ukuhlanganyela kokholo lwakho kube lamandla elwazini lwento yonke enhle ekini kuKristu Jesu. **7** Ngoba silentokozo enkulu lenduduzo ethandweni lwakho, ngoba imibilini yabangcwele yavuselelwa ngawe, mzalwane. **8** Ngalokho, lanxa ngilesibindi esikhulu kuKristu sokuthi ngikulaye into efaneleyo, **9** kanti ngenxa yothando kungcono ukuthi ngincenge, nginjengonje, uPawuli omdala, esengiyisibotshwa futhi sikaJesu Kristu. **10** Ngiyakuncenga ngomntanami, engimzeleyo kuzibopho zami, uOnesimo, **11** okade engelasizo kuwe, kodwa khatshi-ke ulosizo kuwe lakimi, **12** engimbuyisela kuwe; kodwa wena, memukele, okuyikuthi imibilini yami; **13** ebengifisa mina ukumbamba abe lami, ukuze angisebenzele esikhundleni sakho kuzibopho zevangeli; **14** kodwa kangithandanga ukwenza ulutho ngaphandle kwemvumo yakho, ukuze okuhle kwakho kungabi ngokokubanjwa ngamandla, kodwa njengokwesihle. **15** Ngoba mhlawumbe wehlukani swa lawe okwesikhatshana ngenxa yalokhu, ukuze ubuye umemukele phakade; (aiōnios g166) **16** angabe esaba njengesigqili, kodwa ngaphezu kwesigqili, umzalwane othandekayo, ikakhulu kimi, kodwa kakhulu kangakanani kuwe konke enyameni leNkosini. **17** Ngakho uba usithi ngingumhlanganyeli lawe, memukele njengami. **18** Kodwa uba ekone ngolutho kumbe elomlandu, lokho kubalele kimi; **19** mina Pawuli ngibhale ngesandla sami, mina ngizahlawula; ukuthi ngingatsho kuwe ukuthi lawe uqobo ulomlandu oseleyo kimi. **20** Yebo, mzalwane, sengathi ngingaba lentokozo ngawe eNkosini; uvuselele imibilini yami eNkosini. **21** Ngikubhalele ngithemba ukulalela kwakho, ngisazi ukuthi lawe uzakwenza okungaphezu kwalokho engikutshoyo. **22** Futhi

ngesikhathi esifananayo ungilungisele lami indawo yokuhlala; ngoba ngiyathemba ukuthi ngemikhuleko yenu ngizanikwa kini. **23** Uyakubingelela uEpafras oyisibotshwa kanye lami kuKristu Jesu, **24** uMarko, uAristako, uDema, uLuka, izisebenzi kanye lami. **25** Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lomoya wenu. Amen.

KumaHebheru

1 UNkulunkulu owakhuluma endulo kubobaba ngabaprofethi ngezigaba ngezigaba langendlela ezinengi, **2** kulezinsuku zokucina ukhulume kithi ngeNdodana, ayimise ibe yindlalifa yezinto zonke, owadala ngayo futhi imihlaba, (aiōn g165) **3** yona eyikubenyezela kwenkazimulo, lomfuziselo uqobo wobukhona bakhe, njalo ithwele izinto zonke ngelizwi lamandla ayo, lapho isiyenziwe ngokwayo ukuhlanjululwa kwezono zethu, yahlala phansi ngakwesokunene soBukhulu obuphezulu, **4** isiyenziwe yaphakama kakhulu kulezingilosi, njengalokhu izuze ilifa lebizu elikhulu kulalezo. **5** Ngoba kukuyiphi yezingilosi ake watsho kuyo ukuthi: Wena uyiNdodana yami, mina lamuhla ngikuzele? Lokuthi futhi: Mina ngizakuba nguYise kiyo, yona-ke ibe yiNdodana kimi? **6** Futhi mhlalaphinda eletha olizibulo emhlabeni, uthi: Lengilosi zonke zikaNkulunkulu kazimkhonze. **7** Lakuzingilosi uthi: Owenza ingilosi zakhe imimoya, lenceku zakhe ilangabi lomlilo; **8** kodwa eNdodaneni uthi: Isihlalo sakho sobukhosi, Nkulunkulu, singesaphakade laphakade; intonga yombuso wakho yintonga yokulunga. (aiōn g165) **9** Uthandle ukulunga, wazonda ububi; ngenxa yalokhu, uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wakho ukugcobile ngamagcobo entokozi kulabanakwenu. **10** Lokuthi: Wena Nkosi, ekuqaleni wasekela umhlaba, lamazulu ayimisebenzi yezandla zakho; **11** kuzabhubha lokho, kodwa wena umi njalonzalo; futhi kuzaguga konke njengesigqoko, **12** lanjengesembatho uzakugoqa, kuzaphendulwa-ke; kodwa wena unguwe unjalo, leminyaka yakho kayiyikuphela. **13** Kukuyiphi-ke yezingilosi ake atsho kuyo ukuthi: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami, ngize ngibeke izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho? **14** Kazisibo yini zonke omoya abasebenzayo abathunyelwe ukukhonza ngenxa yalabo abazakudla ilifa losindiso?

2 Ngenxa yalokhu kufanele siqaphelisise izinto esizizwileyo, hlezi mhlawumbe sikhukhulwe. **2** Ngoba uba ilizwi elakhulunywa zingilosi laqiniseka, lakho konke ukuphambuka lokungalaleli kwemukela ukuphindisela ngokufaneleyo, **3** thina sizaphepha njani uba sidelela usindiso olungaka? Olwaqala ukukhulunywa yiNkosi, lwaqiniswa kithi yilabo abayizwayo, **4** uNkulunkulu efakaza kanye labo

ngezibonakaliso lezimangaliso, lemisebenzi yamandla eyizinhlobonhlobo, lokwabelwa kukaMoya oNgcwele, njengokwentando yakhe. **5** Ngoba kehliselanga ngaphansi kwezingilosi ilizwe elizayo, esikhuluma ngalo. **6** Kodwa omunye ufakazile endaweni ethile esithi: Umuntu uyini, ukuthi umkhumbule, kumbe indodana yomuntu, ukuthi uyananze? **7** Wamenza waba phansi kancinyane kulezingilosi; wamethwesa umqhele wenkazimulo lodumo; wammisa phezu kwemisebenzi yezandla zakho; **8** izinto zonke wazehlisele ngaphansi kwenyawo zakhe. Ngoba ekwehliseni izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe, katshiyanga lutho olungehliselwanga kuye. Kodwa khatshi kasikaziboni izinto zonke zehliselwe kuye. **9** Kodwa siyambona uJesu, owenziwa waba phansi kancinyane kulezingilosi, ngenxa yenhlopheko yokufa, etheswe umqhele wobukhosi lodumo, ukuze ngomusa kaNkulunkulu azwele wonke ukufa. **10** Ngoba kwakumfanele, ezikhona zonke izinto ngenxa yakhe, lezikhona zonke ngaye, ukuthi, lapho eletha abantwana abanengi enkazimulweni, amphelelise umkhokheli wosindiso lwabo ngezinhlopheko. **11** Ngoba lawo ongcwelisayo labangcwelisiweyo, bonke bavela koyedwa; ngalesosizatho kalanhloni ukubabiza ngokuthi ngabafowabo, **12** esithi: Ngizathumayela ibizo lakho kubafowethu, ngizakuhlabelela indumiso phakathi kwebandla. **13** Futhi-ke: Mina ngizathemba kuye. Futhi-ke: Khangela mina labantwana uNkulunkulu anginike bona. **14** Ngakho njengoba abantwana behlanganyele inyama legazi, laye uqobo wahlanganyela khona lokho, ukuze ngokufa amchithe yena obelamandla okufa, ongudiyabhola, **15** abakhulule labo bonke abathi ngokwesaba ukufa impilo yabo yonke babebanjwe ebugqilini. **16** Ngoba isibili kazithatheli izingilosi, kodwa uzithathela inzalo kaAbrahama. **17** Ngenxa yalokho kwamfanela ukuthi abe njengabafowabo kuzo zonke izinto, ukuze abe ngumpristi omkhulu olesihawu lothembekileyo ezintweni ezimayelana loNkulunkulu, ukuze enze inhlawulo yokuthula ngezono zabantu. **18** Ngoba kulokhu ahlupheke kukho yena uqobo elingwa, ulamandla okusiza abalingwayo.

3 Ngakho, bazalwane abangcwele, bahlanganyeli bobizo lwasezulwini, qaphelani umphostoli lompristi omkhulu wovumo lwethu, uKristu Jesu, **2** othembeke kulowo owammisayo, njengoMozisi laye wayenjalo

endlini yakhe yonke. 3 Ngoba kwathiwa lo ufanele udumo olukhulu kuloMozisi, njengoba ulodumo olukhulu kulendlu ayakhileyo. 4 Ngoba yonke indlu yakhiwa ngothile; kodwa owakha izinto zonke nguNkulunkulu. 5 UMozisi kambe wayethembekile endlini yonke yakhe njengenceku, kuze kube yibufakazi bezinto ebezizakulunywa; 6 kodwa uKristu njengendodana phezu kwendlu yakhe; esiyindlu yakhe thina, uba-ke sibambelela ngokuqina isibindi lokuziqhenya kwethemba kuze kube sekupheleni. 7 Ngakho njengoba uMoya oyiNgcwele esithi: Lamuhla uba lilizwa ilizwi lakhe, 8 lingazenzi zibe lukhuni inhliziyu zenu, njengekucunuleni, ngosuku lokulingwa enkangala, 9 lapho oyihlo bangilinga, bengihlola, basebebona imisebenzi yami okweminyaka engamatshumi amane; 10 ngakho ngasithukuthela lesosizukulwana, ngathi: Bayaduha kokuphela enhliziyweni; lalaba kabazazanga indlela zami; 11 ngaze ngafunga ekuthukutheleni kwami ngathi: Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami. 12 Nanzelelani, bazalwane, hlezi kuzakuba khona loba nini phakathi komunye wenu inhliziyu embi yokungakholwa, ekuduheni kuNkulunkulu ophilayo; 13 kodwa khuthazanani insuku ngensuku, kusathiwa lamuhla, ukuze kungabi khona kini owenziwa lukhuni ngenkohliso yesono; 14 ngoba sesibe ngabahlanganyeli bakaKristu, uba-ke sibambisisa isiqalo sokuqiniseka kuze kube sekupheleni; 15 kusathiwa: Lamuhla uba lilizwa ilizwi lakhe, lingazenzi zibe lukhuni inhliziyu zenu, njengekucunuleni. 16 Ngoba abanye sebezwi bathukuthelisa, kodwa kakusibo bonke labo abaphuma eGibhithe ngoMozisi. 17 Kodwa ngobani athukutheliswa yibo okweminyaka engamatshumi amane? Kakusibo labo abonayo yini, abazidumbu zabo zawela enkangala? 18 Ngobani-ke afunga kubo ukuthi kabazukungena ekuphumuleni kwakhe, ngaphandle kwalabo abangalalelanga? 19 Ngakho siyabona ukuthi babengelakungena ngenxa yokungakholwa.

4 Ngakho, kasesabe, hlezi, lapho sisekhona isithembiso sokungena ekuphumuleni kwakhe, kube khona omunye wenu obonakala esehluleka ukufinyelela kukho; 2 ngoba lathi satshunyayezwa ivangeli, lanjengabo; kodwa ilizwi abalizwayo kalibasizanga bona, lokhu lingahlangananga lokholo kulabo abalizwayo; 3 ngoba thina

esikholwayo siyangena ekuphumuleni, njengoba watsho ukuthi: Njengoba ngifungile ekuthukutheleni kwami ngathi: Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami; lanxa imisebenzi yayiqediwe kusukela ekusekelweni komhlaba. 4 Ngoba utshilo kwenye indawo ngosuku lwesikhombisa kanje: UNkulunkulu wasephumula ngosuku lwesikhombisa emisebenzini yakhe yonke; 5 lakulindawo uthi futhi: Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami. 6 Ngakho lokhu kusalele ukuthi abanye bangene kukho, lalabo abatshunyayezwa ivangeli kuqala kabangenanga ngokungalaleli, 7 ubuya aqume usuku oluthile athi: Lamuhla, utsho ngoDavida, emva kwesikhathi esingaka, njengokwatshiwo ukuthi: Lamuhla uba lizalizwa ilizwi lakhe, lingazenzi zibe lukhuni inhliziyu zenu. 8 Ngoba uba uJoshuwa wayebaphumuzile, wayengayikukhuluma emva kwalokhu ngolunye usuku. 9 Ngakho kubasalele abantu bakaNkulunkulu ukuphumula kwesabatha. 10 Ngoba ongenileyo ekuphumuleni kwakhe laye usephumule emisebenzini yakhe, njengoNkulunkulu kweyakhe. 11 Ngakho asikhuthalele ukungena kulokhokuphumula, ukuze kungabi lowela kulesisibonelo sokungalaleli. 12 Ngoba ilizwi likaNkulunkulu liphilile, lilamandla, libukhali kulaloba yiyiphi inkemba esika nhlangothi zombili, lihlaba kuze kube sekwehlukanisweni komphefumulo lomoya, lamalunga lomkantsho, njalo lingumhloli okhaliphileyo wemicabango lezizindlo zenhliziyu. 13 Futhi kakulalutho oludaliweyo olungabonakaliyo phambi kwakhe; kodwa zonke izinto zembuliwe zisobala emehlweni akhe esilokuzilanda kuye. 14 Ngakho lokhu silompristi omkhulu kakhulu, odlulele emazulwini, uJesu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, asibambelele kusivumo sethu. 15 Ngoba kasilaye umpristi omkhulu ongelakuzwelana lobuthakathaka bethu, kodwa owalingwa kukho konke njengathi, engelasono. 16 Ngakho kasisondele ngesibindi esihlalweni sobukhosi somusa, ukuze semukele isihawu, sithole umusa wosizo ngesikhathi esifaneleyo.

5 Ngoba wonke umpristi omkhulu, okhethwa ebantwini, umiselwa abantu ezintweni ezimayelana loNkulunkulu, ukuze anikele izipho lemihlatshelo ngenxa yezono; 2 ongababezezelela abangaziyo labaduhayo, lokhu laye egonjolozelwe yibuthakathaka; 3 njalo ngenxa yalokhu kufanele ukuthi anikelele

izono, njengokwabantu, kunjalo langokwakhe. 4 Futhi kakulamuntu ozithathela le inhlonipho, kodwa obizwa nguNkulunkulu, lanjengoAroni. 5 Ngokunjalo loKristu kazidumisanga yena ukuba ngumpristi omkhulu, kodwa lowo owathi kuye: Wena uyiNdodana yami, lamuhla mina ngikuzele. 6 Ngogoba esitsho futhi kwenye indawo ukuthi: Wena ungumpristi kuze kube phakade ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki. (aiōn g165) 7 Owathi ensukwini zenyama yakhe, esenikele imikhuleko kanye lokunxusa elokukhala okukhulu langezinyembezi kuye olamandla okumsindisa ekufeni, futhi wezwiwa ngenxa yokwesaba kwakhe uNkulunkulu, 8 loba eyiNdodana, wafunda ukulalela ezintweni ahlupheka ngazo, 9 esephelelisiwe waba yisisusa sosindiso olulaphakade kubo bonke abamlalelayo; (aiōnios g166) 10 ebizwa nguNkulunkulu ngokuthi ungumpristi omkhulu ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki. 11 Esilokunengi esingakutsho ngaye futhi okulukhuni ukulichasisela, lokhu selaba buthundu ekuzweni. 12 Ngoba lapho ebelifanele ukuba ngabafundisi, ngenxa yesikhathi, liswela futhi ukuthi kube khona olifundisayo, ukuthi ziyini izimiso zakuqala zamazwi kaNkulunkulu; selingabafanele uchago, kungeyisikho-ke ukudla okuqinileyo. 13 Ngoba wonke odla uchago kalalwazi olupheleleyo elizwini lokulunga; ngoba uyingane. 14 Kodwa ukudla okuqinileyo kungokwabakhulileyo, asebesebenzise izingqondo ngokweywayela ekwehlukaniseni konke okuhle lokubi.

6 Ngakho, sitshiya izinto zakuqala zemfundiso kaKristu, kasiqhubekela kokupheleleyo, singabeki futhi isisekelo sokuphenduka emisebenzini efileyo, lesokholo kuNkulunkulu, 2 esemfundiso yobhabhathizo, lesokubeka izandla, lesokuvuka kwabafileyo, lesokwahlulelwa okulaphakade. (aiōnios g166) 3 Lalokhu sizakwenza, nxa uNkulunkulu evuma. 4 Ngoba kakulakwenzeka ukuthi labo asebake bakhanyiswa, banambitha isipho sezulwini, baba ngabahlanganyeli bakaMoya oNgcwele, 5 banambitha ilizwi elihle likaNkulunkulu, lamandla elizwe elizayo, (aiōn g165) 6 basebehlamuka, labo-ke ukuthi babuye bavuselwe ekuphendukeni, lokhu bephinda bezibethelela iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, beyithela ihlazo obala; 7 ngoba umhlabathi onatha izulu elifika kanengi phezu kwawo, ubusumilisa imibhida ebasizayo labo olinywa yibo,

wemukela isibusiso esivela kuNkulunkulu; 8 kodwa lowo oveza ameva lokhula oluhlabayo, uyaliwa njalo useduze lokuqalekiwa, okuphela kwakho kusekutshisweni. 9 Kodwa siqiniseka ngani izinto ezingcono, bathandekayo, leziqondene losindiso, lanxa sikhuluma njalo; 10 ngoba uNkulunkulu kayisuye ongalunganga ukuthi akhohlwe umsebenzi wenu lomsebenzi onzima wothando elalubonakalisa ebizweni lakhe, ngokusebenzela abangcwele lisabasebenzela. 11 Kodwa sifisa ukuthi ngulowo lalowo wenu akubonakalise lokhukukhuthala ekuqinisekeni okupheleleyo kwethemba ekupheleni; 12 ukuze lingabi ngabavilaphayo, kodwa abalingisi babo abathi ngokholo langokubekezela badla ilifa lezithembiso. 13 Ngoba lapho uNkulunkulu ethembisa kuAbrahama, ngoba wayengelaye omkhulu kulaye angafunga ngaye, wazifunga yena, 14 esithi: Isibili ngizakubusisa lokukubusisa, lokwandisa ngizakwandisa. 15 Langokunjalo esebekezele wazuza isithembiso. 16 Ngoba isibili abantu bayafunga ngomkhulu kulabo, lesifungo sokuqinisa siyisiphetho sakho konke ukuphikisana kubo. 17 Okwathi uNkulunkulu kukho, ethanda ukubonisa ngokwengezelelweyo kakhulu kuzindlalifa zesithembiso ukungaphenduki kwecebo lakhe, walamula ngesifungo, 18 ukuze, ngezinto ezimbili ezingaphendukiyo, okukuzo okungelakwenzeka ukuthi uNkulunkulu aqambe amanga ngazo, sibe lenduduzo elamandla, thina esibalekele ukuphephela ukuthi sibambelele ethembeni elibekwe phambi kwethu; 19 esilalo njengengwegwe yomphefumulo eqinileyo legxilileyo, lingena kokuphakathi kweveyili; 20 lapho isigijimi esingumanduleli sasingenela khona, uJesu, esaba ngumpristi omkhulu ephakadeni ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki. (aiōn g165)

7 Ngoba uMelkizedeki lo, inkosi yeSalema, umpri- kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, owahlangabeza uAbrahama mhla ebuya ekubulaleni amakhosi, wasembusisa, 2 uAbrahama laye wamabela okwetshumi kwakho konke; kuqala uphendulelwa ngokuthi inkosi yokulunga, emva kwalokhu besekuthiwa futhi inkosi yeSalema, okuyikuthi inkosi yokuthula; 3 engelayise, engelanina, engelasendo, engelakuqala kwensuku kumbe ukuphela kwempilo, kodwa esenziwe wafanana leNdodana kaNkulunkulu, uhlala engumpristi laphakade. 4 Bonani-ke ukuthi

mkhulu kangakanani lo, ngitsho uAbrahama ukhokho amnika okwetshumi kwezimpango. 5 Lalabo abavela emadodaneni kaLevi abemukela ubupristi balomlayo wokwemukela okwetshumi ebantwini ngokomthetho, okuyikuthi kubafowabo, lanxa bevela ekhalweni lukaAbrahama; 6 kodwa yena ongabalelwa osendweni lwabo, wemukela okwetshumi kuAbrahama, wasembusisa lowo owayelezithembiso. 7 Njalo kungelakuphikwa ngitsho ukuthi: Omncinyane ubusiswa ngomkhulu. 8 Lapha-ke abantu abafayo bemukela okwetshumi; kodwa lapho esemukela lowo okufakazwa ngaye ukuthi uyaphila. 9 Kungatshiwo-ke, uLevi laye owemukela okwetshumi wanikela okwetshumi ngoAbrahama; 10 ngoba wayesesekhalweni lukayise, mhla uMelkizedeki emhlangabeza. 11 Ngakho-ke uba kwakukhona ukuphelela ngobupristi bukaLevi (ngoba isizwe sanikwa umlayo ngaphansi kwabo), kwakusaswelekelani ukuthi kuvele omunye umpristi ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki, lokungatshiwo ngokwendlela kaAroni? 12 Ngoba uba ubupristi buphendulwa, kuyadingeka ukuthi kube khona lokuphendulwa komlayo. 13 Ngoba lowo okukhulunywa ngaye lezizinto ungowesinye isizwe, okungabanga khona kuso owanakekela ilathi. 14 Ngoba kusobala ukuthi iNkosi yethu yavela koJuda, isizwe uMozisi angakhulumanga lutho ngaso mayelana lobupristi. 15 Njalo kusesobala ngokwengezelelwe kakhulu, uba sekusima omunye umpristi njengokofuzo lukaMelkizedeki, 16 ongenziwanga ngokomthetho wesimiso senyama, kodwa ngokwamandla empilo engelakuphela; 17 ngoba ufakaza esithi: Wena ungumpristi kuze kube nininini ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki. (aiōn g165) 18 Ngoba ukubekwa eceleni komthetho wokuqala kwenziwa ngenxa yobuthakathaka lokungasizi lutho kwawo; 19 ngoba umlayo kawuzanga wenze ulutho luphelele, kodwa uyisingenisiso sethemba elingcono, esisondela ngalo kuNkulunkulu. 20 Njalo okungangokuthi kenziwanga ngaphandle kwesifungo, 21 (ngoba bona baba ngabapristi ngaphandle kwesifungo, kodwa yena ngesifungo, ngalowo owathi kuye: iNkosi yafunga njalo kayiyikuzisola yathi: Wena ungumpristi kuze kube nininini ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki;) (aiōn g165) 22 ngalokho uJesu waba yisibambiso sesivumelwano esingcono. 23 Lalabo

babebanengi ababa ngabapristi, ngoba bavinjelwa yikufa ukuthi bahlale njalo; 24 kodwa lo, ngenxa yokuthi uhlala kuze kube phakade, ulobupristi obungadluliyo. (aiōn g165) 25 Ngenxa yalokho laye ulamandla okusindisa ngokupheleleyo abeza kuNkulunkulu ngaye, lokhu ephilela njalo ukubanxusela. 26 Ngoba umpristi omkhulu onjalo usifanele, ongcewele, ongelacala, ongelasici, owehlukaniswe lezoni, lowenziwa waphakama kulamazulu; 27 ongadingi insuku ngensuku, njengabapristi abakhulu, ukunikela imihlatshelo esenzela ezakhe izono kuqala, emva kwalokho ezabantu; ngoba lokho wakwenza kanye mhla ezinikela yena. 28 Ngoba umlayo uyamisa abantu babe ngabapristi abakhulu, abalobuthakathaka; kodwa ilizwi lesifungo elalandela umlayo lamisa iNdodana ephelisiweyo kuze kube nininini. (aiōn g165)

8 Ngakho isiqokoqela sezinto esazikhulumayo yikuthi: Silompri omkhulu onje, owahlala ngakwesokunene sesihlalo sobukhosi soMkhulu emazulwini, 2 isikhonzi sendawo ezingcewele lesethabhanekele eliqotho, iNkosi eyalimisayo, njalo kungesimuntu; 3 ngoba wonke umpristi omkhulu umiselwe ukunikela iminikelo lemihlathshelo; ngakho kuyadingeka ukuthi laye abe lakho okuthile angakunikela. 4 Ngoba uba ubesemhlabeni, ubengeyikuba ngumpri lakanye, ngoba bakhona abapristi abanikela iminikelo ngokomlayo, 5 abakhonza isibonelo lesithunzi sezinto zezulwini, njengoMozisi elaywe nguNkulunkulu esezakwenza ithabhanekela, ngoba wathi: Qaphela ukuthi wenze zonke izinto njengomfanekiso owaboniswa wona entabeni. 6 Kodwa khathesi-ke uzuze inkonzo enhle kakhulu, njengalokhu laye engumlamuli wesivumelwano esingcono, esimiswe phezu kwezithembiso ezingcono. 7 Ngoba uba lesosivumelwano esakuqala besingasoleki, bekungayikudingwa indawo yesesibili. 8 Ngoba ebasola uthi: Khangela insuku ziyeza, kutsho iNkosi, njalo ngizakwenza isivumelwano esitsha lendlu kalsrayeli lendlu kaJuda; 9 esingenjengesivumelwano engasenza laboyise mhla ngibabamba ngesandla ukubakhupha elizweni leGibhithe; ngoba bona kabahlalanga esivumelwaneni sami, lami kangibananzanga, itsho iNkosi. 10 Ngoba yilesi isivumelwano engizavumelana ngaso lendlu kalsrayeli emva kwalezonsuku, itsho iNkosi, ngizafaka

imilayo yami engqondweni yabo, lenhliziweni zabo ngiyibhale; ngibe nguNkulunkulu kubo, bona-ke bazakuba ngabantu kimi. **11** Njalo kabayikufundisa ngulowo lalowo umakhelwane wakhe, njalo ngulowo lalowo umfowabo, esithi: Yazi iNkosi; ngoba bonke bazangazi, kusukela komncinyane wabo kuze kufike komkhulu wabo. **12** Ngoba ngizakuba lesihawu ekungalungini kwabo, lezono zabo lobubi babo kangisayikukhumbula. **13** Ngokuthi: Isivumelwano esitsha, senze esokuqala saba ngesigugileyo. Njalo osekugugile lokudala sekuseduze lokunyamalala.

9 Ngakho isibili lesosivumelwano sakuqala sasilezimiso zenkonzo kaNkulunkulu, lendawo engcwele yemhlabeni. **2** Ngoba kwakhiwa ithabhanekela; elokuqala okwakukhona kulo uluthi lwesibane letafula lezinkwa zokubukiswa, elibizwa ngokuthi yindawo engcwele. **3** Langemva kweveyili lesibili kwakukhona ithabhanekela elibizwa ngokuthi yingcwele yezingcwele, **4** lilesitsha segolide sokutshisa impepha, lomtshokotsho wesivumelwano obhadwe ngegolide inhlangothi zonke, okwakukhona kuwo inqayi yegolide elemana, lenduku kaAroni eyahlumayo, lezibhebhe zesivumelwano; **5** laphezu kwawo amakherubhi enkazimulo asibekela isihlalo somusa; esingekhulume ngalezizinto khathesi ngokukhethekileyo. **6** Sezilungisiwe lezizinto ngokunjalo, abapristi bangena njalonjalo ethabhanekeleni lokuqala bephelelisa imisebenzi yokukhonza uNkulunkulu; **7** kodwa kwelesibili kwakungena kanye ngomnyaka umpri omkhulu yedwa, kungeyisikho ngaphandle kwegazi, azinikelela yena leziphambeko zabantu; **8** uMoya oyiNgcwele utshengisa lokhu, ukuthi indlela eya endaweni engcwele kayikembulwa, lapho lisemi ithabhanekela lokuqala; **9** okwakungumfanekiso walesosikhathi, okwanikelwa kulo iminikelo kanye lemihlatshelo, engelakho ukuphelelisa okhonzayo maqondana lesazela, **10** kuphela kokudliwayo, lokunathwayo, lokugeza okuzinhlobonhlobo lezimiso zenyama, ezibekwe phezu kwabo kuze kufike isikhathi sokulungiswa. **11** Kodwa uKristu esefikile, engumpristi omkhulu wezinto ezinhle ezizayo, ngethabhanekela elikhulu leliphelileyo kulelinye, elingenziwanga ngezandla, okuyikuthi, elingeyisilo lalokhukudalwa, **12** futhi kungeyisikho ngegazi lezimbuzi lelamathole, kodwa ngelakhe igazi

wangena kanye endaweni engcwele, esezuze ukuhlengwa okulaphakade. (aiōnios g166) **13** Ngoba uba igazi lezimbuzi lelezinkunzi, lomlotha wethokazi, kufafaza abangcolileyo, kungcwelisa kuze kube sekuhlambulukeni kwenyama, **14** kakhulu kangakanani igazi likaKristu, owathi ngoMoya ophakade wazinikela kuNkulunkulu engelasici, lizahlambulula isazela senu emisebenzini efuleyo, ukukhonza uNkulunkulu ophilayo? (aiōnios g166) **15** Langenxa yalokhu ungumlamuli wesivumelwano esitsha, ukuze, lokhu ukufa sekufike ekuhlengeni kweziphambeko ngesikhathi sesivumelwano sokuqala, ababiziweyo bemukele isithembiso selifa laphakade. (aiōnios g166) **16** Ngoba lapho okukhona incwadi yelifa, kufuneka ukuthi kubikwe ukufa komenzi wencwadi yelifa. **17** Ngoba incwadi yelifa isebenza kwabafuleyo, lokhu kayikabi lamandla lapho ephila umenzi wencwadi yelifa. **18** Ngakho laso esokuqala kasimiswanga ngaphandle kwegazi. **19** Ngoba lapho usumenyezwe umthetho wonke ngokomlayo nguMozisi ebantwini bonke, wathatha igazi lamathole lelembuzi, kanye lamanzi loboya bezimvu obubomvu lehisope, wafafaza kokubili ugwalo uqobo labantu bonke, **20** esithi: Leli ligazi lesivumelwano uNkulunkulu alilaya ngaso. **21** Ngokunjalo wasefafaza ngegazi lethabhanekela lezitsha zonke zenkonzo. **22** Njalo phose zonke izinto zihlanjululwa ngegazi ngokomthetho, langaphandle kokuchitheka kwegazi kakubi khona uthethelelo. **23** Ngokunjalo kwakudingeka ukuthi imifanekiso yezinto zemazulwini ihlanjululwe ngalezizinto, kodwa izinto zezulwini uqobo ngemihlatshelo engcono kulale. **24** Ngoba uKristu kangenanga endaweni ezingcwele ezenziwe ngezandla, ezingumfanekiso weziqotho, kodwa ezulwini uqobo, ukuthi khathesi abonakalele thina phambi kobuso bukaNkulunkulu; **25** kungeyisikuthi futhi ukuze azinikele kanengi, njengalokhu umpri omkhulu engena endaweni engcwele umnyaka ngomnyaka legazi lokunye; **26** uba kwakunjalo wayemele ukuhlupheka kanengi selokhu kwasekelwa umhlaba; kodwa khathesi ubonakaliswe kanye ekupheleni kwesikhathi ukuze asuse izono ngomhlatshelo wakhe uqobo. (aiōn g165) **27** Njalo njengalokhu kumiselwe abantu ukuthi bafe kanye, kodwa emva kwalokhu ukwahlulelwa; **28** ngokunjalo uKristu, esenikelwe kanye ukuze athwale izono

zabanengi, ngokwesibili uzabonakala ngaphandle kwesono kwabamlindeleyo, kube lusindiso.

10 Ngoba umlayo ulesithunzi sezinto ezinhle ezizayo, ungeyisiwo umfanekiso oqotho wezinto, ungeze waba lamandla ngaleyomihlatshelo enikelwa njalanjalo iminyaka ngeminyaka ukubenza baphelele labo abasondelayo. **2** Uba kwakunjalo nga kayimanga yini ukunikelwa, ngoba abakhonzayo babengasayikuba lasazela sezono, sebelhanjululwe kanye? **3** Kodwa kuleyomihlatshelo kukhona ukukhunjulwa kwezono umnyaka ngomnyaka; **4** ngoba kakulakwenzeka ukuthi igazi lezinkunzi lelezimbuzi lisuse izono; **5** ngakho esefika emhlabeni uthi: Umhlatshelo lomnikelo kawuwuthandanga, kodwa ungilungisele umzimba; **6** iminikelo yokutshiswa lemihlathshelo yesono kawuyithokozelanga; **7** ngasengisithi: Khangela, ngiza (kumqulu wogwalo kulotshwe ngami) ukwenza intando yakho, Nkulunkulu. **8** Kuqala esithi: Umhlatshelo lomnikelo leminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yezono kawuyithandanga njalo kawuyithokozelanga, yona enikelwa ngokomlayo, **9** wasesithi: Khangela, ngiza ukwenza intando yakho, Nkulunkulu. Ususa okokuqala, ukuze amise okwesibili. **10** Kuleyontando singcwelisiwe, ngokunikelwa komzimba kaJesu Kristu kanye. **11** Laye wonke umprihi kambe uyema insuku ngensuku ekhonzwa, njalo enikela kanengi leyo mihlatshelo, engasoze yaba lamandla okususa izono; **12** kodwa yena, esenikele umhlatshelo waba munye ngenxa yezono ephakadeni wahlala phansi ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, **13** kusukela khathezi ulindele zize zenziwe izitha zakhe isenabelo senyawo zakhe. **14** Ngoba ngomnikelo munye uphelelisile ephakadeni labo abangcwelisiweyo. **15** LoMoya oyiNgcwele laye uyafakaza kithi; ngoba emva kokuthi esetshilo kuqala uthi: **16** Lesi yisivumelwano engizavumelana labo ngaso emva kwalezonsuku, kutsho iNkosi: Ngizafaka imilayo yami enhliziyweni zabo, njalo ngizayibhala engqondweni zabo; **17** lezono zabo lobubi babo kangisoze ngikukhumbule futhi. **18** Lapho-ke okukhona uthethelelo lwalokhu, kakuselamnikelo ngesono. **19** Ngakho, bazalwane, silesibindi sokungena kwezingcwele ngegazi likaJesu, **20** ngendlela entsha lephilayo, asivulele yona ngeveyili, eliyinyama yakhe, **21** futhi silaye umprihi omkhulu phezu kwendlu kaNkulunkulu, **22** kasisondele ngenhliziyo eqinisileyo

ekuqinisekeni okupheleleyo kokholo, inhliziyi zifafazwe esazeleni sokubi, lomzimba ugeziswe ngamanzi acwebileyo; **23** kasibambisise isivumo sethemba lethu singanyikinyeki, ngoba uthembekile owathembisayo; **24** njalo kasiqaphelisisane ekuvuseleni uthando lemisebenzi emihle, **25** singayekeli ukuhlangana kwethu, njengomkhuba wabanye, kodwa kasikhuthale, futhi ikakhulu, njengoba libona usuku lusondela. **26** Ngoba uba sisona ngabomo emva kokuthi semukele ulwazi lweqiniso, kakusekho umhlatshelo ngezono, **27** kodwa ukulindela okuthile okwesabekayo kokulahlwa, lolaka lomilo ozaqeda izitha. **28** Umuntu odelela umlayo kaMozisi ufa ngaphandle kwesihawu ngabafakazi ababili loba abathathu; **29** pho, licabanga ukuthi uzathiwa ufanele ukujeziswa kabuhlungu kanganani onyathelela phansi iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, njalo othi igazi lesivumelwano, angcweliswa ngalo, liyiluthonje, njalo odelela uMoya womusa? **30** Ngoba siyamazi owathi: Impindiselo ngeyami, mina ngizabuyisela, itsho iNkosi; futhi uphinde athi: INkosi izakwahlulela abantu bayo. **31** Kuyesabeka ukuwela ezandleni zikaNkulunkulu ophilayo. **32** Kodwa khumbulani insuku zamandulo, okwathi ngazo selikhanyisiwe lakhuthazela empini enkulu yezinhluho; **33** kokunye, lapho lenziwa umbukiso ngenhlamba langezinhlupeko; kokunye, lapho laba ngabahlanganyeli balabo ababephathwa ngokunjalo. **34** Ngoba lani lazwelana lezibopho zami, lavuma ngentokozo ukuphangwa kwempahla zenu, lisazi ukuthi ngaphakathi kwenu lilempahla engcono lemiyo emazulwini. **35** Ngakho lingalahli isibindi senu, esilomvuzo omkhulu. **36** Ngoba kumele libe lokubekezela, ukuze kuthi, seliyenzile intando kaNkulunkulu, lemukele isithembiso. **37** Ngoba kuseyisikhatshana nje, ozayo uzafika, njalo kazukulibala; **38** kodwa olungileyo uzaphila ngokholo; njalo uba ehlehlela emuva, umphefumulo wami kawuthokozi ngaye. **39** Kodwa thina kasisibo balabo abahlehlela emuva ekubhujisweni, kodwa balabo abakholwa ekusindisweni komphefumulo.

11 Ngakho ukholo luyikuqiniseka kwezinto ezithenjwayo, ubufakazi bezinto ezingabonwayo. **2** Ngoba ngalo abadala bafakazelwa. **3** Ngokholo sibona ukuthi imihlaba yadalwa ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu, kuze kuthi izinto ezibonwayo kazivelanga ezintweni ezibonakalayo. (aiōn g165)

4 Ngokholo uAbela wanikela kuNkulunkulu umhlathshelo ongcono kuloKhayini, owazuza ngawo ubufakazi bokuthi ulungile, uNkulunkulu efakazela izipho zakhe; langalo efile usakhuluma. 5 Ngokholo uEnoki wasuswa ukuze angaboni ukufa, njalo katholwanga, ngoba uNkulunkulu wayesemsusile; ngoba engakasuswa wafakazelwa ngokuthi umthokozisile uNkulunkulu; 6 kodwa ngaphandle kokholo kakwenzeki ukumthokozisa; ngoba ozayo kuNkulunkulu umele akholwe ukuthi ukhona, lokuthi ungumvuzi walabo abamdingisayo. 7 Ngokholo uNowa exwayisiwe nguNkulunkulu ngezinto ebezingakabonwa, esesaba, wakha umkhumbi wosindiso lwendlu yakhe; alahla umhlaba ngawo, wasesiba yindlalifa yokulunga ngokokholo. 8 Ngokholo uAbrahama walalela ebizwa ukuthi aphume aye endaweni ayezayemukela ibe yilifa; waphuma, engazi lapho aya khona. 9 Ngokholo wahlala njengomuntu wezizweni elizweni lesithembiso, njengelemzini, ehlala emathenteni lolsaka loJakobe, ababeyizindlalifa kanye laye zalesosithembiso; 10 ngoba wayelindele umuzi olezisekelo, omqambi wesimo lomakhi wawo nguNkulunkulu. 11 Ngokholo laye uSara uqobo wazuza amandla okwemukela inhlanyelo, esedlulelwe yisikhathi wabeletha, ngoba wathi uthembekile lowo owathembisayo. 12 Ngakho-ke bazalwa ngoyedwa, lalezizinto zivela kosefile, abangangenkanyezi zezulu ngobunengi, langangetshebetshebe elisekhunjini lolwandle elingelakubalwa. 13 Bonke laba bafela ekholweni, bengemukelanga izithembiso, kodwa bazibonela khatshana, baqiniseka, bazigona, njalo bavuma ukuthi bangabezizwe lezihambi emhlabeni. 14 Ngoba abatsho izinto ezinje batshengisa ukuthi badinga ilizwe lakibo. 15 Uba-ke kambe babecabanga ngalelo ababesuke kulo, babengaba lethuba lokubuyela; 16 kodwa khatshi-ke balangatha elingcono, elingelezwini; ngakho uNkulunkulu kalanhloni ngabo, ukuthiwa nguNkulunkulu wabo; ngoba ubalungisele umuzi. 17 Ngokholo uAbrahama wanikela ulsaka lapho ehlolwa, lalowo owemukela izithembiso wayenikela ozelwe yedwa wakhe, 18 okwakuthiwe kuye: Kulsaka inzalo yakho izabizwa; 19 wathi uNkulunkulu ulamandla okuvusa lakwabafileyo; lapho laye amzuze evela khona ngokulinganisa. 20 Ngokholo ulsaka wabusisa uJakobe loEsawu ngezinto ezizayo. 21 Ngokholo uJakobe esesifa wabusisa lowo lalowo wamadodana kaJosefa, wasekhonza ebambelele phezu kodondolo lwakhe. 22 Ngokholo uJosefa esesifa wakhuluma ngokuphuma kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, waselayezela ngamathambo akhe. 23 Ngokholo uMozisi esezelwe wafihlwa ngabazali bakhe inyanga ezintathu, ngoba babona ukuthi ngumntwana omuhle; njalo bengawesabi umthetho wenkosi. 24 Ngokholo uMozisi esekhulile wala ukuthiwa uyindodana yendodakazi kaFaro, 25 kulalokho wakhetha ukuphathwa kubi kanye labantu bakaNkulunkulu kulokuthi abe lentokozo yesono isikhatshana; 26 wathi ukuthukwa kukaKristu kuyinoto enkulu kulamagugu eGibhithe; ngoba wayekhangele umvuzo. 27 Ngokholo watshiya iGibhithe, engalwesabi ulaka lwenkosi; ngoba waqiniseka kungathi uyabona oNgabonwayo. 28 Ngokholo waggina iphasika lokufafazwa kwegazi, ukuze lowo obhubhisa amazibulo angabathinti. 29 Ngokholo badabula uLwandle oluBomvu njengemhlathini owomileyo; okwathi amaGibhithe bekulinga lokho baminzwa. 30 Ngokholo imiduli yeJeriko yadlila, isibhodiwe insuku eziyisikhombisa. 31 Ngokholo uRahabi isifebe kabhubhanga kanye labangakholwanga, esezemukele izinhlozi ngokuthula. 32 Ngisezathini? Ngoba ngingaphelelwa yisikhathi ngilandisa ngoGidiyoni loBaraki loSamsoni loJefitha loDavida loSamuweli labaprofethi; 33 abathi ngokholo banqoba imibuso, benza ukulunga, bazuza izithembiso, bavala imilomo yezilwane, 34 bacitsha amandla omliilo, baphepha ubukhali benkemba, bazuza amandla ebuthakathakeni, baqina empini, baxotsha amabutho awezizwe. 35 Abesifazana bemukela abafileyo babo bevela ekuvukeni; labanye bazwiswa ubuhlungu, bengemukeli ukukhululwa, ukuze bazuze ukuvuka okungcono; 36 abanye balingwa ngokwenziwa inhlekisa lokutshaywa, futhi langezibopho langentolongo; 37 bakhandwa ngamatshe, basahwa phakathi, balingwa, bafa ekubulaweni ngenkemba; bazula bembethe izigogo zezimvu lezigogo zezimbuzi, baswela, bazwiswa ubuhlungu, baphathwa kubi, 38 (umhlaba ongabafanelanga bona) bazula ezinkangala lezintabeni lezimbalwini lemhomeni yomhlaba. 39 Labo bonke laba, befakazelwe ngokholo kabazuzanga isithembiso, 40 lokhu uNkulunkulu wayesinakekele

ngaphambili okungcono, ukuze kuthi ngaphandle kwethu bangapheleliswa.

12 Ngakho-ke lathi sigonjolozelwe liyezi elikhulu kangaka labafakazi, asilahle konke okusindayo lesono esisithandele lula, asigijime ngokubekezela umjaho esivumiselweyo, 2 sikhangele kuJesu umqalisi lomphelilisi wokholo lwethu, owathi ngenxa yentokozo ayimiselweyo, waqinisela esiphambanweni, edelela ihlazo, wahlala ngakwesokunene sesihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu. 3 Ngakho mqapheliseni yena owaqinisela kuyo impikisano engaka lezoni emelane laye, ukuze lingadinwa, liphelelwe ngamandla emiphefumulweni yenu. 4 Kalikamelani lakho kuze kube segazini lisilwa lesono; 5 njalo selikhohliwe inkuthazo, ekhuluma kini njengemadodaneni eyokuthi: Ndodana yami, ungadeleli ukulaya kweNkosi, njalo ungapheli amandla, nxa usolwa yiyo; 6 ngoba iNkosi iyalaya emthandayo; njalo itshaye ngesiswepu yonke indodana eyemukelayo. 7 Uba likhuthazela ekulayweni, uNkulunkulu uyaliphatha njengamadodana; ngoba yiyiphi indodana uyise angayilayiyo? 8 Kodwa uba lingelakulaywa, okuthi bonke bangabahlanganyeli bakho, ngakho lingabokufetshwa njalo kalisiwo amadodana. 9 Futhi-ke sasilabo obaba benyama yethu abasilayayo njalo sabahlonipha; pho, kasiyikuzehlisela ngaphansi kukaYise wemimoya kakhulu kulalokho, siphile? 10 Ngoba bona kambe basilaya okwensuku ezinlutshwana, njengokubona kwabo; kodwa yena kube yikusizakala kwethu, ukuze sihlanganyele ubungcwele bakhe. 11 Lakho konke ukulaywa okukhona kakubonakali angathi ngokwentokozo, kodwa ngokosizi; emva kwalokho-ke kuyabalethela isithelo sokuthula sokulunga abaqeqetshwa ngakho. 12 Ngakho qinisani izandla ezibuthakathaka lamadolo axegayo; 13 njalo lenzele inyawo zenu indlela eziqondileyo, ukuze okuqhulayo kungenyeli, kodwa kulalokho kusiliswe. 14 Nxwanelani ukuthula labo bonke, lobungcwele, ngaphandle kwalokho kakulamuntu ozayibona iNkosi; 15 liqaphelisa ukuze kungabi khona osilelayo emuseni kaNkulunkulu; kungamili lampande yokubaba ikhathaze, njalo ngayo abanengi bangcoliswe; 16 kakungabi lamuntu oyisifebe kumbe ongakhonzi uNkulunkulu, njengoEsawu, owathengisa ubuzibulo bakhe ngokudla okukodwa. 17 Ngoba liyazi ukuthi

lemva kwalokho, esethanda ukudla ilifa lesibusiso, waliwa; ngoba kayitholanga indawo yokuphenduka, lanxa wayidingisisa ngezinyembezi. 18 Ngoba kalizanga entabeni engathintwa, lemlilweni ovuthayo, lekufipheleni, lemnyameni, lesivunguvungwini, 19 lekukhaleni kophondo, lelizwini lamazwi, okwathi labo abezwayo bancenga ukuthi kungabe kusakhulunywa ilizwi kubo; 20 ngoba babengelakukumela lokho okwalaywayo ukuthi: Ngitsho lenyamazana uba ithinta intaba, izakhandwa ngamatshe, kumbe itshokwe ngomtshoko; 21 njalo, kwakusesabeka kangaka lokho okwabonwayo, uMozisi wathi: Ngilovalo, ngiyathuthumela. 22 Kodwa lize entabeni iSiyoni, lemnini kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, eJerusalema yasezulwini, lakuzigidi zengilosi ezingelakubalwa, 23 lemhlanganweni omkhulu lebandleni lamazibulo abhalwe emazulwini, lakuNkulunkulu umahluleli wabo bonke, lakumimoya yabalungileyo abaphelelisiweyo, 24 lakuJesu umlamuli wesivumelwano esitsha, legazini lokufafaza elikhuluma izinto ezingcono kulelikaAbela. 25 Qaphelani ukuthi lingamali okhulumayo. Ngoba uba bengaphephanga labo abala lowo owakhuluma okuvela kuNkulunkulu emhlabeni, kakhulu kangakanani thina esimfulathelayo lowo okhuluma evela emazulwini; 26 olizwi lakhe ngalesosikhathi lanyikinya umhlaba, kodwa khathezi uthembisile, wathi: Ngizaphinda kanye ukunyikinya kungeyisiwo umhlaba wodwa, kodwa lezulu. 27 Lalokhu ukuthi: Ngizaphinda kanye, kutshengisa ukususwa kwezinto ezinyikinywayo, kungathi ezenziweyo, ukuze kusale izinto ezinganyikinywayo. 28 Ngakho njengoba sisemukela umbuso ongelakunyikinyekiswa, asibe lomusa esingamkhonza uNkulunkulu ngawo ngokwemukelekayo kanye lokuthobeka lokwesaba uNkulunkulu; 29 ngoba-ke uNkulunkulu wethu ungumilo oqothulayo.

13 Kalume njalo uthando lobuzalwane. 2 Lingakhohlwa ukungenisa izihambi; ngoba ngalokho abanye bangenisa izingilosi bengazi. 3 Khumbulani izibotshwa, ngokungathi libotshwe kanye lazo; abaphethwe kubi, ngokungathi lani liphethwe kubi emzimbeni. 4 Umtshado uhlonitshwa kubo bonke, lombheda ungangcoliswa; kodwa uNkulunkulu uzagweba iziphingi lezifebe. 5 Indlela yempilo kayingabi ngeyokuthanda imali, yeneliswani yizinto elilazo; ngoba yena utshilo

ukuthi: Kangisoze ngakulahla, njalo kangisoze benu, labo bonke abangcwele. Abavela elthaliya ngakutshiya. **6** Ngakho singatsho ngesibindi sithi: bayalibingelela. **25** Umusakawube lani lonke. Amen.

INkosi ingumsizi wami, njalo kangiyikwesaba umuntu azakwenza kimi. **7** Khumbulani abakhokheli benu, abakhulume kini ilizwi likaNkulunkulu; liqaphelise ukuphela kokuhamba kwabo, lilingisele ukholo lwabo. **8** UJesu Kristu unguye izolo lalamuhla lephakadeni. (aiōn g165) **9** Lingaduhiswa yizimfundiso eziyinhlobonhlobo lezingaziwayo; ngoba kuhle ukuthi inhliziyi iqiniswe ngomusa, kungabi ngokudla, abangasizwanga yikho ababebambelela kukho. **10** Silalo ilathi, abangelalungelo lokudla kulo abakhonza ithabhanekela. **11** Ngoba lezozinyamazana, ogazi lazo langeniswa ngumpristi omkhulu endaweni ezingcwele ngenxa yesono, izidumbu zazo zitshiswa ngaphandle kwenkamba. **12** Ngakho laye uJesu, ukuze angcwelise abantu ngelakhe igazi, wahlupheka ngaphandle kwesango. **13** Ngakho-ke asiphumele kuye ngaphandle kwenkamba, sithwele ihlazo lakhe. **14** Ngoba kasilawo umuzi omiyo lapha, kodwa sidinga ozayo. **15** Ngakho asinikele njalonjalo kuNkulunkulu ngaye umnikelo wendumiso, okutsho isithelo sendebe sivuma ibizo lakhe. **16** Kodwa lingakhohlwa ukwenza okuhle lokuphana; ngoba uNkulunkulu uyathokoza ngeminikelo enjalo. **17** Lalelani abakhokheli benu, lizehlisele ngaphansi kwabo; ngoba laba balinda imiphefumulo yenu, njengabazalandisa; ukuze bakwenze lokhu ngenjabulo, njalo bengabubuli; ngoba kungalisizi lokhu. **18** Sikhulekeleni; ngoba siyathemba ukuthi silesazela esihle, sifisa ukuhamba kuhle ezintweni zonke; **19** njalo ngiyalincenga ngokwengezelelwe kakhulu ukuthi likwenze lokhu, ukuze ngibuyiselwe kini ngokuphangisa. **20** Kungathi uNkulunkulu wokuthula owamkhuphula kwabafileyo uMelusi omkhulu wezimvu ngegazi lesivumelwano saphakade, iNkosi yethu uJesu, (aiōnios g166) **21** angaliphelelisa kuwo wonke umsebenzi omuhle ukuze lenze intando yakhe, esebenza kini lokho okumthokozisayo phambi kwakhe, ngoJesu Kristu, kakube kuye ubukhosi kuze kube nini lanini. Amen. (aiōn g165) **22** Kodwa ngiyalincenga, bazalwane, lemukeleni ngesineke ilizwi lenkuthazo; ngoba ngilibhalele ngamafitshane. **23** Yazini ukuthi umzalwane uTimothi ukhululwe, uba efika masinyane, ngizalibona ngilaye. **24** Bingelelani bonke abakhokheli

UJakhobe

1 UJakobe, inceku kaNkulunkulu leyeNkosi uJesu Kristu, kuzo izizwe ezilithumi lambili ezisekuhlakazekeni, ngiyabingelela. **2** Kubaleni ukuthi kuyintokozo yonke, bazalwane bami, nxa liwela ezilingweni ezizinhlobonhlobo, **3** lisazi ukuthi ukuhlolwa kokholo lwenu kuveza ukubekezela; **4** kodwa ukubekezela kakube lomsebenzi opheleleyo, ukuze libe ngabapheleleyo liphelelisiwe, lingasileli ngalutho. **5** Njalo uba kukhona kini oswele inhlakanipho, kacele kuNkulunkulu ophanayo ngesihle kubo bonke, futhi engasoli, njalo uzayinikwa. **6** Kodwa kacele ekholweni engathandabuzi ngalutho; ngoba othandabuzayo unjengegagasi lolwandle eliqhutshwa ngumoya lizuliswe. **7** Ngoba lowomuntu kangacabangi ukuthi uzazuza ulutho eNkosini. **8** Indoda enhliziyombili iyaphenduphenda endleleni zayo zonke. **9** Lomzalwane ophansi kazincome ekuphakameni kwakhe; **10** kodwa onothileyo ekuthotshisweni kwakhe; ngoba njengeluba lotshani uzadlula. **11** Ngoba ilanga liphuma lilokutshisa, libunise utshani, leluba labo liwohloke, lobuhle bokubonakala kwalo bunyamalale; ngokunjalo lesinothi sizanyamalala ezindleleni zaso. **12** Ubusiwe umuntu obekezelela isilingo; ngoba esehloliwe uzakwemukela umqhele wempilo, iNkosi eyawuthembisa kwabayithandayo. **13** Kakulamuntu olingwayo omele athi: Ngilingwa nguNkulunkulu; ngoba uNkulunkulu kalasilingo sokubi, laye uqobo kalingi muntu. **14** Kodwa ngulowo lalowo uyalingwa, lapho eyengwa ngezakhe inkanuko, ehugwa; **15** kuthi lapho inkanuko isikhulelwe ibelethe isono; lesono lapho sesiphelele sizala ukufa. **16** Lingakhohliswa, bazalwane bami abathandekayo. **17** Sonke isipho esihle laso sonke isipho esipheleleyo sivela phezulu, sehla sivela kuYise wezibane, okungekho kuye ukuguquka, kumbe isithunzi sokuphenduka. **18** Ngokuthanda kwakhe wasizala ngelizwi leqiniso, ukuze sibe njengezithelo zokuqala zezidalwa zakhe. **19** Ngakho, bazalwane bami abathandekayo, wonke umuntu umele aphantise ukuzwa, aphuze ukukhuluma, aphuze ukuthukuthela; **20** ngoba ukuthukuthela kwendoda kakwenzi ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu. **21** Ngakho selihlubule amanyala wonke lokwanda kakhulu kobubi, lemukele

ngobumnene ilizwi eligxunekiweyo, elilamandla okusindisa imiphefumulo yenu. **22** Kodwa banini ngabenzi belizwi, lingabi ngabezwayo kuphela, lizikhohlisa lina ngokwenu. **23** Ngoba uba umuntu engumuzwi welizwi futhi engesimenzi, yena ufanana lendoda ebuka ubuso bayo bemvelo esibukweni; **24** ngoba iyazibuka, ibisisuka, ibisihle ikhohlwa ukuthi ibinjani. **25** Kodwa lowo okhangelisisa emlayweni opheleleyo, lowo owenkululeko, abesebambelela kuwo, yena engesimuzwi okhohlwayo kodwa engumenzi womsebenzi, lo uzakuba ngobusisiweyo ekwenzeni kwakhe. **26** Uba umuntu phakathi kwenu esithi uyakholwa, uba engalufaki itomu ulimi lwakhe, kodwa akhohlise inhliziyi yakhe, ukukholwa kwalowo kuyize. **27** Ukukholwa okuhlanzekileyo lokungangcoliswanga phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngitsho uBaba yilokhu, ukuhambela izintandane labafelokazi ekuhluphekeni kwabo, lokuzilondoloza engelasici kokomhlaba.

2 Bazalwane bami, kungeyisikho ngokubandlulula abantu libe lokholo lweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, iNkosi yenkazimulo. **2** Ngoba uba kungena emhlanganweni wenu indoda elendandatho yegolide lesembatho esikhazimulayo, besekungena longumyanga olesembatho esingcolileyo, **3** beselinanzelela ogqoke isembatho esikhazimulayo beselisithi kuye: Wena hlala lapha kuhle; beselisithi kongumyanga: Wena mana lapho, loba: Hlala lapha ngaphansi kwesenabelo senyawo zami; **4** pho, kalibandlululi phakathi kwenu, njalo laba ngabahluleli abalemicabango emibi yini? **5** Zwanini, bazalwane bami abathandekayo. UNkulunkulu kabakhethanga yini abayanga balumhlaba, benothile ekholweni, njalo bezindlalifa zombuso awuthembisayo kwabamthandayo? **6** Kodwa lina libadumazile abayanga. Abanothileyo kabalicindezeli yini, njalo akusibo yini abalidonsele ekwahlulelweni? **7** Bona kabalihlambazi yini ibizo elihle elibizwa ngalo? **8** Uba liphelelisa umlayo wobukhosi, ngokombhalo: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena, lenza kuhle; **9** kodwa uba libandlulula abantu, lenza isono, lilahlwa ngumlayo njengabaweqayo. **10** Ngoba loba ngubani ogcina umlayo wonke, kodwa akhubeke kokukodwa, uba lecala kuyo yonke. **11** Ngoba owathi: Ungafebi; wathi futhi: Ungabulali; uba-ke ungafebi, kodwa

ubulala, usungumeqi womlayo. **12** Khulumani ngokunjalo lenze njalo, njengabazakwahlulelwa ngomlayo wenkululeko. **13** Ngoba ukwahlulelwa okungelasihawu kungokwalowo ongenzanga isihawu; njalo isihawu sizincoma kukho ukwahlulela. **14** Kusizani, bazalwane bami, uba umuntu esithi ulokholo, kodwa engelamisebenzi? Lolokholo lungamsindisa yini? **15** Uba-ke umzalwane loba umzalwanekazi behambaze njalo beswela ukudla kwensuku ngensuku, **16** omunye wenu abesesithi kubo: Hambani ngokuthula, likhudumale lisuthe; kodwa lingabaniki izinto ezidingwa ngumzimba, lokho kusizani? **17** Kunjalo lokholo, uba lungelamisebenzi, lufile ngokwalo. **18** Kodwa omunye uzakuthi: Wena ulokholo, mina-ke ngilemisebenzi; ngitshengisa ukholo lwakho ngaphandle kwemisebenzi yakho, lami emisebenzini yami ngizakutshengisa ukholo lwami. **19** Wena uyakholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu munye; wenza kuhle; lamadimoni ayakholwa, njalo athuthumele. **20** Kodwa uyathanda ukwazi yini, O siphukuphuku, ukuthi ukholo olungelamisebenzi lufile? **21** UAbrahama ubaba wethu kalungisiswanga yini ngemisebenzi, esenikele indodana yakhe utsalaka phezu kwelathi? **22** Uyabona ukuthi ukholo lwalusebenza kanye lemisebenzi yakhe, lokuthi ukholo lwapheleliswa ngemisebenzi, **23** kwasekugcwaliswa umbhalo othi: LoAbrahama wakholwa uNkulunkulu, kwasekubalelwa kuye ukuthi kuyikulunga, wasebizwa ngokuthi ngumngane kaNkulunkulu. **24** Ngakho-ke liyabona ukuthi umuntu uyalungisiswa ngemisebenzi, futhi kungesikuthi ngokholo kuphela. **25** Ngokunjalo-ke loRahabi isifebe kalungisiswanga ngemisebenzi yini, esezemukele izithunywa, eseziphumise ngenye indlela? **26** Ngoba njengalokhu umzimba ngaphandle komoya ufile, ngokunjalo lokholo ngaphandle kwemisebenzi lufile.

3 Lingabi ngabafundisi abanengi, bazalwane bami, lisazi ukuthi sizakwemukela isigwebo esikhulu. **2** Ngoba sonke siyakhubeka ezintweni ezinengi. Uba umuntu engakhubeki elizwini, lowo uyindoda epheleleyo, elamandla okukhina lomzimba wonke. **3** Khangela, sifaka amatomu emlonyeni yamabhiza ukuze asilalele, sibe sesiqondisa umzimba wonke wawo kwenye indlela. **4** Khangela, lemikhumbi, lanxa imikhulu kangaka njalo iqhutshwa yimimoya elamandla, iyaqondiswa kwenye indlela ngephinyana

nje, lapho isifiso somtshayeli esifuna khona. **5** Lunjalo lolimi luyisitho esincinyane, kanti luzincoma kakhulu. Khangela, umlilo omncinyane uyatshisa izigodo ezingakanani! **6** Ulimi lalo lungumlilo, umhlaba wobubi; lunjalo ulimi lubekwe phakathi kwezitho zethu, lungcolisa umzimba wonke, luthungele indlela yempilo, njalo luthungelwa yisihogo. (Geenna **g1067**) **7** Ngoba yonke imvelo yokubili izinyamazana lezinyoni, kokubili ezihuquzelayo lezidalwa zolwandle, iyathanjiswa njalo isithanjisiwe ngemvelo yabantu; **8** kodwa ulimi kakulamuntu ongaluthambisa; luyibubi obungelakunqotshwa, lugcwele ubuhlungu obubulalayo. **9** Ngalo siyabonga uNkulunkulu ngitsho uBaba, langalo siqalekisa abantu abenziwe ngesimo sikaNkulunkulu; **10** emlonyeni munye kuyaphuma ukubonga lenhlamba. Lezizinto kazifanelanga, bazalwane bami, zenzeke njalo. **11** Kambe umthombo emlonyeni munye ungagobhoza yini okumnandi lokubabayo? **12** Kambe, bazalwane bami, umkhiwa ungathela imihlwathi yini, loba ivini umkhiwa? Ngokunjalo kakulamthombo oveza amanzi alitshwayi lamnandi. **13** Ngubani ohlakaniphileyo loqedisisayo phakathi kwenu? Katshengise imisebenzi yakhe ekuziphatheni kuhle ngobumnene benhlakanipho. **14** Kodwa uba lilomhawu obabayo lombango enhliziyweni yenu, lingazincomi liqambele amanga iqiniso. **15** Lokhu kayisiyo inhlakanipho eyehla ivela phezulu, kodwa ingeyomhlaba, ngeyemvelo, eyamadimoni. **16** Ngoba lapho okukhona umhawu lombango, lapho kukhona isiphithiphithi laso sonke isenzo esibi. **17** Kodwa inhlakanipho evela phezulu eyokuqala ihlanzekile, emva kwalokho ibe lokuthula, ibe mnene, ilalele, igcwele isihawu lezithelo ezinhle, kayilakubandlulula futhi ingelakuzenzisa. **18** Lesithelo sokulunga sihlanyelwa ekuthuleni kulabo abenza ukuthula.

4 Zivela ngaphi izimpi lokulwa phakathi kwenu? Kakuveli lapha yini, enkanukweni zenu ezilwayo ezithweni zenu? **2** Liyafisa, kodwa kalilalutho; liyabulala njalo lilomhawu, kodwa lingeke lazuza; liyalwa futhi lenza impi, kodwa kalilalutho, ngoba kaliceli; **3** liyacela njalo kalemukeli, ngoba licela kubi, ukuze likuchithele enkanukweni zenu. **4** Zifebe lezifebekazi, kalazi yini ukuthi uthando lomhlaba luyibutha kuNkulunkulu? Ngakho loba ngubani othanda ukuba ngumngane womhlaba,

wenziwa isitha sikaNkulunkulu. 5 Kumbe licabanga yini ukuthi umbhalo utsho ize: Umoya ohlala kithi ufisela kumona? 6 Kodwa uyanika umusa omkhulu; ngakho uthi: UNkulunkulu umelana labazigqajayo, kodwa abathobekileyo uyabapha umusa. 7 Ngakho zehliseleni kuNkulunkulu, melanani lodiyabhola, njalo uzalibalekela. 8 Sondelani kuNkulunkulu, laye uzasondela kini; gezani izandla, zoni, njalo lihlanze izinhliziyi, lina banhliziyombili. 9 Danani lilile likhale; ukuhleka kwenu kakuphendulwe ukulila, lentokozo ukudana. 10 Zithobeni phambi kweNkosi, njalo izaliphakamisa. 11 Lingahleboni, bazalwane. Lowo ohleba umzalwane, amehlulele umzalwane wakhe, uhleba umlayo, ehlulele umlayo; kodwa uba usehlulele umlayo, kawusumenzi womlayo, kodwa umahluleli. 12 Munye ummisumlayo, olamandla okusindisa lokubhubhisa; wena ungubani owahlulela omunye? 13 Minani-ke lina elithi: Lamuhla loba kusasa sizakuya emzini othile, sihlale khona umnyaka owodwa sithengiselane sizuze; 14 elingakwaziyo okwakusasa. Ngoba iyini impilo yenu? Ngoba iyinkungu ebonakala okwesikhatshana, emva kwalokho ibisinyamalala; 15 endaweni yalokho ngabe lithi: Uba iNkosi ivuma, njalo sizaphila, sibe sesisenza lokhu kumbe lokhuyana. 16 Kodwa khathesi liyazincoma ekuzigqajeni kwenu; konke ukuzincoma okunje kubi. 17 Ngakho lowo okwaziyo ukwenza okuhle kodwa engakwenzi, kuyisono kuye.

5 Minani-ke lina abanothileyo, khalani lilile ngenxa yenhlopheko zenu ezilehelayo. 2 Inothi yenu ibolile, lezembatho zenu zidlwe yinundu; 3 igolide lenu lesiliva kuthombile, lokuthomba kwakho kuzakuba yibufakazi kini, njalo kuzakudla inyama yenu njengomlilo. Lizibekela inothi ensukwini zokuphela. 4 Khangela, umvuzo wezisebenzi ezigunde amasimu enu, ogodlwe yini ngokuqilbezela, uyakhala; lokukhala kwabavuni kungene endlebeni zeNkosi yamabandla. 5 Libusile ngokuzithokozisa emhlabeni, latamasa; linonise inhliziyi zenu njengosukwini lokuhlatswa, 6 lilahlile, labulala olungileyo; kamelananga lani. 7 Ngakho bekezelani, bazalwane, kuze kube sekufikeni kweNkosi. Khangela, umlimi uyalindela isithelo somhlabathi esiligugu, asibekezelele, size sizuze izulu elokuqala lellokucina. 8 Lani bekezelani, liqinise inhliziyi zenu, ngoba ukufika kweNkosi kuyasondela. 9 Lingasolani, bazalwane, ukuze lingahlwa; khangela,

uMahluleli umi emnyango. 10 Thathani isibonelo sokuhlopheka, bazalwane bami, lesokubekezela, abaprofethi abakhuluma ebizweni leNkosi. 11 Khangela, sithi babusisiwe ababekezelayo; lizwile ukubekezela kukaJobe, laselibona ukucina kweNkosi, ukuthi iNkosi ilesihawu esikhulu lobubele. 12 Kodwa phambi kwakho konke, bazalwane bami, lingafungi, loba ngezulu, loba ngomhlaba, loba ngasiphi esinye isifungo; kodwa kakuthi uyebo wenu abe nguyebo, lohatshi nguhatshi; ukuze lingaweli ekulahlweni. 13 Kukhona ohluphekayo yini phakathi kwenu? Kakhuleke. Kukhona othokozayo yini? Kahlabele indumiso. 14 Kukhona ogulayo phakathi kwenu yini? Kabizele kuye abadala bebandla, babesebekhuleka phezu kwakhe, bamgcobe ngamafutha ebizweni leNkosi; 15 lomkhuleko wokholo uzamsindisa ogulayo, leNkosi izamlulamisa; uba-ke enzile izono, uzazithethelelwa. 16 Vumani iziphambeko omunye komunye, likhulekelane, ukuze lisiliswe. Umkhuleko oqinileyo wolungileyo ulamandla kakhulu. 17 UEliza wayengumuntu olemizwa efanana leyethu, wasekhuleka lokukhuleka ukuthi lingani; njalo kalinanga emhlabeni okweminyaka emithathu lenyanga eziyisithupha; 18 wasebuya ekhuleka, lezulu lanika izulu, lomhlaba wathela isithelo sawo. 19 Bazalwane, uba omunye kini ephambuka eqinisweni, lomunye angambuyisa, 20 yazi ukuthi obuyise isoni ekuduheni kwendlela yaso uzasindisa umphefumulo ekufeni, asibekele inkithinkithi yezono.

1 UPhetro

1 UPetro, umphostoli kaJesu Kristu, kwabemzini abakhethiweyo bokuhlakazeka kwePontusi, iGalathiya, iKaphadosiya, iAsiya, leBithiniya, njengokolwazi ngaphambili lukaNkulunkulu uBaba, ekungcwelisweni koMoya, ekulaleleni lekufafazweni kwegazi likaJesu Kristu: Umusa lokuthula kakwandiswe kini. **3** Ubusisiwe uNkulunkulu, ngitsho uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, owasizala kutsha ngesihawu sakhe esikhulu ethembeni eliphilileyo ngokuvuka kukaJesu Kristu kwabafileyo, **4** elifeni elingaboliyo lelingangcolanga lelingabuniyo, elilondolozelwe lona emazulwini, **5** lina elilondolozwe ngamandla kaNkulunkulu ngokholo kusindiso olulungiselwe ukwembulwa esikhathini sokucina. **6** Elithokoza kuso, lanxa okwesikhatshana khathesi, uba kudingeka, lisezahlopheka ezilingweni eziyizinhlobonhlobo, **7** ukuze ukulingwa kokholo lwenu, oluligugu kakhulu okwedlula igolide elibhubhayo, selihlolwe ngomlilo, kuficwe kulendumiso lenhlonipho lodumo, ekwembulweni kukaJesu Kristu; **8** elingambonanga limthanda, elithi khathesi lingamboni kodwa likholwe kuye, liyathokoza ngentokoza engakhulumekiyo ledumisekayo, **9** lizuze isiphetho sokholo lwenu, usindiso lwemiphefumulo yenu. **10** Ngalolusindiso abaprofethi babuzisisa njalo bahlolisisa, abaprofetha ngomusa oza kini; **11** babuza ukuthi yisiphi loba sinjani isikhathi uMoya kaKristu owayekibo osikhombayo, efakaza ngaphambili ngenhlopheko eziqondene loKristu, langobukhosi emva kwalezo; **12** okwembulwa kubo ukuthi kungeyisikho kubo, kodwa kithi babesebenza lezizinto, eselizitshunyayezwa yilabo abalitshumayeza ivangeli ngoMoya oNgcwele othunyeve evela ezulwini, izinto ingilos ezilangatha ukuzihlolisisa. **13** Ngakho zibopheni inkalo zengqondo yenu, liqondile, lithembe ngokupheleleyo emuseni oethwe kini ekwembulweni kukaJesu Kristu; **14** njengabantwana abalalelayo, lingahambelani lesimo sezinkanuko ezazikhona mandulo kokungazi kwenu, **15** kodwa njengoba owalibizayo engcwele, lani banini ngcwele kukho konke ukuziphatha; **16** ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Banini ngcwele, ngoba mina ngingcwele. **17** Njalo uba libiza lithi: Baba, owahlulela ngulowo lalowo ngokomsebenzi wakhe engabandlululi, chithani isikhathi sokuba

yizihambi kwenu ekwesabeni; **18** lisazi ukuthi kalihlengwanga ngezinto ezingabhubha, isiliva kumbe igolide, ekuhambeni kwenu okuyize elakwemukela kubobaba, **19** kodwa ngegazi likaKristu eliligugu kungathi ngelewundlu elingelasici lelingelabala. **20** Isibili owamiswa ngaphambili phambi kwesisekelo somhlaba, kodwa wabonakaliswa ezikhathini zokucina ngenxa yenu, **21** elikholwa ngaye kuNkulunkulu, owamvusa kwabafileyo, wasemnika ubukhosi, ukuze ukholo lethemba lenu kube kuNkulunkulu. **22** Selihlanze imiphefumulo yenu ekulaleleni kweqiniso ngoMoya ethandweni lwabazalwane ngokungazenzisi, thandanani ngokutshiseka okuvela enhliziyweni emhlophe; **23** selizelwe ngokutsha okungeyisikho okuvela enhlanyelweni engabola, kodwa engaboliyo, ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu eliphilayo lelimiyo ephakadeni. (aiōn g165) **24** Ngoba yonke inyama injengotshani, labo bonke ubukhosi bomuntu bunjengeluba lotshani. Utshani buyabuna, leluba labo liwohloke; **25** kodwa ilizwi leNkosi limi kuze kube sephakadeni. Laleli yilizwi elatshunyayelwa kini ngevangeli. (aiōn g165)

2 Ngakho lahlani ububi bonke lobuqili bonke lokuzenzisa lomhawu lokuhleba konke, **2** njengezingane ezisanda ukuzalwa, fisani uchago olungaqungwanga lwelizwi, ukuze likhuliswe ngalo, **3** uba-ke selinambithile ukuthi iNkosi ilomusa. **4** Elizayo kuyo, ilitshe eliphilayo, elaliwa isibili ngabantu, kodwa kuNkulunkulu likhethiwe, liligugu, **5** lani njengamatshe aphilayo lakhiwe indlu yokomoya, ubupristi obungcwele, ukuze linikele imihlatshelo yokomoya eyemukelekayo kuNkulunkulu ngoJesu Kristu. **6** Ngakho kukhona lembhalweni ukuthi: Khangela ngiyabeka eSiyoni ilitshe lengonsi, elikhethiweyo eliligugu; lokholwa kuye kasoze ayangeke. **7** Ngakho kini elikholwayo uligugu; kodwa kwabangalaleliyo, ilitshe abakhi abalalayo, leli selibe yinhloko yengonsi, **8** lelitshelokukhubekisa, ledwala lokuwisa; abakhubeka elizwini, bengalaleli; okuyikho labo ababekumiselwe; **9** kodwa lina liluhlanga olukhethiweyo, ubupristi bobukhosi, isizwe esingcwele, abantu abatholiweyo, ukuze litshumayeke jikelele ukulunga kwalowo owalibiza livela emnyameni laya ekukhanyeni kwakhe okumangalisayo; **10** elalikade lingeyisibo abantu, kodwa khathesi lingabantu bakaNkulunkulu; elalingahawukelwanga, kodwa khathesi selihawukelwe. **11** Bathandekayo,

ngiyalincenga njengabemzini lezihambi ukuthi lizithinte enkanukweni zenyama, ezilwa lomphfumulo; **12** lilokuhamba okuhle phakathi kwabezizwe, ukuze kuthi, ekulihlebeni njengabenzi bobubi, ezenzweni ezinhle abazibonileyo bangadumisa uNkulunkulu osukwini lokuhanjelwa. **13** Ngakho zehliseleni ngaphansi kwaso sonke isimiso sabantu ngenxa yeNkosi; loba kuyinkosi, njengebusayo; **14** loba kubabusi, njengabathunywe yiyo ekujezisweni kwabenzi bobubi, kodwa kube lodumo lwabenzi bokuhle. **15** Ngoba injalo intando kaNkulunkulu, ukuthi ngokwenza okuhle lifake isayeke emlonyeni wokungazi kwabantu abayizithutha; **16** njengabakhululekileyo, kodwa lingabi lenkululeko njengesigubuzelo sobubi, kodwa njengezigqili zikaNkulunkulu. **17** Hloniphani bonke. Thandani ubuzalwane. Mesabeni uNkulunkulu. Hloniphani inkosi. **18** Zinceku, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwamakhosi ngokwesaba konke, kungeyisikho kulawo alungileyo lamnene kuphela, kodwa lakulawo angaqondanga. **19** Ngoba lokhu kungumusa, uba umuntu ethwala izinhlopheko ngenxa yesazela kuNkulunkulu, ehlupheka ngokungafanelanga. **20** Ngoba kulenzuzo bani, uba lisona beselitshaywa libekezela? Kodwa uba lisenza okuhle njalo lihlupheke libekezela, lokhu kungumusa kuNkulunkulu. **21** Ngoba labizelwa lokho, ngoba uKristu laye wasihluphekela, esitshiyela isibonelo, ukuze lilandele izinyathelo zakhe; **22** ongenzanga isono, lenkohliso kayifcwanga emlonyeni wakhe; **23** owathi ethukwa kazaphindisela ngokuthuka, ehlupheka kazasongela, kodwa wazinikela kulowo owahlulela ngokulunga; **24** yena ngokwakhe owathwala izono zethu emzimbeni wakhe esihlahleni, ukuze kuthi, sesifile esonweni, siphile ekulungeni; okungemivimvinya yakhe lisilisiwe. **25** Ngoba lalinjengezimvu ezilahlekayo; kodwa khathezi selibuyele kuMelusi loMbonisi wemiphefumulo yenu.

3 Ngokunjalo bafazi, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwawenu amadoda, ukuze kuthi, uba-ke bekhona abangalaleli ilizwi, bazuzwe ngaphandle kwelizwi ngokuziphatha kwabafazi, **2** enanzelela ukuhamba kwenu okuhlambululekileyo ekwesabeni. **3** Okuceca kwenu kakungabi ngokwangaphandle okokweluka inwele, lokokugqiza igolide, kumbe okokugqoka izembatho; **4** kodwa umuntu osithekileyo wenhliziyo, entweni engagugiyiyo yomoya omnene lokuthula, oligugu elikhulu phambi

kukaNkulunkulu. **5** Ngoba kudala bazicecisa ngokunjalo labesifazana abangcwele ababethemba uNkulunkulu, bezehlisela ngaphansi kwawabo amadoda; **6** njengoSara owamlalela uAbrahama, wambiza ngokuthi nkosi, eselingamadodakazi akhe, uba lisenza okuhle njalo lingesatshiswa langokukodwa okwesabekayo. **7** Ngokunjalo madoda, hlalisanani ngokolwazi, limhloniphe owesifazana njengesitsha, esibuthakathaka, njengoba labo beyizindlalifa zomusa wempilo kanye lani, ukuze imikhuleko yenu ingavinjelwa. **8** Okokucina-ke, banini nhliziyonye lonke, lizwelane, lithande abazalwane, libe lobubele, lilomusa; **9** lingaphindiseli okubi ngokubi, kumbe ukuthuka ngokuthuka; kodwa esikhundleni salokhu busisani, lisazi ukuthi labizelwa lokho, ukuze lidle ilifa lesibusiso. **10** Ngoba lowo ofuna ukuthanda impilo, lokubona insuku ezinhle, kanqande ulimi lwakhe kokubi, lendebe zakhe ukuze zingakhulumi inkohliso; **11** kaphambuke kokubi, abesesenza okuhle; adinge ukuthula, njalo akunxwanele. **12** Ngoba amehlo eNkosi aphezu kwabalungileyo, lendlebe zayo zingasemkhulekweni wabo; kodwa ubuso beNkosi bumelana labenza okubi. **13** Pho ngubani ongalilimaza, uba lingabalingisi bokuhle? **14** Kodwa uba lani lihlupheka ngenxa yokulunga, libusisiwe; njalo lingesabi ukwethusa kwabo, njalo lingakhathazeki; **15** kodwa ngcwelisani iNkosi uNkulunkulu enhliziyweni zenu; beselihlala lizilungisele ukuphendula wonke olibuza isizatho ngethemba elikini, kanye lobumnene lokwesaba, **16** lilesazela esihle, ukuze kuthi kulokho abalihleba ngakho njengabenzi bobubi bayangeke, labo abathuka ukuziphatha kwenu okuhle kuKristu. **17** Ngoba kungcono ukuhlupheka lisenza okuhle, uba intando kaNkulunkulu ikuthanda, kulokuhlupheka lisenza okubi. **18** Ngoba loKristu wahlupheka kanye ngenxa yezono, olungileyo esikhundleni sabangalunganga, ukuze asise kuNkulunkulu; owabulawa enyameni, kodwa wenziwa waphila ngoMoya, **19** ayesehambe ngawo laye watshumayela kumimoya esentolongweni, **20** eyababekade bengalaleli, lapho ukubekezela kukaNkulunkulu kwakukade kulindele, ensukwini zikaNowa lapho umkhumbi wawusakhiwa, okwasindiswa kuwo abalutshwana, okuyikuthi imiphefumulo eyisificaminwembili, ngamanzi. **21** Umfuziselo wawo lubhabhathizo olusisindisayo lathi khathezi,

kungeyisikho ukususwa kwengcekeza yenyama, kodwa ukucela kwesazela esihle kuNkulunkulu, ngokuvuka kukaJesu Kristu, 22 oseye ezulwini, ekhona ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, izingilosi leziphathamandla lamandla sekwehliselwe ngaphansi kwakhe.

4 Ngengoba uKristu wasihluphekela enyameni, hlomani lani ngengqondo efananayo, ngoba ohlupheke enyameni, useyekele isono, 2 ukuze isikhathi esiseleyo enyameni lingabe lisaphilela inkanuko zabantu, kodwa intando kaNkulunkulu. 3 Ngoba kwanele kithi ukuthi isikhathi sempilo esedlulileyo siqhube intando yabezizwe, lapho sasihamba emanyaleni, ezinkanukweni, ekudakweni, ekuminzeni, ekunatheni, lekukhonzeni izithombe okuyangisayo; 4 abamangala kukho, nxa lingagijimi ndawonye kulokhukuthululeka kwamanyala, belihlambaza; 5 abazaziphendulela kulowo olungele ukwahlulela abaphilayo labafileyo. 6 Ngoba ngenxa yalokhu ivangeli latshunyayelwa lakwabafileyo, ukuze bahlulelwe ngokwabantu enyameni, kodwa baphile ngokukaNkulunkulu emoyeni. 7 Kodwa ukuphela kwezinto zonke sekusondele; ngakho qondani lilinde lisemikhulekweni; 8 kodwa phambi kwakho konke banini lothando oluvuthayo omunye komunye, ngoba uthando luzasibekela inkithinkithi yezono; 9 phathanani kuhle ekwethekelaneni, ngaphandle kokusola; 10 ngulowo lalowo njengesiphiwo asemukeleyo, kasisebenze omunye komunye, njengabaphathi abalungileyo bomusa kaNkulunkulu ozinhlobonhlobo; 11 uba umuntu ekhuluma, kakhulume njengamazwi kaNkulunkulu; uba umuntu esebenza, kasebenze njengokuvela emandleni uNkulunkulu awanikayo; ukuze uNkulunkulu adunyiswe kuzo zonke izinto ngoJesu Kristu, okukuye ubukhosi lamandla kuze kube nini lanini. Amen. (aion g165) 12 Bathandekayo, lingamangali ngesilingo esitshisayo esiphezu kwenu esilihlodayo, ngokungathi lehllelwe yinto engaziwayo; 13 kodwa njengoba lihlanganyela inhlupheko zikaKristu, thokozani, ukuze kuthi lekwebulweni kwenkazimulo yakhe lithokoze lijabule kakhulu. 14 Uba lithukwa ngenxa yebizo likaKristu, libusisiwe; ngoba uMoya wenkazimulo lokaNkulunkulu uhlezi phezu kwenu; ngabo-ke uyathukwa, kodwa ngani uyadunyiswa. 15 Kodwa kakungabi khona owakini ohlupheka njengombulali,

loba isela, loba umenzi wokubi, loba njengozigaxa endabeni zabanye; 16 kodwa uba ehlupheka njengomKristu, kangabi lanhloni, kodwa kadumise uNkulunkulu ngenxa yalokhu. 17 Ngoba sekuyisikhathi sokuthi ukwahlulela kuqale endlini kaNkulunkulu; njalo uba kuqala kithi, kuzakuba yini ukuphela kwalabo abangalalelanga ivangeli likaNkulunkulu? 18 Uba-ke olungileyo esindiswa ngobulukhuni, oweyisa uNkulunkulu lesoni uzabonakala ngaphi? 19 Ngakho-ke labo abahluphekayo ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu, njengakuMdali othembekileyo kabanikele eyabo imiphefumulo ekwenzeni okuhle.

5 Abadala abaphakathi kwenu ngiyabakhuthaza engingomdala kanye labo lomfakazi wenhlupheko zikaKristu, lomhlanganyeli wenkazimulo ezakwebulwa: 2 Yelusani umhlambi kaNkulunkulu ophakathi kwenu, liwubonise kungabi ngokubanjwa ngamandla, kodwa ngesihle; njalo kungabi ngenxa yenzuzo elihlazo, kodwa ngokuvuma, 3 futhi lingabi njengababusi kulabo elabelwa bona, kodwa libe yizibonelo zomhlambi. 4 Kuzakuthi lapho uMelusi omkhulu esebonakele lizakwemukela umqhele wobukhosi ongabuniyo. 5 Ngokunjalo, batsha, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwabadala; njalo lonke zehliseni omunye komunye, zembathiseni ukuthobeka; ngoba uNkulunkulu umelana labazigqajayo, kodwa abathobekileyo uyabapha umusa. 6 Ngakho zehliseleni ngaphansi kwesandla sikaNkulunkulu esilamandla, ukuze aliphakamise ngesikhathi esifaneleyo, 7 liphosela phezu kwakhe inkathazo zenu zonke, ngoba yena uyalikhathalela. 8 Qondani, lilinde, ngoba isitha senu, udiyabhola, siyabhoda njengesilwane esibhongayo sidinga esingamginya; 9 limelane laye liqinile ekholweni, lisazi ukuthi zona lezonhlupho zaphelilelwa kubazalwane benu abasemhlabeni. 10 Kodwa uNkulunkulu womusa wonke, owasibizela ebukhosini bakhe obuphakade kuKristu Jesu, sesihlupheke okwesikhatshana, sengathi yena angaliphelelisa, aliqinise, alinike amandla, alisekele. (aionios g166) 11 Kakube kuye inkazimulo lamandla kuze kube nini lanini. Amen. (aion g165) 12 NgoSilivanu ongumzalwane othembekileyo kini, ngokubona kwami, ngibhale ngokufitshane, ngikhuthaza njalo ngifakaza ukuthi lo ngumusa oqotho kaNkulunkulu, elimi kuwo. 13 Ibandla eliseBhabhiloni elikhethiweyo kanye lani liyalibingelela, loMarko

indodana yami. 14 Bingelelanani ngokwanga
kothando. Ukuthula kakube kini lonke elikuKristu
Jesu. Ameni.

2 UPhetro

1 USimoni Petro, inceku lomphostoli kaJesu Kristu, kulabo abazuze ukholo oluligugu njengathi ngokulunga kukaNkulunkulu wethu loMsindisi wethu uJesu Kristu: **2** Kakwandiswe kini umusa lokuthula elwazini lukaNkulunkulu lolukaJesu iNkosi yethu. **3** Njengamandla akhe obuNkulunkulu asinike zonke izinto ezimayelana lempilo lokukhonza uNkulunkulu, ngokolwazi lwalowo owasibiza ngobukhosi langobuhle; **4** okungakho siphwe izithembiso ezinkulu kakhulu leziligugu, ukuze ngalezi libe ngabahlanganyeli bemvelo yobuNkulunkulu, seliphephe ekuboleni okusemhlabeni ngenxa yenkanuko. **5** Njalo ngenxa yalokhu-ke selenze yonke inkuthalo, yengezelelani ukulunga ekholweni lwenu, lekulungeni ulwazi, **6** lelwazini ukuzithiba, lekuzithibeni ukubekezela, lekubekezeleni ukwesaba uNkulunkulu, **7** lekwesabeni uNkulunkulu uthando lwabazalwane, lethandweni lwabazalwane uthando. **8** Ngoba uba lezizinto zikhona kini, njalo zisanda, kaziyikulenza livilaphe njalo lingabi lezithelo elwazini lweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu; **9** ngoba ongelazo lezizinto, uyisiphofu ubonela eduze, esekhohlwe ukuthi wahanjululwa ezonweni zakhe ezindala. **10** Ngakho, bazalwane, tshisekelani kakhulu ukuqinisa ubizo lokhetho lwenu; ngoba uba lisenza lezizinto, kalisoze likhubeke loba nini. **11** Ngoba ngokunjalo lizakwengezelelwa ngokukhulu ukungena embusweni ophakade weNkosi yethu loMsindisi uJesu Kristu. (aiōnios g166) **12** Ngakho kangisoze ngiyekele ukulikhumbuza njalunjalo ngalezizinto, lanxa lisazi, njalo liqinisiwe eqinisweni elikhona. **13** Njalo ngibona kulungile ukuthi, nxa ngisesekhona kuleithabhanekela, ngilivuse ngesikhumbuzo; **14** ngisazi ukuthi kuyaphangisa ukususwa kwethabhanekela lami, njengalokhu leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu ingitshengisile. **15** Kodwa lami ngizakuthala ukuthi ngezikhathi zonke emva kokusuka kwami libe lesikhumbuzo salezizinto. **16** Ngoba sasingalandeli izinganekwane zobuqili, lapho silazisa amandla lokuza kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, kodwa sasingabazibonelayo ubukhulu bayo. **17** Ngoba wemukela udumo lobukhosi okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba, lapho ilizwi elinje lafikiswa kuye ngenkazimulo yobukhosi lisithi: Le yiNdodana yami ethandekayo

mina engithokoza kuyo; **18** laleilizwi thina salizwa livela ezulwini, lapho sasilaye entabeni engcwele. **19** Njalo silelizwi eliqinileyo kakhulu lesiprofetho, elenza kuhle ukuliqaphelisa njengesibane esikhanyayo endaweni emnyama, luze lukhanye usuku, lekhwezi liphumele enhliziyweni zenu; **20** lisazi lokhu kuqala, ukuthi kasikho isiprofetho sombhalo esivela kungcazelo engeyakhe. **21** Ngoba kakuzanga kulethwe isiprofetho ngentando yomuntu, kodwa abantu abangcwele bakaNkulunkulu bakhuluma beqhutshwa nguMoya oNgcwele.

2 Kodwa kwakukhona labaprofethi bamanga phakathi kwabantu, njengoba lakini kuzakuba khona abafundisi bamanga, abazangenisa ngensitha imfundiso ezehlukisanayo ezichithayo, bephika leNkosi eyabathengayo, bezehlisela ukuchitheka okuphangisayo, **2** labanengi bazalandela incithakalo zabo; okungabo indlela yeqiniso izahlanjzwa, **3** njalo emhawini ngamazwi alungisiweyo bazakwenza inzuzo ngani; okulahlwa kwabo kwakudala kakulibalanga, lencithakalo yabo kayiwozeli. **4** Ngoba uba uNkulunkulu engaziyekelelana ingilosi ezonayo, kodwa eziphosela esihogweni ezinikela emaketaneni obumnyama ukuze zigcinelwe isigwebo; (Tartaroō g5020) **5** njalo kaliyekelelana ilizwe lendulo, kodwa walondoloza owesificaminwembili uNowa umtshumayeli wokulunga, mhla eletha uzamcolo emhlabeni wabeyisa uNkulunkulu; **6** ngokuyichitha eyitshisa imizi yeSodoma leGomora waseyilahla, waseyenza isibonelo kulabo abazakweyisa uNkulunkulu; **7** wasemophula uLothi olungileyo, owahlutshwa yikuhamba ngamanyala kwabangalunganga; **8** ngoba lowo olungileyo, ehlala phakathi kwabo, ngokubona lokuzwa insuku ngensuku wazwisa ubuhlungu umphefumulo wakhe olungileyo ngemisebenzi yabo engelamthetho; **9** iNkosi iyakwazi ukubophula ekulingweni labo abamkhonzayo uNkulunkulu, lokubagcina abangalunganga kuze kube lusuku lwesigwebo, bajeziswe; **10** kodwa ikakhulu bona abalandela inyama enkanukweni engcolileyo, labadelela ubukhosi. Abangakhathaliyo, abalenkani, kabesabi ukuhlambaza ubukhosi; **11** kanti ingilosi, ezinkulu ngamandla langengalo, kazilethi isigwebo senhlamba ukumelana labo phambi kweNkosi. **12** Kodwa laba, njengezinyamazana ngemvelo ezingelangqondo ezazalelwa ukubanjwa

lokubulawa, bahlambaza izinto abangazaziyo, bazabhujiwa ekuboleni kwazo, 13 bazakwemukela umvuzo wokungalungi, abathi kuyintokozo ukuminza emini; bayisici loyangiso, bejabula enkohlisweni zabo, besidla idili lani, 14 balamehlo agcwele ubufebe, labangayekeli isono, bayenga imiphefumulo ebuthakathaka, belenhliizo ezejwayele ubuhwaba, abantwana besiqalekiso; 15 batshiye indlela eqondileyo baduha, balandela indlela kaBalami kaBosori, owathanda inzuzo yokungalungi, 16 kodwa waba lokusolwa kwesakhe isiphambeko; ubabhemi oyisimungulu, ekhuluma ngelizwi lomuntu, wanqanda ubuhlanya bomprofethi. 17 Laba bayimithombo engelamanzi, amayezi aqhutshwa yisiphepho, okugcinelwe bona ubumnyama bomnyama kuze kube phakade. (questioned) 18 Ngoba bakhuluma okokuziqakisa okweze, babayenga ngenkanuko zenyama langobufebe labo abaphunyuke sibili kubo abahamba ekuduheni, 19 bebathebisa inkululeko, bona uqobo beyizigqili zokubola; ngoba lowo umuntu ehlulwe ngaye, lakuye wenziwa isigqili. 20 Ngoba uba sebephunyukile ekungcoleni komhlaba ngolwazi lweNkosi loMsindisi uJesu Kristu, besebebuya behilelwa behlulwa yikho, izinto zokucina sezibe zimbi kubo kulezokuqala. 21 Ngoba ngabe kwaba ngcono kubo uba babengayazanga indlela yokulunga, kulokuthi sebeyazile bafulathele umlayo ongcwele onikelwe kibo. 22 Kodwa kubehele lokhu okwesaga esiqiniseleyo esithi: Inja ibuyela kwawayo amahlanzo; lengulube ensikazi egezileyo ekugiqikeni edakeni.

3 Incwadi le eyesibili, bathandekayo, ngilibhalela yona khathezi; okungazo zombili ngivusa ingqondo yenu eqotho ngokulikhumbuzo, 2 ukuze likhumbule amazwi akhulunywa ngaphambili ngabaprofethi abangcwele, lomlayo wethu esingabaphostoli beNkosi loMsindisi; 3 lisazi lokhu kuqala, ukuthi ekucineni kwensuku kuzafika abahleka usulu, behamba ngokwezabo inkano, 4 njalo besithi: Singaphi isithembiso sokuza kwakhe? Ngoba selokhu obaba balala, konke kumi kunjalo kusukela ekuqaleni kokudalwa. 5 Ngoba lokhu kabakwazi ngabomo, ukuthi amazulu ayeikhona kusukela endulo, lomhlaba, ukhona uvela emanzini njalo ukhona ngamanzi, ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu, 6 okungalo ilizwe elalikhona labhujiswa ngokugcwaliswa ngamanzi; 7 kodwa amazulu lomhlaba okukhona khathezi kubekiwe

ngalona lelolizwi, kugcinelwe umlilo osukwini lokwahlulelwa lokubhujiswa kwabantu abeyisa uNkulunkulu. 8 Kodwa lintonye kakumelanga ingaziwa kini, bathandekayo, ukuthi usuku olulodwa eNkosini lunjengeminyaka eyinkulungwane, leminyaka eyinkulungwane njengosuku olulodwa. 9 INkosi kayiphuzisi isithembiso, njengalokhu abanye besithi yikuphuza; kodwa iyasibekezelela, ingathandi ukuthi lamunye abhubhe kodwa ukuthi bonke bafinyelele ekuphendukeni. 10 Kodwa usuku lweNkosi luzafika njengesela ebusuku, okuzakuthi ngalo amazulu adlule ngokuhlokoma, lokokuqala kuzadilizwa ngokutshisa okukhulu, lomhlaba lemisebenzi ekuwo kuzatshiswa. 11 Njengoba zonke lezizinto zidilizwa, kumele libe ngabanjani ekuhambeni okungcwele lekukhonzeni uNkulunkulu, 12 lilindele lilangazelela ukufika kosuku lukaNkulunkulu, okungalo amazulu azakutsha adilizwe, lokokuqala kuncibilike ngokutshisa okukhulu. 13 Kodwa ngokwesithembiso sakhe silindele amazulu amatsha lomhlaba omutsha, okuhlala kukho ukulunga. 14 Ngakho, bathandekayo, lilindele lezizinto, tshisekelani ukuthi lificwe nguye ekuthuleni lingelacwatshana njalo lingasoleki. 15 Beselisithi ukubekezela kweNkosi yethu kulusindiso, njengalokhu lomzalwane wethu othandekayo uPawuli walibhalela, ngokwenhlanipho eyaphiwa yena; 16 njengoba kunjalo lencwadini zakhe zonke, ekhuluma kuzo ngalezizinto, okukuzo kukhona izinto ezithile ezilukhuni ukuzwisiseka, okuthi abangaziyo labangaqinanga bazihlanekele, lanjengakweminye imibhalo, kube kokwabo ukubhujiswa. 17 Ngakho lina, bathandekayo, lisazi mandulo, xwayani, ukuze lingaduhiswa yinkohliso yabangelamlayo, liwe kokwenu ukuqina. 18 Kodwa khulani emuseni lelwezini lweNkosi yethu loMsindisi uJesu Kristu. Ubukhosi kabube kuye lakhathesi njalo kuze kube lusuku lwaphakade. Amen. (aiōn g165)

1 UJohane

1 Lokho okwakukhona kusukela ekuqaleni, esakuzwayo, esakubonayo ngamehlo ethu, esakukhangelayo, lezandla zethu zakuphatha, mayelana leLizwi leMpilo; **2** leMpilo yabonakaliswa, sasesiyibona, njalo siyafakaza silitshumayeza leyoMpilo elaphakade, eyayiloYise, yasibonakaliswa kithi; (aiōnios g166) **3** lokho esikubonileyo sasesikuzwa, silitshumayeza khona, ukuze lani libe lobudlelwano lathi; njalo ngeqiniso le inhlanyanyelo eyethu ikanye loYise njalo kanye leNdodana yakhe uJesu Kristu; **4** lalezizinto silibhalela zona, ukuze intokozo yenu igcwaliswe. **5** Lokhu-ke ngumbiko esiwuzwe kuye sesiwutshumayela kini, ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyikukhanya, njalo kabukho kuye ubumnyama lakanye. **6** Uba sisithi silobudlelwano laye, kube kanti sihamba ebumnyameni, siqamba amanga, njalo kasenzi iqiniso; **7** kodwa uba sihamba ekukhanyeni, njengalokhu yena esekukhanyeni, silobudlelwano omunye lomunye, legazi likaJesu Kristu iNdodana yakhe liyasihlambulula kuso sonke isono. **8** Uba sisithi kasilasono, siyazikohlisa, leqiniso kalikho kithi. **9** Uba sivuma izono zethu, uthembekile futhi ulungile ukuze asithethelele izono zethu, njalo asihlambulule kukho konke ukungalungi. **10** Uba sisithi kasonanga, simenza umqambimanga, lelizwi lakhe kalikho kithi.

2 Bantwanyana bami, ngilibhalela lezizinto, ukuze lingoni. Njalo loba ngubani nxa esona, siloMmeli kuYise, uJesu Kristu olungileyo; **2** njalo yena uyinhlawulo yokuthula yezono zethu; futhi kungeyisizo ezethu zodwa, kodwa lezomhlaba wonke. **3** Langalokho siyakwazi ukuthi siyamazi, uba sigcina imilayo yakhe. **4** Lowo othi: Ngiyamazi, futhi engagcini imilayo yakhe, ungumqambimanga, leqiniso kalikho kuye; **5** kodwa lowo ogcina ilizwi lakhe, ngeqiniso uthando lukaNkulunkulu luphelelisiwe kuye. Ngalokho siyazi ukuthi sikuye. **6** Lowo othi uhlala kuye ufanele laye uqobo ahambe kanje, njengoba laye wahamba. **7** Bazalwane, kangilibhaleli umlayo omutsha, kodwa umlayo omdala, elalilawo kusukela ekuqaleni; umlayo omdala uyilizwi elalizwayo kusukela ekuqaleni. **8** Ngiphinda ngilibhalele umlayo omutsha, into eliqiniso kuye, lakini; ngoba ubumnyama buyadlula, lokukhanya kweqiniso sekukhanya. **9** Lowo othi usekukhanyeni, futhi ezonda umzalwane wakhe, usemnyameni kuze

kuze lakhathesi. **10** Othanda umzalwane wakhe, uhlala ekukhanyeni, njalo kakulasikhubo kuye. **11** Kodwa ozonda umzalwane wakhe usebumnyameni, njalo uhamba ebumnyameni, futhi kakwazi lapho aya khona, ngoba ubumnyama buwaphumputhekisile amehlo akhe. **12** Ngilibhalela, bantwanyana, ngoba izono zenu lizithethelelwe ngenxa yebizo lakhe. **13** Ngilibhalela, bobaba, ngoba limazile yena okhona kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngilibhalela lina, majaha, ngoba limnqobile omubi. Ngilibhalela lina, bantwanyana, ngoba limazile uYise. **14** Ngilibhalele, bobaba, ngoba limazile okhona kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngilibhalele, majaha, ngoba lilamandla lelizwi likaNkulunkulu lihlala kini njalo limnqobile omubi. **15** Lingawuthandi umhlaba loba izinto ezisemhlabeni. Uba umuntu ethanda umhlaba, uthando lukaYise kalukho kuye; **16** ngoba konke okusemhlabeni, inkanuko yenyama, lenkanuko yamehlo, lokuzigqaja kwempilo, kakuveli kuYise kodwa kuvela emhlabeni. **17** Lomhlaba uyedlula, lenkanuko zawo; kodwa owenza intando kaNkulunkulu uhlala kuze kube nininini. (aiōnios g165) **18** Bantwanyana, kuyisikhathi sokucina; njalo njengalokhu lezwa ukuthi umphikuKristu uyeza, lakhathesi abanengi sebengabaphikuKristu; ngalokhu siyazi ukuthi kuyisikhathi sokucina. **19** Baphuma kithi, kodwa babengesibo abakithi; ngoba uba babengabakithi, ngabe bahlala lathi; kodwa baphuma ukuze babonakalise ukuthi kabasibo bonke abakithi. **20** Kodwa lina lilokugcotshwa okuvela koNgcwele, njalo liyazi izinto zonke. **21** Kangilibhalelanga ngoba lingalazi iqiniso, kodwa ngoba liyalazi, njalo ngoba kakulamanga lakanye avela eqinisweni. **22** Ngubani ongumqambimanga ngaphandle kwalowo ophikayo ukuthi uJesu unguKristu? Yena ungumphikuKristu, ophika uYise leNdodana. **23** Wonke ophika iNdodana laye kalaye uYise; ovuma iNdodana uloYise laye. **24** Lina-ke elakuzwayo kusukela ekuqaleni kakuhlale kini. Uba kuhlala kini elakuzwayo kusukela ekuqaleni, lani lizahlala eNdodaneni lakuBaba. **25** Njalo yilesi isithembiso yena asithembisa sona, impilo elaphakade. (aiōnios g166) **26** Lezizinto ngilibhalela ngalabo abalikhohlisayo. **27** Lina-ke ukugcotshwa elakwemukela kuye kuhlala kini, njalo kalisweli ukuthi umuntu alifundise; kodwa njengoba lokhu ukugcotshwa kuyalifundisa ngakho konke, futhi kuqinisele, njalo kayisiwomanga, futhi

njengoba kwalifundisa, lizahlala kuye. **28** Khathesi-ke, bantwanya, hlalani kuye; ukuze kuthi lapho ebonakala sibe lesibindi, singabi lenhloni phambi kwakhe ekufikeni kwakhe. **29** Uba lisazi ukuthi ulungile, liyazi ukuthi wonke owenza ukulunga uzelwe nguye.

3 Khangelani uthando olungaka asinika lona uYise ukuthi sithiwe singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu. Ngenxa yalokho umhlaba kawusazi, ngoba ungamazanga yena. **2** Bathandekayo, khathesi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, njalo kakukabonakali esizakuba yikho. Kodwa siyazi ukuthi uba ebonakala, sizakuba njengaye, ngoba sizambona njengoba enjalo. **3** Laye wonke olalelithemba kuye uyazihlambulula, njengoba yena ehlambulukile. **4** Wonke owenza isono weqa lomlayo; ngoba isono siyikweqa umlayo. **5** Njalo liyazi ukuthi yena wabonakaliswa, ukuze asuse izono zethu; lesono kasikho kuye. **6** Wonke ohlala kuye koni; wonke owonayo kambonanga, futhi kamazanga. **7** Bantwanya, kungabi khona olikhohlisayo; owenza ukulunga ulungile, njengoba yena elungile; **8** owenza isono uvela kudiya bholi, ngoba udiya bholi wona kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngalokhu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu yabonakaliswa, ukuze ichithe imisebenzi kadiya bholi. **9** Wonke ozelwe nguNkulunkulu kenzi isono, ngoba inhlanga yakhe ihlala kuye; futhi angone, ngoba ezelwe nguNkulunkulu. **10** Ngalokhu kuyabonakala abantwana bakaNkulunkulu labantwana bakadiya bholi; wonke ongenzi okulungileyo kaveli kuNkulunkulu, laye ongamthandiyo umzalwane wakhe. **11** Ngoba yilo umbiko elawuzwa kusukela ekuqaleni, ukuthi asithandane; **12** kungenjengoKhayini owavela komubi, wasebulala umfowabo. Njalo kungani wambulala? Ngoba imisebenzi yakhe yayimibi, kodwa eyomfowabo yayilungile. **13** Lingamangali bazalwane bami, uba umhlaba ulizonda. **14** Thina siyazi ukuthi sesidule ekufeni saya empilweni, ngoba siyabathanda abazalwane. Ongamthandiyo umzalwane uhlezi ekufeni. **15** Wonke ozonda umzalwane wakhe ungumbulali; liyazi ukuthi kakho umbulali lakanye olempilo elaphakade ehlezi kuye. **(aiōnios g166)** **16** Ngalokhu siyalwazi uthando lukaNkulunkulu, ngoba yena wasibekela phansi impilo yakhe; lathi sifanele ukubabekela phansi impilo abazalwane. **17** Kodwa loba ngubani olempahla yomhlaba, njalo ebona

umzalwane wakhe eswele, abesemvatelela imibilini yakhe, uthando lukaNkulunkulu luhlala njani kuye? **18** Bantwanya bami, kasingathandi ngelizwi kumbe ngolimi, kodwa ngezenzo langeqiniso. **19** Futhi ngalokho siyazi ukuthi singabeginiso, njalo sizaqinisa inhliziyi zethu phambi kwakhe, **20** ngoba uba inhliziyi yethu isilahla, uNkulunkulu mkhulu kulenhliziyi yethu, futhi uyazi zonke izinto. **21** Bathandekayo, uba inhliziyi zethu zingasilahli, silesibindi kuNkulunkulu, **22** njalo loba yini esiyicelayo, siyayemukela ivela kuye, ngoba sigcina imilayo yakhe, njalo senza izinto ezithandekayo phambi kwakhe. **23** Njalo yilo umlayo wakhe, ukuthi sikholwe ebizweni leNdodana yakhe uJesu Kristu, njalo sithandane, njengoba wasipha umlayo. **24** Logcina imilayo yakhe, uhlala kuye, laye kuye. Ngalokhu-ke siyazi ukuthi uhlala kithi, ngoMoya asiphe wona.

4 Bathandekayo, lingakholwa wonke umoya, kodwa hlalani omoya, ukuthi bavela kuNkulunkulu yini; ngoba banengi abaprofethi bamanga abaphumele emhlabeni. **2** Ngalokhu liyamazi uMoya kaNkulunkulu: Wonke umoya ovumayo ukuthi uJesu Kristu uzile enyameni, uvela kuNkulunkulu; **3** futhi wonke umoya ongavumiyo ukuthi uJesu Kristu usezile enyameni, kaveli kuNkulunkulu; lalo ungowomphikuKristu, eselizwile ukuthi uyeza, lakhathesi usekhona emhlabeni. **4** Lina lingabakaNkulunkulu, bantwanya, futhi libanqobile; ngoba mkhulu okini kulalowo osemhlabeni. **5** Bona bangabomhlaba; ngenxa yalokho bakhuluma okuvela emhlabeni, njalo umhlaba uyabezwa. **6** Thina singabakaNkulunkulu; omaziyo uNkulunkulu, uyasizwa; ongeyisuye kaNkulunkulu, kasizwa. Ngalokhu siyamazi umoya weqiniso lomoya wokuduha. **7** Bathandekayo, asithandaneni; ngoba uthando luvela kuNkulunkulu, laye wonke othandayo, uzelwe nguNkulunkulu, futhi uyamazi uNkulunkulu. **8** Ongathandiyo, kamazi uNkulunkulu; ngoba uNkulunkulu uluthando. **9** Ngalokhu uthando lukaNkulunkulu lwabonakaliswa kithi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu wathuma iNdodana yakhe ezelwe yodwa emhlabeni, ukuze siphile ngayo. **10** Uthando lukulokhu, kungesikuthi thina samthanda uNkulunkulu, kodwa ukuthi yena wasithanda, wasethuma iNdodana yakhe ukuthi ibe yinhlawulo yokuthula ngezono zethu. **11** Bathandekayo, uba uNkulunkulu wasithanda ngokunje, lathi sifanele ukuthandana. **12** Kakulamuntu

owake wabona uNkulunkulu; uba sithandana, yakhe. 10 Okholwa eNdodaneni kaNkulunkulu ulobufakazi phakathi kwakhe ngokwakhe; ongakholwa uNkulunkulu, umenze abe ngumqambimanga, ngoba engakholwanga ubufakazi uNkulunkulu abufakazileyo ngeNdodana yakhe. 11 Yilobu-ke ubufakazi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu usinikile impilo elaphakade, lale impilo iseNdodaneni yakhe. (aiōnios g166) 12 Olayo iNdodana ulempilo; ongelayo iNdodana kaNkulunkulu kalampilo. 13 Lezizinto ngizibhalela lina elikholwa ebizweni leNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ukuze lazi ukuthi ilempilo elaphakade, lokuze likholwe ebizweni leNdodana kaNkulunkulu. (aiōnios g166) 14 Njalo yilesi isibindi esilaso kuye, ukuthi uba sicela ulutho ngokwentando yakhe, uyasizwa; 15 uba-ke sisazi ukuthi uyasizwa, loba yini esiyicelayo, siyazi ukuthi sesilezicelo esizicela kuye. 16 Uba umuntu ebona umzalwane wakhe esona isono esingasi ekufeni, uzacela, njalo uzamnika impilo labo abangonelanga ekufeni. Sikhona isono esisa ekufeni; kangitsho ukuthi ancenge ngaleso; 17 konke ukungalungi kuyisono; njalo kukhona isono esingasi ekufeni. 18 Siyazi ukuthi wonke ozelwe nguNkulunkulu koni; kodwa ozelwe nguNkulunkulu uyazigcina, lomubi kamthinti. 19 Siyazi ukuthi singabakaNkulunkulu, lokuthi umhlaba wonke ulele ebubini. 20 Njalo siyazi ukuthi iNdodana kaNkulunkulu isifikile, yasinika ukuqedisisa ukuze simazi oweqiniso; njalo sikuye oweqiniso, eNdodaneni yakhe uJesu Kristu. Yena unguNkulunkulu weqiniso, lempilo elaphakade. (aiōnios g166) 21 Bantwanyana, zilondolozeni ezithombeni. Amen.

5 Wonke okholwa ukuthi uJesu unguKristu uzelwe nguNkulunkulu; laye wonke othanda umzali uthanda lozelwe nguye. 2 Ngelokho siyazi ukuthi siyabathanda abantwana bakaNkulunkulu, nxa sithanda uNkulunkulu, njalo sigcina imilayo yakhe; 3 ngoba lolu luthando lukaNkulunkulu, ukuthi sigcine imilayo yakhe; lemilayo yakhe kayinzima. 4 Ngoba konke okuzelwe nguNkulunkulu kuyawunqoba umhlaba; lalokho yikunqoba okunqoba umhlaba, ukholo lwethu. 5 Ngubani onqoba umhlaba, ngaphandle kokholwa ukuthi uJesu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu? 6 Lo nguye oweza ngamanzi legazi, uJesu Kristu; kungeyisikho ngamanzi kuphela, kodwa ngamanzi legazi. LoMoya nguye ofakazayo, ngoba uMoya uliqiniso. 7 Ngoba bathathu abafakazayo ezulwini, uYise, uLizwi, loMoya oNgcwele; laba abathathu banye. 8 Njalo bathathu abafakazayo emhlabeni, uMoya, lamanzi, legazi; laba abathathu bahlanganyela intonye. 9 Uba sisemukela ubufakazi babantu, ubufakazi bukaNkulunkulu bukhulu; ngoba lobu yibufakazi bukaNkulunkulu, abufakazileyo ngeNdodana

2 UJohane

1 Umdala kunkosikazi ekhethiweyo lakubantwana bayo, mina engibathanda ngeqiniso, njalo kungeyisimi ngedwa kodwa labo bonke asebelazi iqiniso, **2** ngenxa yeqiniso elihlala kithi, lelizakuba lathi kuze kube nininini: (aiōn g**165**) **3** Kakube lani umusa, isihawu, ukuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uYise, leNkosini uJesu Kristu iNdodana kaBaba, eqinisweni lethandweni. **4** Ngathokoza kakhulukazi ukuthi ngithole ebantwaneni bakho abahamba eqinisweni, njengoba semukela umlayo kuYise. **5** Khatthesi-ke ngiyakuncenga, nkosikazi, kungenjengokuthi ngikubhalela umlayo omutsha, kodwa lowo esasilawo kusukela ekuqaleni, ukuze sithandane. **6** Njalo yilolu uthando, ukuthi sihambe ngokwemilayo yakhe. Yilo umlayo, njengoba lezwa kusukela ekuqaleni, ukuthi lihambe kiwo. **7** Ngoba abakhohlisi abanengi sebengene emhlabeni abangavumiyo ukuthi uJesu Kristu weza enyameni. Lo ngumkhohlisi lomphikuKristu. **8** Ziqapheleni ukuze singalahlekelwa yizinto esesizisebenzile, kodwa semukele umvuzo opheleleyo. **9** Wonke oweqayo njalo ongahlali emfundisweni kaKristu, kalaNkulunkulu; ohlala emfundisweni kaKristu, lowo ulabo bobabili uYise leNdodana. **10** Uba kufika umuntu kini, njalo engalethi le imfundiso, lingamemukeli endlini, futhi lingambingeleli; **11** ngoba lowo ombingelelayo, uhlanganyela lemisebenzi yakhe emibi. **12** Ngilezinto ezinengi zokulibhalela, kangithandanga ukubhala ngephepha leyinki; kodwa ngithemba ukuza kini, ngikhulume lani umlomo ngomlomo, ukuze intokozo yethu igcwale. **13** Abantwana bakadadewenu okhethiweyo bayakubingelela. Amen.

3 UJohane

1 Umdala, kuye uGayusi othandekayo, mina engimthanda ngeqiniso. **2** Sithandwa, kuzo zonke izinto ngifisa ukuthi uphumelele njalo uphile, njengalokhu umphefumulo wakho uphumelela. **3** Ngoba ngathokoza kakhulukazi, lapho kufika abazalwane, befakazela iqiniso lakho, njengoba wena uhamba eqinisweni. **4** Kangilantokozo enkulu edlula lezizinto, ukuthi ngizwe ukuthi abantwana bami bahamba eqinisweni. **5** Sithandwa, wenza ngokuthembeka loba yikuphi okwenza kubazalwane lakwabemzini, **6** abafakazele uthando lwakho phambi kwebandla; uzakwenza kuhle uba ubaphelekezela ngokufanele uNkulunkulu. **7** Ngoba ngenxa yebizo lakhe baphumile bengemukeli lutho kwabezizwe. **8** Ngakho thina sifanele ukubemukela abanjalo, ukuze sibe yizisebenzi kanye leqiniso. **9** Ngabhalela ibandla; kodwa uDiyotrefe othanda ukuba ngowokuqala kubo kasemukeli. **10** Ngakho, uba ngifika, ngizakhumbuza imisebenzi yakhe ayenzayo, uyasihleba ngamazwi amabi; futhi kakholiswa yilezizinto, yena uqobo kemukeli abazalwane, uyabalela lalabo abathanda ukukwenza, njalo uyabaxotsha ebandleni. **11** Sithandwa, ungakulingiseli okubi, kodwa okuhle. Owenza okuhle ungokaNkulunkulu; kodwa owenza okubi kambonanga uNkulunkulu. **12** NgoDemetriyu kufakazwe yibo bonke, langeqiniso uqobo; lathi futhi siyafakaza, lani liyazi ukuthi ubufakazi bethu buqinisele. **13** Bengilezinto ezinengi zokubhala, kodwa kangithandi ukukubhalela ngeyinki losiba; **14** kodwa ngithemba ukukubona masinyane, sibe sesikhuluma umlomo ngomlomo. Ukuthula kakube kuwe. Abangane bayakubingelela. Bingelela abangane ngamabizo.

UJuda

1 UJuda inceku kaJesu Kristu, lomfowabo kaJakobe, kwabangcweliswa nguNkulunkulu uBaba, labagcinwe nguJesu Kristu, ababiziweyo: **2** Kakwandiswe kini isihawu lokuthula lothando. **3** Bathandekayo, lapho ngisenza yonke inkuthalo yokulibhalela ngosindiso oluhlanganyelwayo, ngaswela ukulibhalela ngilikhuthaze ukuthi lilwele ngoqotho ukholo olwanikwa kanye abangcwele. **4** Ngoba sekungenile ngokunyanya abantu abathile, ababhalelwa ngaphambili lokhukulahla kudala, abeyisa uNkulunkulu, abaphendula umusa kaNkulunkulu wethu ube ngamanyala, njalo bephika uMbusi oyedwa uNkulunkulu, leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. **5** Kodwa ngithanda ukulikhumbuzi, loba belikwazi lokhu kanye, ukuthi iNkosi, isisindise isizwe elizweni iGibhithe, yabuye yababhubhisa labo abangakhohlwanga. **6** Lengilosi ezingagcinanga ubukhosi bazo bakuqala, kodwa zatshiya eyazo indawo yokuhlala, uzigcinele isigwebo sosuku olukhulu, ngezibopho ezaphakade ngaphansi kobumnyama. (aiðios g126) **7** NjengeSodoma leGomora lemizi eyizingelezeleyo, ezinikele ekuphingeni ngendlela efanana lalezo, isilande enye inyama, yenziwa isibonelo obala, yahlupheka isijeziso somlilo ophakade. (aiðnios g166) **8** Ngokunjalo lalaba bephupha bayona inyama, njalo badelela ukubusa, bahlambaze ubukhosi. **9** Kanti uMikayeli ingilosi eyinduna, lapho ebanga lodiya bholi ephikisa ngesidumbu sikaMozisi, kabanga lesibindi sokumlethela isigwebo senhlamba, kodwa wathi: INkosi kayikukhalimele. **10** Kodwa laba bathuka konke abangakwaziyo; lakho konke abakwaziyo ngemvelo njengezinyamazana ezingelangqondo, bazonakalisa kulezizinto. **11** Maye kubo! Ngoba bahambe ngendlela kaKhayini, futhi baziwisele ekuduheni kukaBalami ngenxa yenzuzo, lenkanini kaKora babhubhile. **12** Laba bayizici emadilini enu othando, nxa beledili lani, ngokungesabi bayazondla; amayezi angelamanzi, bephetshulwa yimimoya; izihlahla zamaphethelo ekwindla, ezingelazithelo, ezife kabili, sezisitshulwe; **13** amagagasi olwandle aphosekayo, abhubhudla awazo amahlazo; inkanyezi eziduhayo, okugcinelwe bona ubumnyama bomnyama kuze kube phakade. (aiðn g165) **14** Njalo uEnoki laye owesikhombisa

kusukela kuAdamu waprofetha ngabo esithi: Khangela, iNkosi yafika labangcwele bayo abayizigidi, **15** ukwenza isigwebo esimelana labo bonke, lokubalahla bonke abeyisa uNkulunkulu phakathi kwabo ngenxa yezenzo zabo zonke zokungesabi uNkulunkulu abazenzayo beseyisa uNkulunkulu, langawo wonke amazwi anzima izoni ezeyisa uNkulunkulu eziwakhulume emelene laye. **16** Laba ngabangungunayo, abasolayo, behamba ngokwenkanuko zabo, lomlomo wabo ukhuluma izinto zokuzikhukhumeza, bebuka abantu ngenxa yenzuzo. **17** Kodwa lina bathandekayo, khumbulani amazwi akhulunywa ngaphambili ngabaphostoli beNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu; **18** ukuthi bathi kini, kuzakuba khona abahleka usulu ngesikhathi sokucina, behamba ngokwenkanuko zabo zokweyisa uNkulunkulu. **19** Yibo laba abenza izehlukaniso, bangabemvelo, kabalaMoya. **20** Kodwa lina, bathandekayo, lizakhe ekholweni lwenu olungcwele kakhulu, likhuleke likuMoya oNgcwele, **21** zigcineni ethandweni lukaNkulunkulu, lilindele isihawu seNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kuze kube sempilweni elaphakade. (aiðnios g166) **22** Beselibahawukela abanye lehlukane; **23** kodwa lisindise abanye ngokwesaba libahluthuna emlilweni, lizonda lesembatho esoniwe ngokuvela enyameni. **24** Kuye-ke olamandla okulilinda ekukhubekeni, lokulimisa phambi kwenkazimulo yakhe lingelasici entokozweni enkulu, **25** kuye uNkulunkulu yedwa ohlakaniphileyo uMsindisi wethu, kakube inkazimulo lobukhulu, ubukhosi lamandla, lakhathesi lakulo lonke iphakade. Amen. (aiðn g165)

Isambulo

1 Isambulelo sikaJesu Kristu, amnika sona uNkulunkulu, ukuze abonise inceku zakhe izinto ezimele ukwenzeka ngokuphangisa, esethume ngengilosi yakhe wazibonakalisa kunceku yakhe uJohane, **2** owafakaza ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, lobufakazi bukaJesu Kristu, lakho konke akubonayo. **3** Ubusisiwe ofunda, lalabo abezwa amazwi alesisiprofetho, besebegcina izinto ezilotshiweyo kuso; ngoba isikhathi siseduze. **4** UJohane kumabandla ayisikhombisa aseAsiya: Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuye okhona lowayekhona lozakuza; lakubomoya abayisikhombisa abaphambi kwesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi; **5** lakuJesu Kristu, umfakazi othembekileyo, olizibulo kwabafileyo lombusi wamakhosi omhlaba. Kuye owasithandayo, wasigezisa ezonweni zethu egazini lakhe; **6** owasenza saba ngamakhosi labapristi kuNkulunkulu uYise; kakube kuye ubukhosi lamandla kuze kube nini lanini. Amen. (aiōn g165) **7** Khangela uyeza kanye lamayezi, futhi lonke ilihlo lizambona, lalabo abamgwazayo; lezizwe zonke zomhlaba zizalila ngenxa yakhe. Yebo. Amen. **8** Mina nginguAlfa loOmega, ukuqala lokucina, kutsho iNkosi, ekhona leyayikhona lezakuza, uSomandla. **9** Mina uJohane, longumzalwane wenu, lohlanganyela kanye lani ekuhluphekeni lembusweni lekubekezeleni kukaJesu Kristu, ngangisesihlengeneni esithiwa yiPatmosi, ngenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu langenxa yobufakazi bukaJesu Kristu. **10** NgangikuMoya ngosuku lweNkosi; futhi ngezwa ngemva kwami ilizwi elikhulu kungathi ngelophondo, **11** lisithi: Mina nginguAlfa loOmega, ukuqala lokucina; lokuthi: Okubonayo kubhale encwadini, ukuthumele emabandleni ayisikhombisa aseAsiya, eEfesu, leSemerna, lePergamo, leTiyathira, leSardisi, leFiladelfiya, leLawodikeya. **12** Ngasengitshibilika ukuze ngibone ilizwi elikhuluma lami. Sengitshibilikile ngabona iziqobane zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa, **13** laphakathi kweziqobane zezibane eziyisikhombisa onjengeNdodana yomuntu, embethe isembatho esifika ezinyaweni futhi ezibophe ezithandele ngeqhele legolide emabeleni; **14** njalo ikhanda lakhe lenwele zakhe kwakumhlophe njengoboya bezimvu, njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo; lamehlo

akhe enjengelangabi lomlilo, **15** lenyawo zakhe zazinjengethusi elikhazimulayo, njengelivutha esithandweni; lelizwi lakhe lalinjengenhlokomo yamanzi amanengi; **16** futhi elenkanyezi eziyisikhombisa esandleni sakhe sokunene, lemlonyeni wakhe kwaphuma inkemba ebukhali inhlangothi zombili; lobuso bakhe bunjengelanga elikhanya emandleni alo. **17** Njalo ngathi ngimbona, ngawela ngasezinyaweni zakhe njengofileyo; wasebeka isandla sakhe sokunene phezu kwami esithi kimi: Ungesabi; mina ngingowokuqala lowokucina, **18** lophilayo; njalo ngangifile futhi khangela, ngiyaphila kuze kube nini lanini. Amen. Njalo ngilezihluthulelo zesihogo lezokufa. (aiōn g165, Hadēs g86) **19** Bhala izinto ozibonileyo, lezinto ezikhona, lezinto ezizakuba khona emva kwalezi: **20** Imfihlo yenkanyezi eziyisikhombisa ozibonileyo esandleni sami sokunene, leziqobane zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa. Inkanyezi eziyisikhombisa ziyizithunywa zamabandla ayisikhombisa; leziqobane zezibane eziyisikhombisa ozibonileyo zingamabandla ayisikhombisa.

2 Kuso isithunywa sebandla leEfesu bhala uthi: Lezizinto uyazitsho lowo ophethe inkanyezi eziyisikhombisa esandleni sakhe sokunene, ohamba phakathi kweziqobane zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa, **2** uthi: Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, lomsebenzi wakho onzima, lokubekezela kwakho, lokuthi ungebamele ababi, lokuthi ubahlolile labo abazithi bangabaphostoli kodwa bengeyisibo, wasubathola bengabaqambimanga, **3** wasuthwala, ulokubekezela, wakhuthala ngenxa yebizo lami, kawudinwanga. **4** Kodwa ngilokumelene lawe ukuthi udelile uthando lwakho lwakuqala. **5** Ngakho khumbula lapho owe khona, ubusuphenduka wenze imisebenzi yakuqala; uba kungenjalo, ngizakuza kuwe ngokuphangisa, ngizasusa isiqobane sesibane sakho endaweni yaso, uba ungaphenduki; **6** kanti ulalokhu ukuthi uyayizonda imisebenzi yamaNikolayitha, engiyizondayo lami. **7** Lowo olendlebe kezwe lokho akutshoyo uMoya emabandleni. Onqobayo ngizamnika ukuthi adle okwesihlahla sempilo esiphakathi kweParadise likaNkulunkulu. **8** Lakuso isithunywa sebandla leSemerna bhala uthi: Lezizinto utsho owokuqala lowokucina, owayefile njalo uyaphila: **9** Ngiyayazi imisebenzi lokuhlupheka

lobuyanga bakho (kanti unothile) lenhlamba yalabo abathi bangamaJuda, kanti bengeyisiwo, kodwa belisinagoge likaSathane. 10 Ungesabi lutho lwalezozinto ozahlupheka ngazo; khangela udiyabhola uzaphosela abanye kini entolongweni, ukuze lilingwe; futhi lizakuba lenhlupheko insuku ezilitsumi. Bana ngothembekileyo kuze kube sekufeni, njalo ngizakunika umqhele wempilo. 11 Olendlebe kezwe lokho akutshoyo uMoya emabandleni. Onqobayo kasoze alinyazwa yikufa kwesibili. 12 Lakuso isithunywa sebandla elisePergamo bhala uthi: Lezizinto utsho lowo olenkamba ebukhali inhlangothi zombili: 13 Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, lalapho ohlala khona, lapho okukhona isihlalo sobukhosi sikaSathane; njalo ugcinile ibizo lami, kawuphikanga ukholo lwami, ngitsho ensukwini zikaAntipasi, umfakazi wami othembekileyo, owabulawelwa phakathi kwenu, lapho uSathane ahlala khona; 14 kodwa ngilezinto ezinlutshwana ezimelene lawe, ukuthi ulabo lapho ababambelela emfundisweni kaBalam, owafundisa uBalaki ukuphosa isikhubekiso phambi kwabantwana bakolSrayeli, sokuthi badle okuhlatshelewe izithombe lokuthi baphinge. 15 Ngokunjalo lawe ulabo ababambelela emfundisweni yamaNikolayitha, into engiyizondayo. 16 Phenduka; uba kungenjalo, ngizakuza kuwe ngokuphangisa, ngizakulwa ngimelene labo ngenkamba yomlomo wami. 17 Olendlebe kezwe lokho akutshoyo uMoya emabandleni. Onqobayo ngizamnika ukuthi adle okwemana efihliweyo, njalo ngizamnika ilitshelwe elimhlophe, laphezu kwelitshe ibizo elitsha elilotshiweyo, okungelamuntu olaziyo ngaphandle kolemukelayo. 18 Lakuso isithunywa sebandla eliseTiyathira bhala uthi: Lezizinto itsho iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, elamehlo ayo anjengelangabi lomlilo, lenyawo zayo zifanana lethusi elikhazimulayo: 19 Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, lothando, lokukhonza, lokholo, lokubekezela kwakho, lemisebenzi yakho, ukuthi eyokucina minengi kuleyokuqala. 20 Kodwa ngilezinto ezinlutshwana ezimelene lawe, ukuthi uvumele owesifazana uJezebeli, ozibiza ngokuthi ungumprofethikazi, ukufundisa aduhise inceku zami, ukuthi ziphinge lokuthi zidle okuhlatshelewe izithombe. 21 Futhi ngamnika ithuba lokuthi aphenduke ekufebeni kwakhe, njalo kaphendukanga. 22 Khangela mina ngizamphosela embhedeni, labaphingayo

laye ekuhluphekeni okukhulu, uba bengaphenduki emisebenzini yabo. 23 Njalo ngizabulala abantwana bakhe ngokufa; lamabandla wonke azakwazi ukuthi nginguye ohlola izinso lezinhliziyo; futhi ngizalnika, ngulowo lalowo, ngokwemisebenzi yenu. 24 Kodwa ngikhuluma lani labanye abaseTiyathira, bonke abangelayo le imfundiso, labangakwaziyo okujulileyo kukaSathane, njengokutsho kwabo: Kangiyikulethesa omunye umthwalo. 25 Kodwa lokho elilakho kubambisiseni, ngize ngifike. 26 Lonqobayo logcina imisebenzi yami kuze kube sekupheleni, ngizamnika amandla phezu kwezizwe; 27 njalo uzazibusa ngentonga yensimbi; zizaphahlazwa njengezimbiza zebumba; njengalokhu lami ngikwemukeye kuBaba. 28 Futhi ngizamnika indonsakusa. 29 Olendlebe kezwe lokho akutshoyo uMoya emabandleni.

3 Lakuso isithunywa sebandla eliseSardisi bhala uthi: Lezizinto utsho lowo olabomoya abayisikhombisa bakaNkulunkulu, lenkanyezi eziyisikhombisa: Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, ukuthi ulebizo lokuthi uyaphila, kanti ufile. 2 Woba ulindile, uqinise izinto eziseleyo esezizakufa; ngoba kangitholanga imisebenzi yakho iphelelisiwe phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 3 Khumbula-ke ukuthi ukwemukeye wakuzwa njani, ubusukugcina, uphenduke. Uba-ke ungalindi, ngizakuza phezu kwakho njengesela, njalo kawusoze walazi ihola engizakuza ngalo phezu kwakho. 4 Ulamabizo amalutshwana ngitsho eSardisi, angangcolisanga izembatho zawo; njalo bazahamba lami bekwezimhlophe, ngoba bafanele. 5 Onqobayo, lowo uzagqokiswa izembatho ezimhlophe; futhi kangisoze ngilesule ibizo lakhe egwalweni lwempilo, njalo ngizalivuma ibizo lakhe phambi kukaBaba, laphambi kwengilos zakhe. 6 Olendlebe kezwe lokho uMoya akutshoyo emabandleni. 7 Lakuso isithunywa sebandla eliseFiladelfiya bhala uthi: Lezizinto utsho oNgcwele, oQotho, olesihluthulelo sikaDavida, ovula njalo kungavali muntu, avale futhi kungavuli muntu: 8 Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho; khangela, ngimise phambi kwakho umnyango ovuliweyo, njalo kakulamuntu ongawuvala, ngoba ulamandla amancinyane, njalo uligcinile ilizwi lami, futhi kawuliphikanga ibizo lami. 9 Khangela ngizakunika abavela esinagogeni likaSathane, abathi bangamaJuda, bengeyisiwo, kodwa beqamba amanga; khangela ngizabenza

ukuthi beze baguqe phambi kwenyawo zakho, njalo bazi ukuthi mina ngikuthandile. **10** Ngoba ugcinile ilizwi lokubekezela kwami, lami ngizakulondoloza kuhola lokulingwa okuzafika emhlabeni wonke, ukulinga abakhileyo phezu komhlabathi. **11** Khangela, ngiyeza ngokuphangisa; bambisisa olakho, ukuze kungabi khona okwemuka umqhele wakho. **12** Onqobayo, ngizamenza insika ethempelini likaNkulunkulu wami; njalo kasoze aphinde aphume phandle, futhi ngizabhala ibizo likaNkulunkulu wami phezu kwakhe, lebizu lomuzi kaNkulunkulu wami, iJerusalema entsha, eyehla ivela ezulwini kuNkulunkulu wami, lebizu lami elitsha. **13** Olendlebe kezwe lokho uMoya akutshoyo emabandleni. **14** Lakuso isithunywa sebandla lamaLawodikeya bhala uthi: Lezizinto utsho uAmeni, umfakazi othembekileyo loqotho, owokuqala kokudaliweyo kukaNkulunkulu: **15** Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, ukuthi njalo kawuqandi futhi kawutshisi. Kungathi ngabe uyaqanda kumbe utshise! **16** Ngokunjalo, ngoba ubuthukuthuku, njalo ungaqandi futhi ungatshisi, ngizakukhafula emlonjeni wami. **17** Ngoba uthi: Nginothile, senginothile njalo kangisweli lutho, kanti kawazi ukuthi wena ungohluphekayo lohawulayo longumyanga loyisiphofu lonqunu; **18** ngiyakweluleka ukuthi uthenge kimi igolide elicengwe ngomlilo, ukuze unoth; lezembatho ezimhlophe, ukuze wembathe, lehlazo lobuze bakho lingembulwa; njalo ugcobe amehlo akho ngamagcobo amehlo, ukuze ubone. **19** Mina bonke engibathandayo, ngiyabasola ngibatshaye. Ngakho tshiseka uphenduke. **20** Khangela, ngimi emnyango ngiqoqoda; uba umuntu esizwa ilizwi lami, abesevula umnyango, ngizangena kuye, ngidle laye, laye lami. **21** Onqobayo, ngizamnika ukuthi ahlale lami esihlalweni sami sobukhosi, njengalokhu lami nganqoba, ngasengihlala loBaba esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. **22** Olendlebe kezwe lokho uMoya akutshoyo emabandleni.

4 Emva kwalezizinto ngabona, futhi khangela, umnyango uvulekile ezulwini, lelizwi lokuqala engalizwayo linjengelopondo likhuluma lami, lisithi: Yenyukela lapha, njalo ngizakutshengisa izinto ezimele zenzeke emva kwalezizinto. **2** Njalo ngahle ngaba kuMoya; khangela-ke, isihlalo sobukhosi samiswa ezulwini, laphezu kwesihlalo sobukhosi ohleziyo; **3** njalo ohleziyo wayebonakala efanana lelitse ijaspi

lesardiysi, lomchilowamakhosikazi wawuzingelezele isihlalo sobukhosi ubonakala njenge-emeraldi. **4** Lezihlalo zobukhosi ezingamatshumi amabili lane zazihange isihlalo sobukhosi; laphezu kwesihlalo zobukhosi ngabona abadala abangamatshumi amabili lane behlezi, bembethe izembatho ezimhlophe, njalo belemiqhele yegolide emakhanda abo. **5** Lesihlalweni sobukhosi kwaphuma imibane lemidumo lamazwi; lezibane zomlilo eziyisikhombisa zazibhebha phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi, ezingomoya abayisikhombisa bakaNkulunkulu; **6** laphambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi kwakukhona ulwandle lwengilazi, lufanana lekristali. Laphakathi kwesihlalo sobukhosi lekuzingelezeleni kwesihlalo sobukhosi kwakukhona izidalwa ezine eziphilayo zigcwele amehlo ngemuva laphambili. **7** Lesidalwa esiphilayo sokuqala sasifanana lesilwane, lesidalwa esiphilayo sesibili sasifanana lethole, lesidalwa esiphilayo sesithathu sasilobuso njengomuntu, lesidalwa esiphilayo sesine sasifanana lokhozi oluphaphayo; **8** lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo zilempiko eziyisithupha ileso laleso ngokukhethekileyo emaceleni wonke, langaphakathi zigcwele amehlo, njalo kazilakuphumula emini lebusuku, zisithi: Ingcwele, ingcwele, ingcwele, iNkosi uNkulunkulu uSomandla, owayekhona lokhona lozakuza. **9** Kuthi lapho izidalwa eziphilayo zinnika ubukhosi lodumo lokubongwa lowo ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, ophilayo kuze kube nini lanini, (aiōn g165) **10** abadala abangamatshumi amabili lane baziwisela phansi phambi kohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, basebemkhonza ophilayo kuze kube nini lanini, bephosela imiqhele yabo phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi, besithi: (aiōn g165) **11** Ufanele, Nkosi, ukwemukela ubukhosi, lodumo lamandla; ngoba wena wadala izinto zonke, langentando yakho zikhona, zadalwa.

5 Ngasengibona esandleni sokunene sowayehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi ugwalo olubhalwe ngaphakathi langemuva, lunanyekiwe ngempawu eziyisikhombisa. **2** Ngasengibona ingilosi elamandla imemeza ngelizwi elikhulu isithi: Ngubani ofanele ukuvula ugwalo, lokuqhaqha impawu zalo? **3** Njalo kwakungelamuntu ezulwini, kumbe emhlabeni, kumbe ngaphansi komhlaba, owayelamandla okuvula ugwalo, kumbe ukulukhangela. **4** Mina ngasengikhala kakhulu, ngoba kungatholwanga

loyedwa ofanele ukuluvula lokulufunda ugwalo, kumbe ukulukhangela. 5 Omunye wabadala wasesithi kimi: Ungakhali; khangela, inqobile iNgonyama evela esizweni sakoJuda, iMpande kaDavida, ukuthi ivule ugwalo lokuthi iqhaqhe impawu zalo eziyisikhombisa. 6 Ngasengibona, futhi khangela phakathi kwesihlalo sobukhosi, lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo, langaphakathi kwabadala, iWundlu limi kungathi lihlatsiwe, lilempondo eziyisikhombisa lamehlo ayisikhombisa, okungomoya abayisikhombisa bakaNkulunkulu abathunyelwe emhlabeni wonke. 7 Laselisiza, laluthatha ugwalo esandleni sokunene sohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi. 8 Kuthe seliluthethe ugwalo, izidalwa ezine eziphilayo labadala abangamatshumi amabili lane bawela phansi phambi kweWundlu, ngulowo lalowo elamachacho lemiganu yegolide igcwele impepha eyimikhuleko yabangcwele. 9 Basebehlabelela ingoma entsha, besithi: Ukufanele ukuluthatha ugwalo, lokuvula impawu zalo, ngoba wahlatshwa, wasusihlengela uNkulunkulu ngegazi lakho sivela kuyo yonke imihlobo lezinlimi labantu lezizwe, 10 wasusenza saba ngamakhosi labapristi kuNkulunkulu wethu; njalo sizabusa emhlabeni. 11 Ngasengibona, ngezwa ilizwi lengilosi ezinengi zihange isihlalo sobukhosi lezidalwa eziphilayo labadala; lenani lazo laliyizigidi zezigidi, lenkulungwane zezinkulungwane, 12 zisithi ngelizwi elikhulu: Lifanele iWundlu elahlatshwayo ukwemukela amandla lenotho lenhlananipho lengalo lodumo lobukhosi lokudunyiswa. 13 Laso sonke isidalwa esisezulwini, lemhlabeni, langaphansi komhlaba, lezinto eziselwandle, lakho konke okukikho, ngakuzwa kusithi: Kuye ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi lakulo iWundlu kakube ukudunyiswa lodumo lobukhosi lamandla kuze kube nini lanini. (aiōn g165) 14 Lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo zathi: Amen. Labadala abangamatshumi amabili lane baziwela phansi, basebekhonza ophilayo kuze kube phakade laphakade.

6 Ngasengibona lapho iWundlu selivule olunye lwezimpawu, ngezwa esinye sezidalwa ezine eziphilayo sisithi, njengelizwi lomdumo: Woza ubone! 2 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, ibhiza elimhlophe, loligadileyo eledandili; kwasekunikelwa kuye umqhele, wasephuma enqoba, lokuze anqobe. 3 Lalapho selivule uphawu lwesibili, ngezwa

isidalwa esiphilayo sesibili sisithi: Woza ubone! 4 Kwasekuphuma elinye ibhiza elibomvu; loligadileyo kwanikwa kuye ukususa ukuthula emhlabeni, lokuthi babulalane; kwasekunikelwa kuye inkemba enkulu. 5 Lalapho selivule uphawu lwesithathu, ngezwa isidalwa esiphilayo sesithathu sisithi: Woza ubone! Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, ibhiza elimnyama, loligadileyo elesikali esandleni sakhe. 6 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi phakathi kwezidalwa ezine eziphilayo lisithi: Ingcebethu yamabele ngodenariyo, lengcebethu ezintathu zebhali ngodenariyo; lamafutha lewayini ungakoni. 7 Lalapho selivule uphawu lwesine, ngezwa ilizwi lesidalwa sesine lisithi: Woza ubone! 8 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, ibhiza eliliganu, loligadileyo, ibizo lakhe linguKufa, lesihogo salandelana laye. Kwasekunikelwa kukho amandla okubulala kuze kube yingxenyi yesine yomhlaba, ngenkemba langendlala langokufa, langezilo zomhlaba. (Hadēs g86) 9 Lalapho selivule uphawu lwesihlanu, ngabona ngaphansi kwelathi imiphefumulo yalabo ababebulewe ngenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu, langenxa yobufakazi ababelabo. 10 Basebememeza ngelizwi elikhulu besithi: Koze kube nini, Nkosi, engcwele leqotho, ungagwebi uphindisele igazi lethu kulabo abakhileyo emhlabeni? 11 Kwasekunikelwa kulowo lalowo izembatho ezimhlophe, kwasekuthiwa kubo, bake baphumule okwesikhatshana, baze bapheleliswe abayizinceku kanye labo labazalwane babo ababezabulawa lanjengabo. 12 Ngasengibona lapho selivule uphawu lwesithupha, khangela-ke, kwaba khona ukuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba, lelanga laba mnyama njengesaka eliloboya, lenyanga yaba njengegazi, 13 lenkanyezi zezulu zawohlokela emhlabeni, njengesihlahla somkhiwa siwohloza izithelo zaso eziluhlaza, sinyikinywa ngumoya omkhulu. 14 Lezulu lamuka njengogwalo olugoqwayo, layo yonke intaba lesihlenge kwasuswa endaweni zakho, 15 lamakhosi omhlaba, lezikhulu, labanothileyo, lenduna ezinkulu, labalamandla, laso sonke isigqili, laye wonke okhululekileyo, bacatsha ezimbalwini lemadwaleni ezintaba, 16 besithi ezintabeni lemadwaleni: Welani phezu kwethu, lisifihle ebusweni bakhe ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, lelakeni lweWundlu; 17 ngoba usuku olukhulu lolaka lwakhe selufikile; njalo ngubani olamandla okuma?

7 Emva kwalezizinto-ke ngabona ingilosi ezine zimi emagumbini womane omhlaba zibambe imimoya emine yomhlaba, ukuze kungavunguzi moya emhlabeni, kumbe olwandle, loba kwesisodwa isihlahla. **2** Ngasengibona enye ingilosi isenyuka isuka lapho eliphuma khona ilanga, ilophawu lukaNkulunkulu ophilayo; yasimemeza ngelizwi elikhulu kungilosi ezine, okwakunikwe kuzo ukona umhlaba lolwandle, **3** isithi: Lingoni umhlaba, kumbe ulwandle, kumbe izihlahla, size siphawule izinceku zikaNkulunkulu wethu emabunzini azo. **4** Ngasengisizwa inani elababephawulwa: Zinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane abaphawulwayo ezizweni zonke zabantwana bakolsrayeli; **5** esizweni sakoJuda kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakoRubeni kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakoGadi kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; **6** esizweni sakoAsheri kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakoNafithali kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakoManase kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; **7** esizweni sakoSimeyoni kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakoLevi kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakolsakari kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; **8** esizweni sakoZebuloni kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakoJosefa kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakoBhenjamini kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili. **9** Emva kwalezizinto ngabona, khangela-ke, ixuku elikhulu, okungelamuntu ongalibala, elivela kuzo zonke izizwe lemihlobo labantu lezindimi, limi phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi laphambi kweWundlu, lembethe izembatho ezimhlophe, lengatsha zezihlahla zamalala ezandleni zabo; **10** njalo limemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, lisithi: Usindiso kuNkulunkulu wethu ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, lakulo iWundlu. **11** Lengilosi zonke zazimi zihange isihlalo sobukhosi labadala lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo, zasezisiwa ngobuso bazo phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi, zasezikhonza uNkulunkulu, **12** zisithi: Amen. Ukudunyiswa lobukhosi lenhlakanipho lokubonga lodumo lamandla lengalo kakube

kuNkulunkulu wethu kuze kube nini lanini. Amen. (aiōn g165) **13** Omunye wabadala wasephendula, esithi kimi: Laba abembethe izembatho ezimhlophe, ngobani, futhi bavela ngaphi? **14** Ngasengisithi kuye: Nkosi, nguwe owaziyo. Wasesithi kimi: Laba yibo abaphuma ekuhluphekeni okukhulu, basebehlamba izembatho zabo benza izembatho zabo zaba mhlophe egazini leWundlu. **15** Ngakho baphambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu, bamkhonza emini lebusuku ethempelini lakhe; lohleziyo esihlalweni sobukhosi uzabasibekela. **16** Kabasayikulamba, njalo kabasayikoma, lelanga kaliyikuwela phezu kwabo, kumbe lokutshisa; **17** ngoba iWundlu elingaphakathi kwesihlalo sobukhosi lizabondla, libakhokhelele emithonjeni ephilayo yamanzi; loNkulunkulu uzakwesula zonke inyembezi emehlweni abo.

8 Lapho selivule uphawu lwesikhombisa, kwaba khona ukuthula ezulwini okungaba yingxenyehola. **2** Ngasengibona ingilosi eziyisikhombisa ezazimi phambi kukaNkulunkulu, njalo kwanikelwa kizo impondo eziyisikhombisa. **3** Kwasekufika enye ingilosi, yasisima elathini, ilomganu wegolide wokutshisela impepha, yasiphiwa impepha enengi, ukuze iyinikele lemikhuleko yabo bonke abangcwele phezu kwelathi legolide eliphambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi. **4** Lentuthu yempepha yenyuka lemikhuleko yabangcwele esandleni sengilosi phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **5** Ingilosi yasithatha umganu wokutshisela impepha, yasiwugcwalisa ngomlilo welathi, yasiwuphosela emhlabeni; kwasekusiba khona amazwi lemidumo lemibane lokuzamazama komhlaba. **6** Kwathi ingilosi eziyisikhombisa ezazilempondo eziyisikhombisa zazilungiselela ukuze zizikhalse. **7** Ingilosi yokuqala yasilukhalisa uphondo, kwasekusiba khona isiqhotho lomlilo kuhlangukhe legazi, kwasekuphoselwa emhlabeni; lengxenyehle yesithathu yezihlahla yatshiswa, labo bonke utshani obuluhlaza batshiswa. **8** Ingilosi yesibili yasilukhalisa uphondo; kwasekuphoselwa olwandle okunjengentaba enkulu evutha umlilo. Lengxenyehle yesithathu yolwandle yaba ligazi; **9** kwasekusifa ingxenyehle yesithathu yezidalwa eziselwandle ezilempilo, lengxenyehle yesithathu yemikhumbi yachithwa. **10** Ingilosi yesithathu yasilukhalisa uphondo, kwasekusiwa ezulwini

inkanyezi enkulu ibhebha njengesibane, yasiwela phezu kwengxenywe yesithathu yemifula, laphezu kwemithombo yamanzi. **11** Lebizo lenkanyezi lalithiwa nguMhlonyane; lengxenywe yesithathu yamanzi yaba ngumhlonyane, labantu abanengi bafa ngamanzi, ngoba ayenziwe ababa. **12** Ingilosi yesine yasilukhalisa uphondo, kwasekutshaywa ingxenywe yesithathu yelanga lengxenywe yesithathu yenyanga lengxenywe yesithathu yezinkanyezi, ukuze kufiphazwe ingxenywe yesithathu yazo, lengxenywe yesithathu yemini ingakhanyi, lobusuku ngokunjalo. **13** Ngasengibona, ngasengisizwa ingilosi eyodwa iphapha phakathi laphakathi kwezulu, isithi ngelizwi elikhulu: Maye, maye, maye kulabo abakhileyo emhlabeni, kumazwi aseleyo empondo zengilosi ezintathu esezizakhala!

9 Ingilosi yesihlanu yasilukhalisa uphondo, ngasengibona inkanyezi ivela ezulwini isivele emhlabeni, kwasekunikelwa kuyo isihluthulelo segodi lomgodi ongelamkhawulo. (Abyssos g12) **2** Yasivula igodi lomgodi ongelamkhawulo, kwasekusenyuka intuthu emgodini njengentuthu yesithando esikhulu, kwasekufiphazwa ilanga lomoya ngentuthu yomgodi.

(Abyssos g12) **3** Kwasekuphuma isikhonyane entuthwini seza emhlabeni, kwasekunikwa kuso amandla, njengabofezela bomhlaba belamandla. **4** Kwasekuthiwa kuso singoni utshani bomhlaba, loba yini eluhlaza, loba yisiphi isihlahla, ngaphandle kwabantu kuphela abangelaphawu lukaNkulunkulu emabunzini abo. **5** Kwasekunikwa kuso ukuthi singababulali, kodwa bahlutshwe inyanga ezinhlanu; lobuhlungu baso babunjengobuhlungu bukafezela, lapho eluma umuntu. **6** Langalezonsuku abantu bazadinga ukufa, kodwa bangakutholi; bazafisa ukufa, kodwa ukufa kuzababalekela. **7** Lezimo zesikhonyane zazinjengamabhiza alungiselwe impi, lemakhanda aso kwakukhona okunjengemihele enjengegolide, lobuso baso babunjengobuso babantu. **8** Njalo sasilenwele ezinjengenwele zebesifazana, lamazinyo aso ayenjengawezilwane. **9** Futhi sasilezivikelo zesifuba ezinjengezivikelo zesifuba zensimbi, lomdumo wempiko zaso wawunjengomdumo wezinqola zamabhiza amanengi egijimela empini. **10** Njalo sasilemisela efanana leyabofezela, njalo kwakulondonsi emisileni yaso; lamandla aso ayengawokona abantu inyanga ezinhlanu; **11** futhi sasilenkosi phezu kwaso,

ingilosi yomgodi ongelamkhawulo; ibizo layo ngesiHebheru linguAbadoni, langesiGriki ilebizo elithiwa nguApoliyoni. (Abyssos g12) **12** Umaye oyedwa usedlulile; khangela kuseza omaye ababili emva kwalezizinto. **13** Ingilosi yesithupha yasilukhalisa uphondo; ngasengisizwa ilizwi livela empondweni ezine zelathi legolide eliphambi kukaNkulunkulu, **14** lisithi kungilosi yesithupha eyayilophondo: Khulula ingilosi ezine ezibotshiweyo emfuleni omkhulu iYufurathi. **15** Zasezikhululwa ingilosi ezine ezazilungiselwe ihola losuku lenyanga lomnyaka, ukuze zibulale ingxenywe yesithathu yabantu. **16** Lenani lamabutho agade amabhiza laliyizigidi ezimbili zezigidi; ngasengisizwa inani lawo. **17** Ngasengiwabona ngokunje amabhiza embonweni, labagadi bawo, belezivikelo zesifuba zomlilo lezehiyakinte lezesibabule; lamakhanda amabhiza ayenjengamakhanda ezilwane, lemiloniyeni yawo kwaphuma umlilo lentuthu lesibabule. **18** Ngalezi ezintathu kwabulawa ingxenywe yesithathu yabantu, ngomlilo langentuthu langesibabule okwaphuma emiloniyeni yawo. **19** Ngoba amandla awo asemiloniyeni wawo, lemisileni yawo; ngoba imisila yawo injengezinyoka ilamakhanda, langawo ayalimaza. **20** Labaseleyo babantu, abangabulawanga kulezinhlopheko, kabaphendukanga emisebenzini yezandla zabo, ukuthi bangakhonzi amadimoni, lezithombe zegolide lezesiliva lezethusi lezelitshe lezesihlahla, njalo ezingaboniyo, lezingezwayo, lezingahambiyo; **21** futhi kabaphendukanga ekubulaleni kwabo, kumbe ekuthakatheni kwabo, loba ekuphingeni kwabo, kumbe ekwebeni kwabo.

10 Ngasengibona enye ingilosi elamandla isehla ivela ezulwini; yembethe iyezi, lomchilowamakhosikazi usekhanda layo, lobuso bayo babunjengelanga, lenyawo zayo zinjengensika zomlilo; **2** njalo yayilogwalo oluncinyane oluvulekileyo esandleni sayo; yasimisa unyawo lwayo lokunene phezu kolwandle, lolwekhohlo phezu komhlabathi, **3** yamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu njengesilwane sibhonga; kwathi isimememizile, imidumo eyisikhombisa yakhuluma amazwi ayo, **4** kwathi imidumo eyisikhombisa isikhulume amazwi ayo, ngasengizabhala; ngasengisizwa ilizwi livela ezulwini, lisithi kimi: Namathisela ngophawu izinto imidumo eyisikhombisa ezikhulumileyo, ungazibhali lezizinto.

5 Lengilosi engayibona imi phezu kolwandle laphezu komhlabathi yaphakamisela isandla sayo ezulwini, 6 yafunga ngaye ophilayo kuze kube nini lanini, owadala izulu lezinto ezikulo, lomhlaba lezinto ezikuwo, lolwandle lezinto ezikulo, ukuthi kakusayikuba lesikhathi; (aiōn g165) 7 kodwa ensukwini zelizwi lengilosi yesikhombisa, isizakhalisa uphondo, kuzabe sekuphelelisiwe imfihlo kaNkulunkulu, njengoba watshumayela kwezakhe inceku abaprofethi. 8 Lelizwi engalizwa livela ezulwini, lakhuluma lami futhi, lathi: Hamba uyethatha ugwalo oluncinyane oluvulekileyo olusesandleni sengilosi emi phezu kolwandle laphezu komhlabathi. 9 Ngasengisiya engilosini, ngisithi kuyo: Nginika ugwalo oluncinyane. Yasisithi kimi: Luthathe uludle uluqede; futhi luzababisa isisu sakho, kodwa emlonyeni wakho luzaba mnandi njengoluju. 10 Ngasengiluthatha ugwalo oluncinyane esandleni sengilosi, ngaludla ngaluqeda, lwaselusiba emlonyeni wami njengoluju, ubunandi; kwathi sengiludlile, isisu sami sababa. 11 Yasisithi kimi: Kumele ukuthi uphinde uprofethe ebantwini lezizweni lezindimini lemakhosini amanengi.

11 Kwasekunikelwa kimi umhlanga ofanana lodondolo, njalo ingilosi yema isithi: Sukuma, ulinganise ithempeli likaNkulunkulu, lelathi, labakhonzayo kulo. 2 Kodwa iguma elingaphandle kwethempeli ulitshiye ngaphandle, futhi ungalilinganisi; ngoba linikelwe ezizweni; njalo zizanyathelela phansi umuzi ongwele inyanga ezingamatshumi amane lambili. 3 Njalo ngizanika amandla kubafakazi bami ababili, njalo bazaprofetha insuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisithupha, beggoke amasaka. 4 Laba bayizihlahla ezimbili zemihlwathi, leziqobane zezibane ezimbili ezimi phambi kukaNkulunkulu womhlaba. 5 Uba kukhona othanda ukubalimaza, umlilo uphuma emlonyeni wabo, uqothule izitha zabo; njalo uba umuntu efisa ukubalimaza, ngokunjalo kumele abulawe. 6 Laba balamandla okuvala izulu, ukuze izulu lingani ngensuku zokuprofetha kwabo, futhi balamandla phezu kwamanzi, okuthi bawaphendule abe ligazi, lokutshaya umhlaba ngayo yonke inhlupheko, ngaso sonke isikhathi abathanda ngaso. 7 Kuzakuthi sebebuqedile ubufakazi babo, isilo esiphuma emgodini ongelamkhawulo sizakulwa impi labo, besesibanqoba, sibabulale. (Abyssos

g12) 8 Lezidumbu zabo zizakuba semgwaqweni womuzi omkhulu, othiwa ngokomoya iSodoma leGibhithe, lapho leNkosi yethu eyabethelelwa khona. 9 Labavela ebantwini lemiplotsheni lendimini lezizweni bazakhangela izidumbu zabo okwensuku ezintathu lengxenye yosuku, bengavumeli ukuthi izidumbu zabo zibekwe emangcwabeni. 10 Labakhileyo emhlabeni bazathokoza ngabo bathabe, bathumezelane izipho, ngoba lababaprofethi ababili babahlupha abakhileyo emhlabeni. 11 Kwathi emva kwalezonsuku ezintathu lengxenye yosuku, uMoya wempilo wavela kuNkulunkulu wangena kubo, basebesima ngenyawo zabo, lokwesaba okukhulu kwehlela kwabababonayo. 12 Basebesizwa ilizwi elikhulu livela ezulwini, lisithi kubo: Yenyukelani lapha. Basebesenyukela ezulwini beseyezini. Lezitha zabo zibabona. 13 Langaleloholo kwaba khona ukuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba, lokwetshumi komuzi kwawa, kwasekusifa amabizo abantu abayizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa ekuzamazameni komhlaba; labaseleyo batshaywa luvalo, banika udumo kuNkulunkulu wezulu. 14 Umaye wesibili usedlule; khangela-ke, umaye wesithathu uyeza ngokuphangisa. 15 Ingilosi yesikhombisa yasilukhalisa uphondo, kwasekusiba lamazwi amakhulu ezulwini, esithi: Imibuso yomhlaba isingeyaNkosi yethu, lekaKristu wayo, njalo izabusa kuze kube nini lanini. (aiōn g165) 16 Labadala abangamatshumi amabili lane, abahlezi ezihlalweni zabo zobukhosi phambi kukaNkulunkulu, bathi mbo ngobuso babo phansi, basebekhonza uNkulunkulu, 17 besithi: Siyakubonga, Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla, okhona lowayekhona lozakuba, ngoba uthethe amandla akho amakhulu, ubusile. 18 Lezizwe sezithukuthele, lolaka lwakho selufikile, lesikhathi sabafuleyo ukuthi bahlulelwe, lesokunika umvuzo ezincekwini zakho abaprofethi labangcwele labesaba ibizo lakho, abancinyane labakhulu, lesokubhubhisa ababhubhisa umhlaba. 19 Kwasekuvulwa ithempeli likaNkulunkulu ezulwini, kwasekubonakala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sakhe ethempelini lakhe; kwasekusiba lemibane lamazwi lemidumo lokuzamazama komhlaba lesiqhotho esikhulu.

12 Kwasekubonakala isibonakaliso esikhulu ezulwini, owesifazana embethe ilanga, lenyanga ingaphansi kwenyawo zakhe, njalo

kukhona ekhanda lakhe umqhele wenkanyezi ezilitshumi lambili; 2 njalo ekhulelwe, wakhala ngobuhlungu bomhelo, futhi wayesebuhlungwini bokubeletha. 3 Kwasekubonakala esinye isibonakaliso ezulwini, khangelale umgobho omkhulu obomvu, olamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi, lemqhele eyisikhombisa emakhanda awo. 4 Lomsila wawo wadonsa ingxenye yesithathu yenkanyezi zezulu, waziphosela emhlabeni; njalo umgobho wema phambi kowesifazana obesezabeletha, ukuze kuthi, esebelethile, umimilize umntwana wakhe. 5 Wasebeletha indodana, isilisa, ezabusa izizwe zonke ngentonga yensimbi; lomntanakhe wahluthulelwa kuNkulunkulu lesihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. 6 Lowesifazana wabalekela enkangala, lapho ayelendawo eyayilungiswe nguNkulunkulu, ukuze bamondle khona insuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili amatshumi ayisithupha. 7 Kwasekusiba lempi ezulwini; uMikayeli lengilos zakhe balwa bemelene lomgobho; lomgobho walwa ulengilos zawo, 8 njalo babangelakunqoba, lendawo yawo kayabe isatholakala ezulwini. 9 Umgobho omkhulu wasuphoswa, inyoka endala, ebizwa ngokuthi nguDiyabhola njalo uSathane, okhohlisa umhlaba wonke; waphoselwa emhlabeni, lengilos zakhe zaphoswa kanye laye. 10 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu ezulwini, lisithi: Khathezi sekufike usindiso lamandla lombuso kaNkulunkulu wethu, lamandla kaKristu wakhe; ngoba uphoselwe phansi ummangaleli wabazalwane bethu, obamangalelayo emini lebusuku phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 11 Njalo bona bamnqobile ngegazi leWundlu langelizwi lobufakazi babo, njalo kabathandanga impilo yabo kwaze kwaba sekufeni. 12 Ngalokho thokozani, mazulu lani elihlala kuwo. Maye kulabo abakhileyo emhlabeni lolwandle, ngoba udiyahbola wehlele kini elolaka olukhulu, esazi ukuthi ulesikhathi esifitshane. 13 Kwathi umgobho usubonile ukuthi uphoselwe emhlabeni, wazingela owesifazana owayezele umntwana wesilisa. 14 Kwasekunika owesifazana impiko ezimbili zokhozi olukhulu, ukuze aphaphele enkangala endaweni yakhe, lapho ondlwa khona okwesikhathi, lezikhathi lengxenye yesikhathi, asuke ebusweni benyoka. 15 Lenyoka yakhafula amanzi emlonyeni wayo ngemva kowesifazana kungathi ngumfula, ukuze immukise ngalumfula. 16 Lomhlaba wamsiza

owesifazana, umhlaba wasukhamisa umlomo wawo, waginya umfula umgobho owawuwukhafule emlonyeni wawo. 17 Umgobho wasumthukuthelela owesifazana, wasusuka wayakulwa impi labaseleyo benzalo yakhe, labo abagcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu abalobufakazi bukaJesu Kristu.

13 Ngasengisima etshebetsheni lolwandle; ngasengibona isilo sikhuphuka olwandle, silamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi, laphezu kwempondo zaso imiqhele elitshumi, laphezu kwamakhanda aso kulebizo lenhlamba. 2 Lesilo engasibonayo sasinjengengwe, lenyawo zazo zazinjengezebehere, lomlomo waso unjengomlomo wesilwane. Njalo umgobho wasinika amandla awo, lesihlalo sawo sobukhosi, legunya elikhulu. 3 Ngasengibona elinye lamakhanda aso kungathi lilimele okokufa; lenxeba laso lokufa selapholiswa; umhlaba wonke wasumangala ngemva kwesilo; 4 basebewukhonza umgobho owasinika isilo amandla, basebesikhonza isilo, besithi: Ngubani ofanana lesilo? Ngubani ongalwa laso? 5 Kwasekunikelwa kuso umlomo wokukhuluma izinto ezinkulu lezinhlamba, kwasekunikelwa kuso amandla okusebenza inyanga ezingamatshumi amane lambili. 6 Sasesivula umlomo waso ukuhlambaza okumelane loNkulunkulu, lokuhlambaza ibizo lakhe, lethabhanekela lakhe, lalabo abahlezi ezulwini. 7 Kwasekunikelwa kuso ukuthi silawule impi labangcwele, lokubanjoba; kwasekunikelwa kuso amandla phezu kwawo wonke umhlaba lolimi lesizwe. 8 Labo bonke abakhileyo emhlabeni bazasikhonza, labo amabizo abo angabhalwanga egwalweni lwempilo leWundlu elahlatshwayo selokhu kwasekelwa umhlaba. 9 Uba umuntu elendlebe, kezwe. 10 Uba umuntu ethumba, uya ekuthunjweni; uba umuntu ebulala ngenkamba, yena kumele abulawe ngenkamba. Lapha kulokubekezela lokholo lwabangcwele. 11 Ngasengibona esinye isilo sisenyuka emhlabeni, sasilempondo ezimbili njengewundlu, sasesikhuluma njengomgobho. 12 Njalo sasebenzisa wonke amandla esilo sokuqala phambi kwaso, futhi senza ukuthi umhlaba labakhileyo kuwo bakhonze isilo sokuqala, esinxeba laso lokufa lapholiswa. 13 Sasesisenza izibonakaliso ezinkulu, saze senza ukuthi lomlilo wehle uvela ezulwini uze emhlabeni, phambi kwabantu. 14 Sasesiduhisa abakhileyo emhlabeni

ngalezozibonakaliso ezanikelwa kuso ukuzenza phambi kwesilo, sisithi kwabakhileyo emhlabeni, kabasenzele umfanekiso isilo ebesilenxeba lenkemba, sasesiphila. **15** Sanikwa futhi ukupha umfanekiso wesilo umoya, ukuze umfanekiso wesilo lawo ukhulume, besesisenza ukuthi bonke abangakhonziyo umfanekiso wesilo babulawe. **16** Sasesisenza bonke, abancinyane labakhulu, labanothileyo labayanga, labakhululekileyo lezigqili, ukuthi baphiwe uphawu esandleni sabo sokunene, loba emabunzini abo, **17** ukuze kungabi khona olakho ukuthenga loba ukuthengisa, ngaphandle kwalowo olophawu, loba ibizo lesilo loba inombolo yebizo laso. **18** Nansi inhlakanipho. Olokuqedisisa kabale inombolo yesilo; ngoba iyinombolo yomuntu, lenombolo yaso ingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha.

14 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, iWundlu limi entabeni iSiyoni, njalo lilezinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane, belebizo likaYise libhalwe emabunzini abo. **2** Ngasengisizwa ilizwi livela ezulwini, njengelizwi lamanzi amanengi, lanjengelizwi lomdumo omkhulu; ngasengisizwa ilizwi labatshaya amachacho betshaya amachacho abo, **3** basebehlabela kungathi yingoma entsha phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi, laphambi kwezidalwa ezine eziphilayo labadala; njalo kakho owayengayifunda ingoma, ngaphandle kwabayizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane, abahlengiweyo emhlabeni. **4** Labo yibo abangangcoliswanga ngabesifazana; ngoba bazintombi. Yibo abalandela iWundlu loba lisiya ngaphi; laba bathengwa ebantwini, izithelo zokuqala kuNkulunkulu leWundlwini. **5** Lemlonyeni wabo kakuficwanga nkohliso; ngoba bengelasici phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu. **6** Ngasengibona enye ingilosi iphapha phakathi laphakathi kwezulu, ilevangeli laphakade, ukulitshumayela kwabakhileyo emhlabeni, lakuso sonke isizwe, lomhlobo, lolimi labantu, (aiōnios g166) **7** isithi ngelizwi elikhulu: Mesabeni uNkulunkulu, beselimupha udumo, ngoba isikhathi sesigwebo sakhe sesifikile, njalo limkhonze owenza izulu lomhlaba lolwandle lemithombo yamanzi. **8** Yasilandela enye ingilosi isithi: Iwile, iwile iBhabhiloni, umuzi omkhulu, ngoba unathise izizwe zonke okwewayini lolaka lokufeba kwawo. **9** Lengilosi yesithathu yazilandela, isithi ngelizwi

elikhulu: Uba kukhona okhonza isilo lomfanekiso waso, njalo wemukela uphawu ebunzini lakhe, kumbe esandleni sakhe, **10** laye uzanatha okwewayini lolaka lukaNkulunkulu, elithululelwe enkezweni yolaka lwakhe, lingaxutshaniswanga, njalo uzahlutshwa kakhulu ngomlilo langesibabule phambi kwengilosi ezingcwele, laphambi kweWundlu; **11** lentuthu yokuhlutshwa kwabo ithunga kuze kube nini lanini; njalo kabalakuphumula emini lebusuku laba abakhonza isilo lomfanekiso waso, njalo uba ekhona owemukela uphawu lwebizo laso. (aiōn g165) **12** Nanku ukubekezela kwabangcwele; nampa abagcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu lokholo lukaJesu. **13** Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elivela ezulwini lisithi kimi: Bhala uthi: Babusisiwe abafileyo befela eNkosini kusukela khathesi. Yebo, kutsho uMoya, ukuze baphumule ekutshikatshikeni kwabo; lemisebenzi yabo ilandela kanye labo. **14** Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, iyezi elimhlophe, laphazu kweyezi kuhlezi onjengeNdodana yomuntu, elomqhele wegolide ekhanda lakhe, njalo elesikela ebukhali esandleni sakhe. **15** Lenye ingilosi yaphuma ethempelini, imemeza ngelizwi elikhulu kuye ohlezi eyezini isithi: Ngenisa isikela yakho uvune, ngoba sekufikile kuwe isikhathi sokuvuna, ngoba sesivuthiwe isivuno somhlaba. **16** Ohlezi phezu kweyezi waseyiphasa isikela yakhe emhlabeni, wasuvunwa umhlaba. **17** Enye ingilosi yasiphuma ethempelini elisezulwini, layo ilesikela ebukhali. **18** Lenye ingilosi yaphuma elathini, ilamandla phezu komlilo, yasimemeza ngesimemezo esikhulu kuyo elesikela ebukhali, isithi: Ngenisa isikela yakho ebukhali, ubusubuthelela iziswenya zevini lomhlaba, ngoba izithelo zalo sezivuthiwe. **19** Ingilosi yasiphosa isikela yayo emhlabeni, yasivuna ivini lomhlaba, yasiphosela esikhamelweni sewayini esikhulu solaka lukaNkulunkulu. **20** Lesikhamelo sewayini sanyathelwa ngaphandle komuzi, kwasekuphuma igazi esikhamelweni sewayini laze lafika ematomini amabhiza, laba ngamastadiyu azinkulungwane lamakhulu ayisithupha.

15 Ngasengibona esinye isibonakaliso ezulwini esikhulu lesimangalisayo, ingilosi eziyisikhombisa zilezinhlupheko eziyisikhombisa zokucina, ngoba lwapheleliswa kulezo ulaka lukaNkulunkulu. **2** Ngasengibona okungathi lulwandle lwengilazi luxubene lomlilo, lalabo abanqobe isilo

lomfanekiso waso lophawu lwaso, lenombolo yebizo laso, bemi phezu kolwandle lwengilazi, belamachacho kaNkulunkulu, 3 basebehlabela ingoma kaMozisi inceku kaNkulunkulu lengoma yeWundlu, besithi: Mikhulu njalo iyamangalisa imisebenzi yakho, Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla, zilungile ziqotho indlela zakho, Nkosi yabangcwele. 4 Ngubani ongayikukwesaba, Nkosi, abesedumisa ibizo lakho? ngoba nguwe wedwa ongcwele; ngoba izizwe zonke zizakuza zidumise phambi kwakho; ngoba izenzo zakho zokulunga zibonakalisiwe. 5 Emva kwalezizinto ngasengibona, khangela-ke, sekuvulwe ithempeli lethabhanekhele lobufakazi ezulwini; 6 kwasekuphuma ethempelini lezi ingilosi eziyisikhombisa zilezinhlopheko eziyisikhombisa, zembethe ilembu elihlanzekileyo elikhazimulayo, njalo zibotshwe izifuba ngamaqhele egolide; 7 lesinye sezidalwa ezine eziphilayo sanika ingilosi eziyisikhombisa imiganu yegolide eyisikhombisa, igcwele ulaka lukaNkulunkulu, ophila kuze kube nini lanini. (aiōn g165) 8 Lethempeli lagcwaliswa intuthu evela ebukhosini bukaNkulunkulu, lemandleni akhe; njalo kwakungekho owayengangena ethempelini, kuze kuphele izinhlopheko eziyisikhombisa zengilosi eziyisikhombisa.

16 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu livela ethempelini, lisithi kulezo ingilosi eziyisikhombisa: Hambani, lithululele emhlabeni imiganu yolaka lukaNkulunkulu. 2 Eyokuqala yasihamba, yathululela umganu wayo emhlabeni; kwasekuvela isilonda esibi esibuhlungu ebantwini abalophawu lwesilo, labakhonza umfanekiso waso. 3 Ingilosi yesibili yasithululela umganu wayo olwandle; lwaselusiba ligazi njengelofileyo, lawo wonke umphefumulo ophilayo wafa olwandle. 4 Ingilosi yesithathu yasithululela umganu wayo emifuleni lemithonjeni yamanzi; yasisiba ligazi. 5 Ngasengisizwa ingilosi yamanzi isithi: Ulungile, Nkosi, okhona lowayekhona lozakuba khona, ngoba wagweba lezizinto; 6 ngoba bachitha igazi labangcwele lelaba-profethi, ubanike labo igazi ukulinata; ngoba bafanele. 7 Ngasengisizwa enye elathini isithi: Yebo, Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla, ziqotho zilungile izigwebo zakho. 8 Ingilosi yesine yasithululela umganu wayo elangeni; kwasekunikelwa kulo ukuchochombisa abantu ngomlilo. 9 Abantu basebetshiswa yikutshisa okukhulu, basebehlambaza

ibizo likaNkulunkulu olamandla phezu kwalezo izinhlopheko, njalo kabaphendukanga ukumnika udumo. 10 Ingilosi yesihlanu yasithululela umganu wayo phezu kwesihlalo sobukhosi sesilo; lombuso waso wafiphazwa; basebexhanxatha inlimi zabo ngenxa yobuhlungu, 11 basebemhlambaza uNkulunkulu wezulu ngenxa yobuhlungu babo langenxa yezilonda zabo, njalo kabaphendukanga emisebenzini yabo. 12 Ingilosi yesithupha yasithululela umganu wayo emfuleni omkhulu iYufurathi; lamanzi awo atsha, ukuze ilungiswe indlela yamakhosi avela lapho eliphuma khona ilanga. 13 Ngasengibona kuphuma emlonyeni womgobho lemlonyeni wesilo lemlonyeni womprofethi wamanga, imimoya engcolileyo emithathu efanana lamaxoxo; 14 ngoba iyimimoya yamadimoni eyenza izibonakaliso, ephumela emakhosini omhlabathi lawomhlaba wonke, ukuwaqoqela ndawonye empini kwalolosuku olukhulu lukaNkulunkulu uSomandla. 15 Khangela, ngiyeza njengesela. Ubusisiwe olindayo, alondolozwe izembatho zakhe, ukuze angahambize, njalo babone ihlazo lakhe. 16 Basebewaqoqela ndawonye endaweni ethiwa ngesiHebheru iArmagedoni. 17 Ingilosi yesikhombisa yasithululela umganu wayo emoyeni; kwasekuphuma ilizwi elikhulu livela ethempelini lezulu, esihlalweni sobukhosi lisithi: Sekwenzakele! 18 Kwasekusiba khona amazwi lemidumo leimbane, kwasekusiba lokuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu, okunje okungazanga kube khona selokhu kwaba khona abantu emhlabeni, ukuzamazama komhlaba okulamandla kangaka, okukhulu kangaka. 19 Umuzi omkhulu wasusiba yiziqamu ezintathu, lemizi yabezizwe yawa; leBhabhiloni elikhulu lakhunjulwa phambi kukaNkulunkulu, ukulinika inkezo yewayini lentukuthelo yolaka lwakhe. 20 Sonke isihlengi sasesibaleka, lentaba azaze zatholakala. 21 Lesiqhotho esikhulu esilesisindo esinjengesethalenta, sawela phezu kwabantu sivela ezulwini; labantu bamhlambaza uNkulunkulu ngenxa yenhlopheko yesiqhotho; ngoba inhlopheko yaso yayinkulu kakhulukazi.

17 Kwasekusiza enye yengilosi eziyisikhombisa ezazilemiganu eyisikhombisa, yasikhuluma lami, isithi kimi: Woza lapha, ngizakutshengisa isigwebo sesifebe esikhulu, esihlezi phezu kwamanzi amanengi, 2 afeba laso amakhosi omhlaba,

labakhileyo emhlabeni badakwe liwayini lobufebe baso. 3 Yasingithwalela enkangala ngikuMoya; ngasengibona owesifazana ehlezi phezu kwesilo esibomvu, sigcwele amabizo enhlamba, silamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi. 4 Njalo owesifazana wayembethe okuyibubende lokubomvu, futhi ececiswe ngegolide langamatshe aligugu langamapharele, elenkezo yegolide esandleni sakhe, igcwele amanyala lokungcola kobufebe bakhe, 5 njalo ebunzini lakhe kwakulotshiwe ibizo lokuthi: IMFIHLO, IBHABHILONI ELIKHULU, UNINA WEZIFEBE LOWAMANYALA OMHLABA. 6 Ngasengibona owesifazana edakwe ligazi labangcwele, legazi labafakazi bakaJesu. Sengimbonile ngamangala ngokumangala okukhulu. 7 Ingilosi yasisithi kimi: Umangalelani? Mina ngizakutshela imfihlo yowesifazana, leyesilo esimthweleyo, esilamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi. 8 Isilo, osibonileyo, sasikhona, njalo kasisekho, futhi sizakwenyuka sivela emgodini ongelamkhawulo, sibe sesisiya ekubhujisweni; labakhileyo emhlabeni bazamangala, abamabizo abo ayengabhalwanga egwalweni lwempilo, kusukela ekusekelweni komhlaba, bebona isilo esasikhona, njalo singasekho, lanxa sikhona. (Abyssos g12) 9 Nanku ukuqedisisa okulenhlanipho. Amakhanda ayisikhombisa azintaba eziyisikhombisa owesifazana ahlezi khona phezu kwazo; 10 futhi angamakhosi ayisikhombisa, amahlanu asewile, lenye ikhona, lenye kayikafiki, njalo nxa isifikile imele ukuhlala isikhatshana. 11 Lesilo esasikhona, njalo singasekho, yona-ke ingeyesificaminwembili, njalo ivela kwayisikhombisa, ibisisiya ekubhujisweni. 12 Lempondo ezilitshumi, ozibonileyo, zingamakhosi alitshumi, angakemukeli umbuso, kodwa emukele amandla njengamakhosi ngehola linye kanye lesilo. 13 Wona angqondonye, njalo abela isilo awawo amandla lokubusa. 14 La azakulwa leWundlu, njalo iWundlu lizawanqoba, ngoba liyiNkosi yamakhosi loMbusi wababusi, labakanye lalo ngababiziweyo labakhethiweyo labathembekileyo. 15 Yasisithi kimi: Amanzi owabonileyo, lapho esihlezi khona isifebe, angabantu lamaxuku lezizwe lendimi. 16 Lempondo ezilitshumi, ozibonileyo esilweni, zona zizasizonda isifebe, besezisichitha zisinqunule, zidle inyama yaso, zisitshise ngomlilo. 17 Ngoba uNkulunkulu ufakile

enhliziyweni zazo ukuthi zenze ingqondo yakhe, lokwenza ngqondonye, lokunika isilo umbuso wazo, kuze kupheleliswe amazwi kaNkulunkulu. 18 Lowesifazana ombonileyo ungumuzi omkhulu olombuso phezu kwamakhosi omhlaba. 18 Emva kwalezizinto-ke ngabona enye ingilosi isehla ivela ezulwini, ilamandla amakhulu; lomhlaba wakhanyiswa yikukhazimula kwayo. 2 Yasimemeza ngamandla, ngelizwi elikhulu isithi: Iwile, iwile iBhabhiloni enkulu, isiyindawo yokuhlala amadimoni, lentolongo yawo wonke umoya ongcolileyo, lezongo layo yonke inyoni engcolileyo lezondekayo. 3 Ngoba izizwe zonke zinathe okweyayini lolaka lobufebe bayo, lamakhosi omhlaba aphingile layo, labathengisi bomhlaba banothile ngamandla okuzitika ngenotho yayo. 4 Ngasengisizwa elinye ilizwi livela ezulwini, lisithi: Phumani kuyo, bantu bami, ukuze lingahlanganyeli kanye lezono zayo, lokuze lingemukeli okwezinhlopheko zayo; 5 ngoba izono zayo zixhumene zize zifike ezulwini, loNkulunkulu ukhumbule ukungalungi kwayo. 6 Phindiselani kuyo njengokuphindisela kwayo kini, liphinde kabili kuyo njengokwemisebenzi yayo; enkezweni eyixubanisileyo, xubanisani kiyo kabili. 7 Njengokuzidumisa kwayo okungaka, izitika enothweni, ngokunjalo kupheni yona ubuhlungu lokulila okungaka; ngoba ithi enhliziyweni yayo: Nghlezi ngiyindlovukazi, njalo kangisuye umfelokazi, futhi kangisoze ngabona ukulila. 8 Ngakho zizafika ngosuku lunye izinhlopheko zayo, ukufa lokulila lendlala, futhi izatshiswa ngomlilo; ngoba ilamandla iNkosi uNkulunkulu eyigwebayo. 9 Lamakhosi omhlaba aphinga layo ezitika enothweni azayikhalela alile ngenxa yayo, lapho ebona intuthu yokutsha kwayo, 10 esima khatshana ngokwesaba kobuhlungu bayo, esithi: Maye, maye, umuzi omkhulu, iBhabhiloni, umuzi olamandla, ngoba ngehola elilodwa isigwebho sakho sifikile! 11 Labathengisi bomhlaba bazayikhalela bayilile, ngoba kakulamuntu othenga impahla yabo futhi; 12 impahla yegolide, leyesiliva, leyelitshe eliligugu, leyeppharele, leyelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, leyibubende, leyesilika, leyokubomvu; laso sonke isihlahla esilephunga, laso sonke isitsha sempondo zendlovu, laso sonke isitsha sesihlahla esiligugu elikhulukazi, leyethusi, leyensimbi, leyelitshe elimhlophe; 13 lekinamoni, lokulephunga elimnandi,

lenhlaka, lempepha, lewayini, lamafutha, lempuphu
 ecolekileyo, lengqoloyi, lezifuyo, lezimvu, lamabhiza,
 lezinqola, lezimzimba, lemphefumulo yabantu. **14** Lezithelo zesifiso somphefumulo wakho zisukile kuwe,
 lazo zonke izinto ezinonileyo lezikhazimulayo zisukile
 kuwe, kawusoze ubuye uzithole. **15** Abathengisi
 balezizinto, abanothe ngayo, bazakuma khatshana
 ngokwesabeka kobuhlungu bayo, bekhala belila,
16 njalo besithi: Maye, maye, lo umuzi omkhulu,
 owawembathiswe ngelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu
 lokuyibubende lokubomvu, uceciswe ngegolide
 lelitshe eliligugu lamapharele! **17** Ngoba ngehola
 elilodwa inotho engaka ichithiwe. Layo yonke
 induna yomkhumbi, lalo lonke ixuku emikhunjini,
 labomkhumbi, labo bonke abasebenza olwandle
 bema khatshana, **18** basebekhala bebona intuthu
 yokutsha kwayo, besithi: Yiwuphi ofanana lawo umuzi
 omkhulu? **19** Basebethela uthuli emakhanda abo,
 bememeza bekhala belila, besithi: Maye, maye,
 umuzi omkhulu, khona lapho bonke ababelemikhumbi
 olwandle banothe ngawo ngenotho yawo; ngoba
 ngehola elilodwa uchithiwe! **20** Thokoza ngawo,
 zulu, lani baphostoli abangcwele labaprofethi; ngoba
 uNkulunkulu ugwebwe isigwebu senu kuwo. **21** Lengilosi
 eyamandla yaphakamisa ilitsho elinjengelitsho
 lokuchola elikhulu, yasiliphosela olwandle, isithi:
 Ngokunjalo ngodlakela iBhabhiloni umuzi omkhulu
 izaphoswa, njalo ingabe isaficwa lakanye. **22**
 Lomsindo wabatshaya amachacho lowabahlabeleli
 lowabatshaya imihlanga lowabatshaya izimpondo,
 kawusoze uphinde uzwakale phakathi kwakho,
 layo yonke ingcwethi loba eyawuphi umunwe
 kayisayikuficwa phakathi kwakho lakanye, lomsindo
 welitsho lokuchola kawusoze uphinde uzwakale
 phakathi kwakho, **23** lokukhanya kwesibane kakusoze
 kusakhanya phakathi kwakho, lelizwi lomyeni lomakoti
 kalisayikuzwakala phakathi kwakho lakanye; ngoba
 abathengisi bakho bebeyizikhulu zomhlaba; ngoba
 ngokuthakatha kwakho izizwe zonke zikhohlisiwe, **24**
 futhi kuyo kwaficwa igazi labaprofethi lelabangcwele,
 lelabo bonke ababebulelewe emhlabeni.

19 Emva kwalezizinto ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu
 elixuku elikhulu ezulwini, lisithi: Halleluya!
 Usindiso lobukhosi lodumo lamandla kungokweNkosi
 uNkulunkulu wethu; **2** ngoba izigwebu zakhe
 ziqotho zilungile; ngoba usilahlile isifebe esikhulu,

esonakalise umhlaba ngobufebe baso, usephindisele
 igazi lenceku zakhe esandleni saso. **3** Basebesithi
 ngokwesibili: Halleluya! Lentuthu yaso ithunqa
 kuze kube nini lanini. (aiōn g165) **4** Labadala
 abangamatshumi amabili lane lezidalwa ezine
 eziphilayo zawela phansi zakhonza uNkulunkulu
 ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi zisithi: Amen! Halleluya!
5 Ilizwi laseliphuma livela esihlalweni sobukhosi, lisithi:
 Mdumiseni uNkulunkulu wethu, lina lonke zinceku
 zakhe, labamesabayo, labancinyane, labakhulu.
6 Ngasengisizwa kungathi yilizwi lexuku elikhulu,
 njalo kungathi ngumdumo wamanzi amanengi, njalo
 kungathi ngumsindo wemidumo elamandla, kusithi:
 Halleluya! Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu uSomandla
 uyabusa. **7** Asithokoze sithabe kakhulu, besesisipha
 udumo kuye; ngoba umtshado weWundlu usufikile,
 lomkalo usezilungisele. **8** Kwasekuphiwa kuye ukuthi
 embathe ilembu elicolekileyo kakhulu elihlanzekileyo
 lelikhazimulayo; ngoba ilembu elicolekileyo kakhulu
 liyikulunga kwabangcwele. **9** Yasisithi kimi:
 Bhala uthi: Babusisiwe labo ababizelwe ekudleni
 kwantambama komtshado weWundlu. Yasisithi
 kimi: La ngamazwi aqotho kaNkulunkulu. **10**
 Ngasengiwele phansi enyaweni zayo ukuyikhonza;
 yasisithi kimi: Qaphela ungakwenzi; ngiyinceku kanye
 lawe labazalwane bakho abalobufakazi bukaJesu;
 khonza uNkulunkulu; ngoba ubufakazi bukaJesu
 bungumoya wesiprofetho. **11** Ngasengibona izulu
 livuliwe, khangela-ke ibhiza elimhlophe, loligadileyo
 ubizwa ngokuthi oThembekileyo loQotho, njalo
 ngokulunga uyahlulela alwe. **12** Lamehlo akhe
 afanana lelangabi lomlilo, lekhandla lakhe kulemiqhele
 eminengi; njalo ulebizo elilotshiweyo, okungelamuntu
 olaziyo ngaphandle kwakhe, **13** wasesembatha
 isembatho esicwiliswe egazini; lebizu lakhe libizwa
 ngokuthi, nguLizwi likaNkulunkulu. **14** Lamabutho
 ayesezulwini amlandela egade amabhiza amhlophe,
 embethe ilembu elicolekileyo kakhulu elimhlophe
 lelihlanzekileyo. **15** Emloonyeni wakhe kwasekuphuma
 inkemba ebukhali, ukuze atshaye izizwe ngayo;
 njalo yena uzazibusa ngentonga yensimbi; yena-ke
 uzanyathela isikhamelo sevini sewayini lentukuthelo
 lolaka lukaNkulunkulu uSomandla. **16** Njalo
 esembathweni lethangazini lakhe ulebizo elibhalwe
 ukuthi: INKOSI YAMAKHOSI LOMBUSI WABABUSI.
17 Ngasengibona ingilosi eyodwa imi elangeni;

yasimemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, isithi enyonini zonke eziphaphayo phakathi laphakathi kwezulu: Wozani libuthaniswe ekudleni kwantambama kukaNkulunkulu omkhulu, **18** ukuze lidle inyama yamakhosi, lenyama yenduna ezinkulu, lenyama yabalamandla, lenyama yamabhiza leyabagadi bawo, lenyama yabo bonke, abakhululekileyo kanye labayizigqili, labancinyane labakhulu. **19** Ngasengibona isilo, lamakhosi omhlaba lamabutho awo ebuthanele ukulwa impi laye ogade ibhiza, kanye lebutho lakhe. **20** Isilo sasesibanjwa, njalo kanye laso umprofethi wamanga owenza izibonakaliso phambi kwaso, aduhisa ngazo labo ababelophawu lwesilo, lalabo abakhonza umfanekiso waso; labo bobabili baphoselwa bephila echibini lomilo elivutha isibabule; (Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442) **21** labaseleyo babulawa ngenkemba yogade ibhiza, ephuma emlonyeni wakhe; lenyoni zonke zasutha inyama yabo.

20 Ngasengibona ingilosu isehla ivela ezulwini, ilesihluthulelo somgodi ongelamkhawulo, leketane elikhulu esandleni sayo. (Abyssos g12) **2** Yasiwubamba umgobho, inyoka endala, enguDiyabhola loSathane, yasiwubopha okweminyaka eyinkulungwane, **3** yasiwuphosela emgodini ongelamkhawulo, yawuvalela, yasibeka uphawu phezu kwawo, ukuze ungabe usaduhisa izizwe, ize iphele iminyaka eyinkulungwane; lemva kwalokhu kumele ukuthi ukhululwe okwesikhatshana. (Abyssos g12) **4** Ngasengibona izihlalo zobukhosi, basebehlala kuzo, lokwahlulela kwanikelwa kubo; ngabona lemiphefumulo yalabo ababequnywe amakhanda ngenxa yobufakazi bukaJesu langenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu, lababengakhonzanga isilo, loba umfanekiso waso, njalo bengemukelanga uphawu lwaso ebunzini labo, lesandleni sabo; basebephila babusa kanye loKristu iminyaka eyinkulungwane. **5** Kodwa abaseleyo kwabafileyo kabaphindanga baphila ize iphele iminyaka eyinkulungwane. Lokhu kuyikuvuka kokuqala. **6** Ubusisiwe njalo ungawele olesabelo ekuvukeni kokuqala; phezu kwalaba ukufa kwesibili kakulamandla, kodwa bazakuba ngabapristi bakaNkulunkulu, labakaKristu, njalo bazabusa kanye laye iminyaka eyinkulungwane. **7** Lalapho isiphelile iminyaka eyinkulungwane, uSathane uzakhululwa entolongweni yakhe, **8** njalo uzaphumela ukuduhisa izizwe ezisemagumbini amane omhlaba,

uGogi loMagogi, ukubabuthela empini; onani labo lingangetshehetshebe lolwandle. **9** Basebesenyukela ebubanzini bomhlaba, bazingelezela inkamba yabangcwele lomuzi othandekayo; kwasekusehla umliho kuNkulunkulu ovela ezulwini, wasubaqothula; **10** lodiyabhola owayebaduhisile waphoselwa echibini lomilo lesibabule, lapho okukhona isilo lomprofethi wamanga; njalo bazahlutshwa emini lebusuku kuze kube nini lanini. (aiōn g165, Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442) **11** Ngasengibona isihlalo sobukhosi esikhulu lesimhlophe lohlezi kuso, omhlaba lezulu kwabalekela ubuso bakhe, njalo kakutholelwanga ndawo. **12** Ngasengibona abafileyo abancinyane labakhulu, bemi phambi kukaNkulunkulu, lengwalo zavulwa; njalo olunye ugwalo lwavulwa, olungolwempilo; abafileyo basebesahlulelwa ngezinto ezibhalwe ezingwalweni, ngokwemisebenzi yabo. **13** Lolwandle lwabakhupha abafileyo ababekilo, njalo ukufa lesihogo kwakhupha abafileyo ababekikho; basebesahlulelwa, ngulowo lalowo, ngokwemisebenzi yabo. (Hadēs g86) **14** Ukufa lesihogo kwasekuphoselwa echibini lomilo; lokhu kuyikufa kwesibili. (Hadēs g86, Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442) **15** Uba-ke ekhona ongatholwanga elotshiwe egwalweni lwempilo, waphoselwa echibini lomilo. (Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442)

21 Ngasengibona izulu elitsha lomhlaba omutsha; ngoba izulu lokuqala lomhlaba wokuqala kwasekudlulile, lolwandle lungasekho. **2** Mina Johane ngasengibona umuzi ongawele, iJerusalema entsha, usehla uvela kuNkulunkulu ezulwini, ulungisiwe njengomakoti ececiselwe umkakhe. **3** Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu livela ezulwini, lisithi: Khangela, ithabhanekela likaNkulunkulu libebantwini, njalo uzahlala labo, futhi bona bazakuba ngabantu bakhe, loNkulunkulu uqobo uzakuba labo, enguNkulunkulu wabo; **4** njalo uNkulunkulu uzakwesula zonke izinyembezi emehlweni abo, lokufa kakusayikuba khona; kumbe ukulila, kumbe ukukhala, loba ubuhlungu abusayikuba khona; ngoba izinto zakuqala sezidlulile. **5** Wasesithi ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi: Khangela, ngenza zonke izinto zibentsha. Wasesithi kimi: Bhala; ngoba lamazwi aqinisile njalo athembekile. **6** Wasesithi kimi: Sekwenzakele. Mina nginguAlfa loOmega, ukuqala lokucina. Mina ngizamnika owomileyo okuvela emthonjeni wamanzi empilo ngesihle. **7**

Onqobayo uzakudla ilifa lazo zonke izinto; njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wakhe, laye abe yindodana yami. **8** Kodwa amagwala labangakhulwayo labanengekayo lababulali leziphingi labathakathi labakhonza izithombe labo bonke abaqambimanga, bazakuba lesabelo sabo echibini elivutha umlilo lesibabule, okuyikufa kwesibili. (Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442)

9 Kwasekusiza kimi enye yengilosi eziyisikhombisa ezazilemiganu eyisikhombisa egcwele izinhlupheko zokucina eziyisikhombisa, yasikhuluma lami, isithi: Woza lapha, ngizakutshengisa umakoti, umkaWundlu.

10 Yasingithwala ngikuMoya yaya entabeni enkulu lende, yasingitshengisa umuzi omkhulu, iJerusalema engcwele, usehla uvela ezulwini kuNkulunkulu,

11 ulenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu; ukukhanya kwawo kwakunjengeltshe eliligugu elikhulukazi njengeltshe ijaspi, likhanyisa njengekristali; **12** njalo ulomduli omkhulu lophakemeyo, ulamasango alitshumi lambili, lemasangweni ingilosi ezilitshumi lambili, lamabizo ebhalwe kiwo, angawezizwe ezilitshumi lambili zabantwana bakolsrayeli. **13** Empumalanga kwakulamasango amathathu; enyakatho, amasango amathathu; eningizimu, amasango amathathu; lentshonalanga, amasango amathathu. **14** Lomduli womuzi wawulezisekelo ezilitshumi lambili, lakuzo amabizo abaphostoli abalitshumi lambili beWundlu. **15** Lowayekhuluma lami wayelomhlanga wegolide, ukuze alinganise umuzi, lamasango awo, lomduli wawo. **16** Umuzi wawumiswe walingana inhlangothi zozine, lobude bawo babungangobubanzi. Waselinganisa umuzi ngomhlanga waba ngamastadiyu azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; ubude lobubanzi lokuphakama kwawo kuyalingana. **17** Waselinganisa umduli wawo, ingalo ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane, isilinganiso somuntu, esingesengilosi. **18** Njalo kwakulesakhiwo somduli wawo phakathi, ijaspi; lomuzi uligolide elicwengekileyo, njengengilazi ehlanzekileyo. **19** Lezisekelo zomduli womuzi zaziceciswe ngalo lonke ilitsheli eliligugu. Isisekelo sokuqala, ijaspi; esesibili, isafire; esesithathu, ikalkedoni; esesine, i-emeraldi; **20** esesihlanu, isaridonikisi; esesithupha, isardiysi; esesikhombisa, ikrisolite; esesificaminwembili, ibherule; esesificaminwemunye, itopazi; esetshumi, ikrisoprasi; esetshumi lanye, ihiyakinte; esetshumi lambili, i-ametiste. **21** Lamasango alitshumi lambili

angamapharele alitshumi lambili; yilelo ngalinye ngalinye lamasango lilipharele linye; njalo isitalada somuzi sasiligolide elicwengekileyo, njengengilazi ekhanyayo. **22** Njalo kangibonanga ithempeli phakathi kwawo; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu uSomandla ulithempeli lawo, leWundlu. **23** Lomuzi kawusweli langa, kumbe inyanga, ukuthi kukhanyise kuwo; ngoba inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu iyawukhanyisa, lesibane sawo liWundlu; **24** lezizwe zabasindisiweyo zizahamba ekukhanyeni kwawo; lamakhosi omhlaba aletha ubukhosi lodumo lwawo kuwo; **25** lamasango awo kawasozwe avalwe emini, ngoba kakuyikuba khona ubusuku lapho; **26** njalo bazaletsa kuwo ubukhosi lodumo lwezizwe; **27** njalo kakusozwe kwangena lolulodwa ulutho olungcolileyo kuwo, njalo lokwenza okunengekayo lamanga; ngaphandle kwabalotshiweyo egwalweni lwempilo lweWundlu.

22 Wasengitshengisa umfula ocengekileyo wamanzi empilo, ukhazimula njengekristali, uphuma esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu, leseWundlu. **2** Laphakathi kwesitalada sawo, njalo ngapha langapha komfula kwakulesihlahla sempilo, sithela izithelo ezilitshumi lambili, ileyo laleyo inyanga sithela isithelo saso; lamahlamvu esihlahla ngawokwelatshwa kwezizwe. **3** Kakusayikuba khona lakanye isiqalekiso; kodwa isihlahla sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu leseWundlu sizakuba kuwo; lenceku zakhe zizamkhonza, **4** zizabona ubuso bakhe; lebizu lakhe lizakuba semabunzini azo. **5** Lobusuku kabuyikuba khona lapho, njalo kazisweli isibane lokukhanya kwelanga, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu iyazikhanyisela; njalo zizabusa kuze kube nini lanini. (aiōn g165) **6** Wasesithi kimi: Lamazwi athembekile aqotho; njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wabaprofethi abangcwele, ithumele ingilosi yayo ukutshengisa inceku zayo izinto okumele zenzeke ngokuphangisa. **7** Khangela, ngiyeza masinyane. Ubusisiwe owagcinayo amazwi esiprofetho salolugwalo. **8** Futhi mina Johane nginguye owazibonayo lezizinto lowazizwayo. Kuthe sengizizwile ngazibona, ngawela phansi ukukhonza phambi kwenyawo zengilosi eyangitshengisa lezizinto. **9** Yasisithi kimi: Qaphela ungakwenzi; ngoba ngiyinceku kanye lawe, labazalwane bakho abaprofethi, lalabo abagcina amazwi alolugwalo; khonza uNkulunkulu. **10** Yasisithi kimi: Unganamathiseli ngophawu amazwi esiprofetho

salolugwalo; ngoba isikhathi siseduze. **11** Owenza okungalunganga kahlale esenza okungalunganga; longcolileyo ahlale engcolile; lolungileyo ahlale elungisisiwe; longcwele ahlale engcwelisiwe. **12** Khangela-ke, ngiyeza masinyane, lomvuzo wami ukimi, ukuvuza ngulowo lalowo njengokuzakuba ngumsebenzi wakhe. **13** Mina nginguAlfa loOmega, isiqalo lesicino, owokuqala lowokucina. **14** Babusisiwe labo abenza imilayo yakhe, ukuze babe lelungelo esihlahleni sempilo, babe sebengena emzini ngamasango; **15** kodwa ngaphandle kukhona izinja labathakathi leziphingi lababulali labakhonza izithombe laye wonke othanda njalo esenza amanga. **16** Mina Jesu ngithume ingilosi yami ukufakaza lezizinto kini emabandleni. Mina ngiyimpande lenzalo kaDavida, indonsakusa ekhazimulayo. **17** UMoya-ke lomakoti bathi: Woza! Lozwayo kathi: Woza! Lowomileyo keze; lothandayo kathathe amanzi empilo ngesihle. **18** Ngoba ngiyafakaza kuye wonke ozwa amazwi esiprofetho salolugwalo: Uba umuntu esengeza kulezizinto, uNkulunkulu uzakwengezelela kuye izinhlopheko ezilotshwe kulolugwalo; **19** njalo uba umuntu esusa okwamazwi ogwalo lwalesisiprofetho, uNkulunkulu uzasusa isabelo sakhe egwalweni lwempilo, le mzini ongcwele, lezintweni ezilotshiweyo kulolugwalo. **20** Ofakaza lezizinto uthi: Yebo, ngiyeza masinyane. Amen. Yebo, woza, Nkosi Jesu! **21** Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani lonke. Amen.



Mina Johane ngasengibona umuzi ongcwele, iJerusalema entsha, usehla uvela kuNkulunkulu ezulwini, ulungisiwe njengomakoti ececiselwe umkakhe. Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu livela ezulwini, lisithi: Khangela, ithabhanekele likaNkulunkulu lisebantwini, njalo uzahlala labo, futhi bona bazakuba ngabantu bakhe, loNkulunkulu uqobo uzakuba labo, enguNkulunkulu 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.

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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.

aidios 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 possibility, 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:

Synonymous 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.

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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.

Abyssos

ULukha 8:31
KwabaseRoma 10:7
Isambulo 9:1
Isambulo 9:2
Isambulo 9:11
Isambulo 11:7
Isambulo 17:8
Isambulo 20:1
Isambulo 20:3

aidios

KwabaseRoma 1:20
UJuda 1:6

aiōn

UMathewu 12:32
UMathewu 13:22
UMathewu 13:39
UMathewu 13:40
UMathewu 13:49
UMathewu 21:19
UMathewu 24:3
UMathewu 28:20
UMakho 3:29
UMakho 4:19
UMakho 10:30
UMakho 11:14
ULukha 1:33
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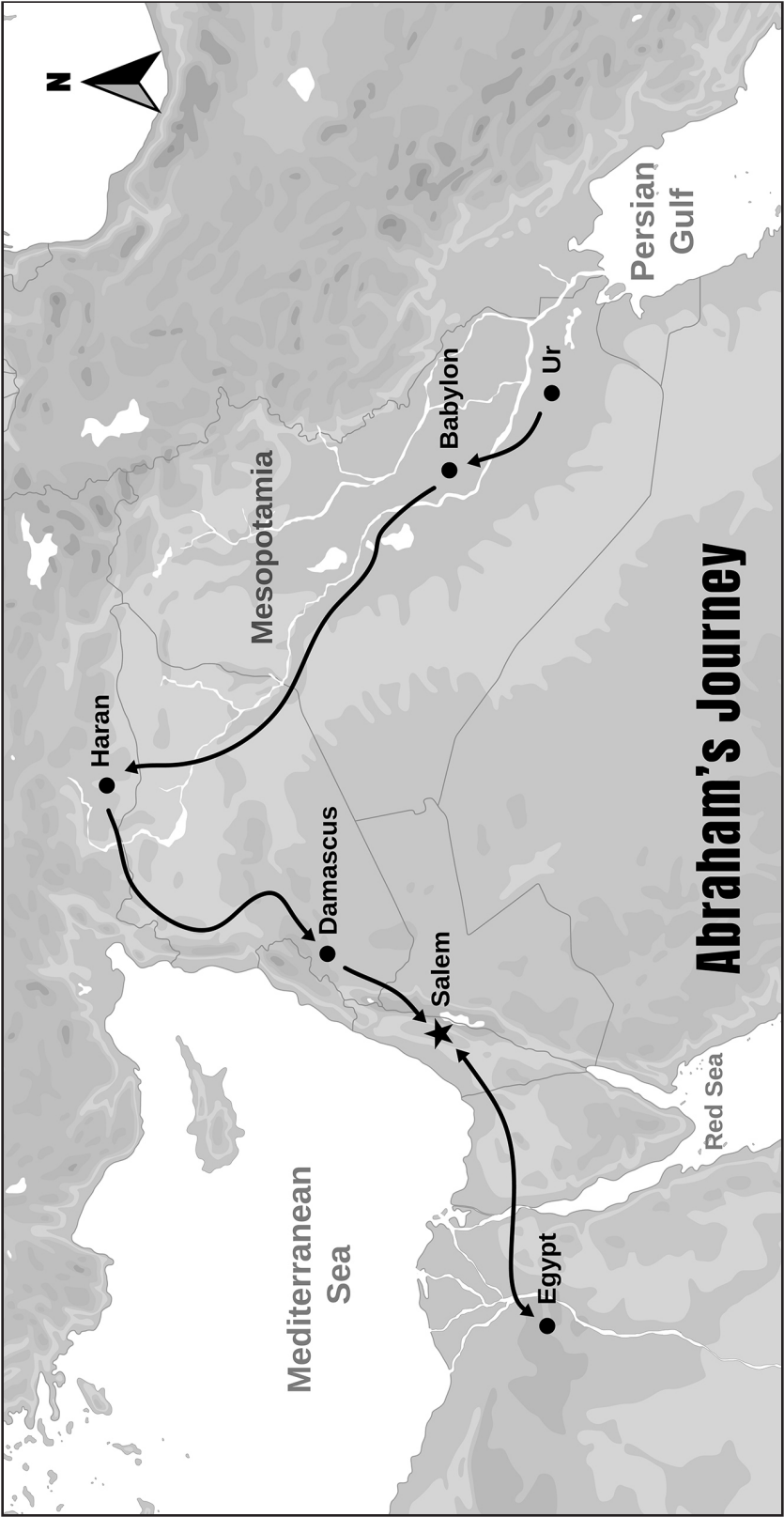
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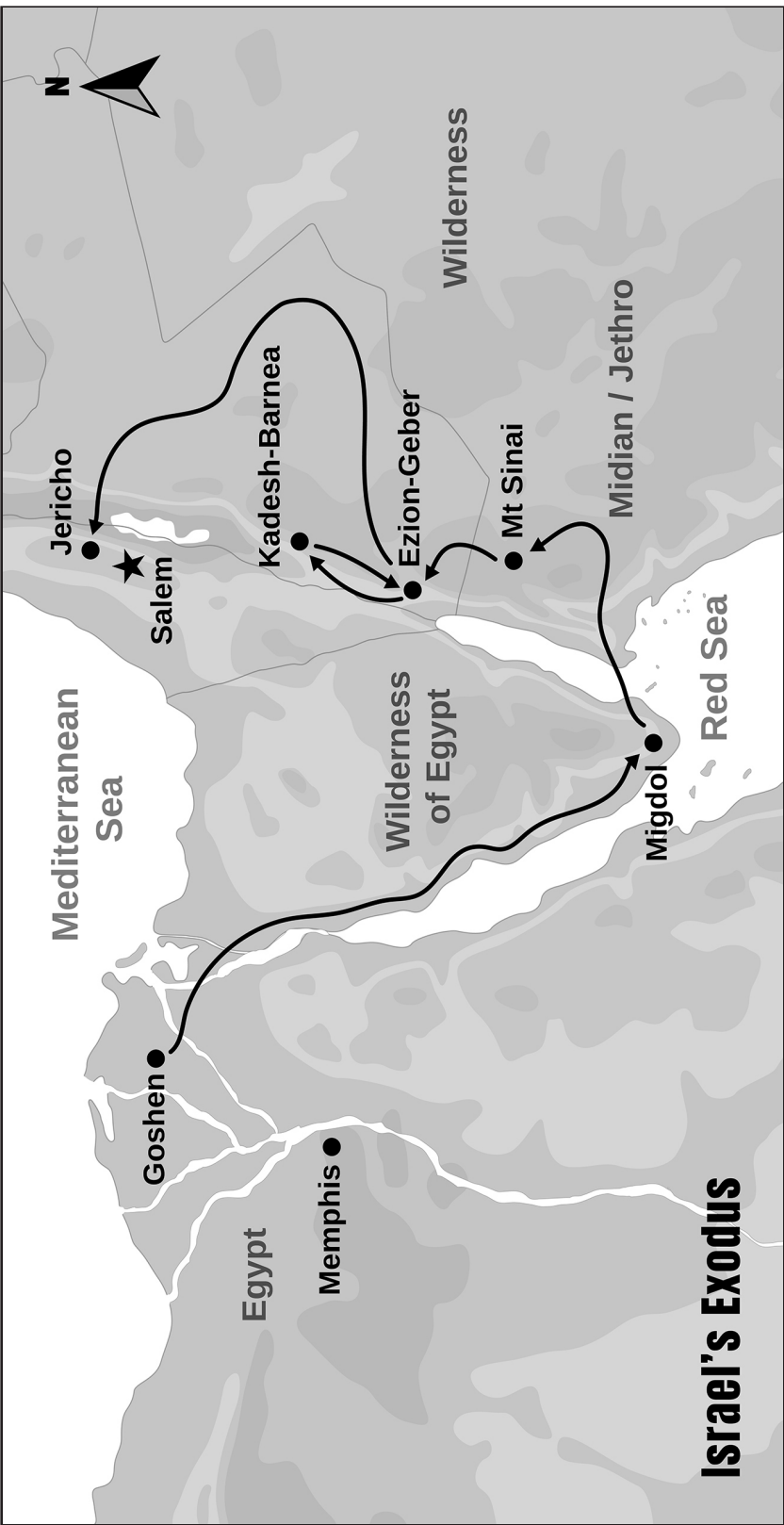
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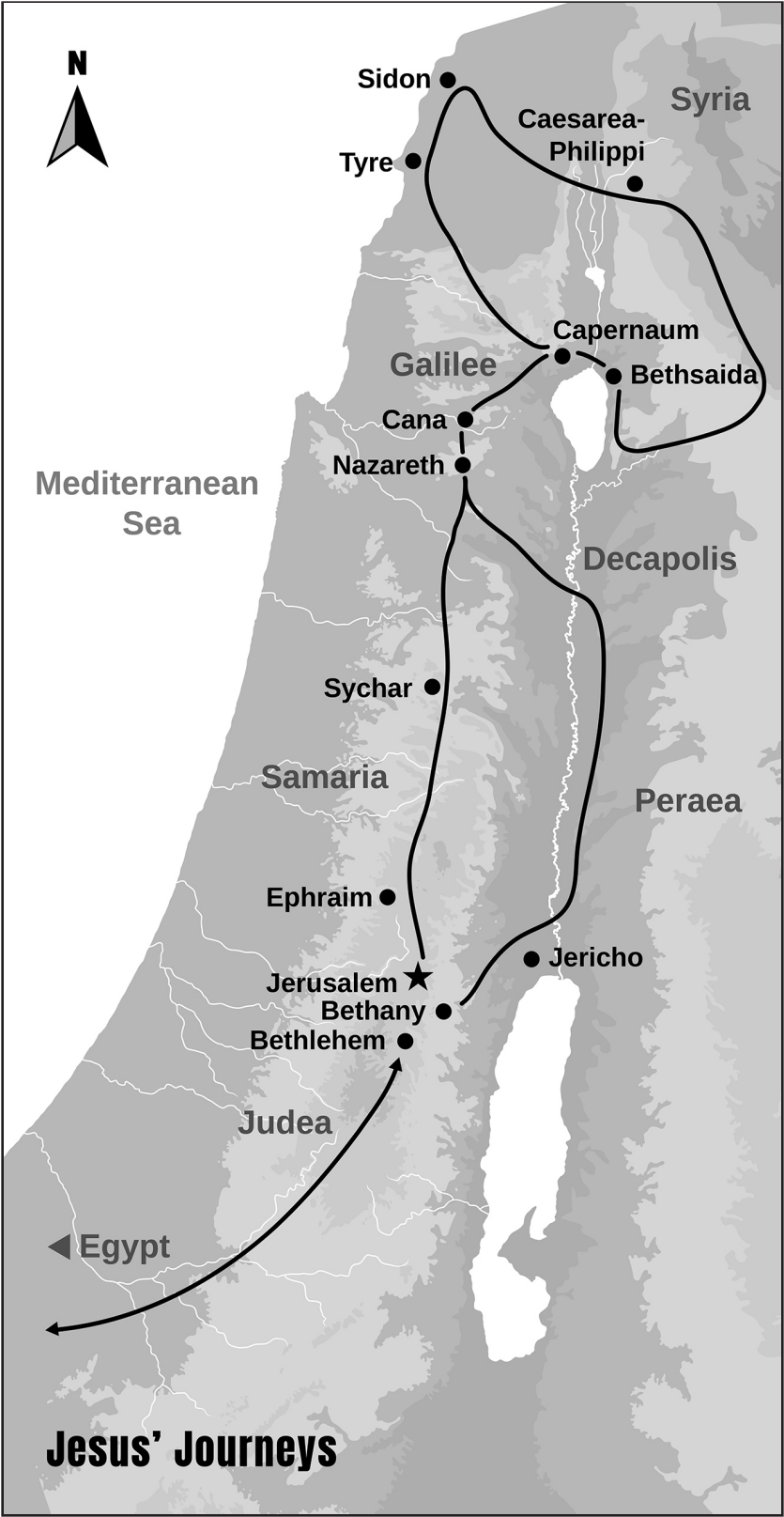
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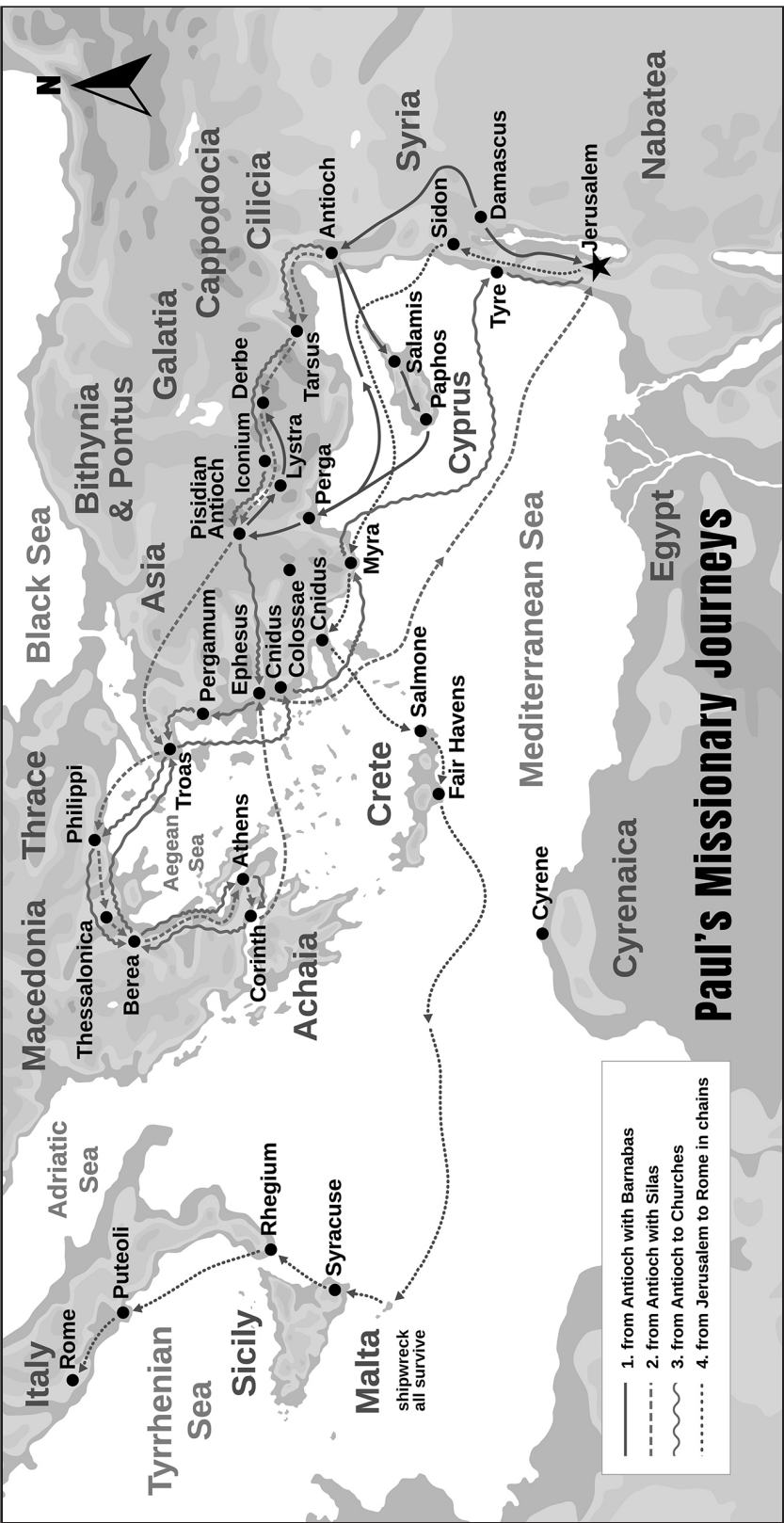
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Kwasekusithi uFaro eseyekele abantu bahambe, uNkulunkulu kabakhokhelanga ngendlela yelizwe lamaFilisti, lanxa yayiseduze; ngoba uNkulunkulu wathi: Hlezi abantu bazisole nxa bebona impi, babuyele eGibhithe. - U-Eksodusi 13:17



Ngoba leNdodana yomuntu kayizanga ukukhonzwa, kodwa ukukhonzwa, lokunika impilo yayo ibe lilelwulo labanengi. - UMakho 10:45



UPawuli, inceku kaJesu Kristu, ebizelwe ukuba ngumphostoli, ehlukaneiswe 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
David installed as King	1055
King Solomon builds the Temple	1018
Elijah defeats Baal's prophets	896
Jonah preaches to Nineveh	800
Assyrians conquer Israelites	721
King Josiah reforms Judah	630
Babylonians capture Judah	605
Persians conquer Babylonians	539
Cyrus frees Jews, rebuilds Temple	537
Nehemiah rebuilds the wall	454
Malachi prophecies the Messiah	416
Greeks conquer Persians	331
Seleucids conquer Greeks	312
Hebrew Bible translated to Greek	250
Maccabees defeat Seleucids	165
Romans subject Judea	63
Herod the Great rules Judea	37

(The Annals of the World, James Uusher)

Jesus Christ born 4 B.C.



New Heavens and Earth



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|-------------|---|
| | 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 martyrd 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?				
Fallen				Glory
Fall to sin No Law	Moses' Law 1500 B.C.	Christ 33 A.D.	Church Age Kingdom Age	New Heavens and Earth
1 Timothy 6:16 Living in unapproachable light				Acts 3:21 Philippians 2:11 Revelation 20:3 God's perfectly restored fellowship with all Mankind praising Christ as Lord in the Holy City
John 8:58 Pre-incarnate		John 1:14 Incarnate	Luke 23:43 Paradise	
Psalm 139:7 Everywhere		John 14:17 Living in believers		
Ephesians 2:1-5 Serving the Savior or Satan on Earth				
Luke 16:22 Blessed in Paradise				
Luke 16:23, Revelation 20:5,13 Punished in Hades until the final judgment				
Hebrews 1:14 Serving mankind at God's command				
2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6 Imprisoned in Tartarus				Matthew 25:41 Revelation 20:10 Lake of Fire prepared for the Devil and his Angels
			Revelation 20:13 Thalaasa	
1 Peter 5:8, Revelation 12:10 Rebelling against Christ Accusing mankind			Revelation 19:20 Lake of Fire	
			Revelation 20:2 Abyss	

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 guarantee 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.



Disciple All Nations

ngakho hambani lenze izizwe zonke zibe ngabafundi, libabhabhathiza ebizweni likaYise leleNdodana lelukaMoya oNgcwele; - UMathewu 28:19

