

# Acts 2:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

## Analysis

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The mockers' accusation of drunkenness ('full of new wine') reveals the natural mind's inability to comprehend spiritual realities (1 Corinthians 2:14). Their explanation reduced supernatural phenomena to carnal causes, a pattern repeated throughout church history when unregenerate reason confronts divine intervention. Paul would later connect being 'filled with the Spirit' versus 'drunk with wine' (Ephesians 5:18), showing these represent opposing kingdoms.

## Historical Context

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'New wine' (Greek 'gleukos') referred to sweet, partially fermented wine still fermenting - hence more intoxicating. The charge was both insulting and absurd, as verse 15 notes it was only 9 AM ('the third hour'). This mockery paralleled accusations against Jesus of being a 'winebibber' (Matthew 11:19).

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How do you guard against dismissing genuine spiritual phenomena with naturalistic explanations?

2. When has religious enthusiasm been mistaken for spiritual power in your experience?

## Interlinear Text

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ἔτεροι δὲ χλευάζοντες ἔλεγον ὅτι Γλεύκους

Others G1161  
G2087

mocking G5512

said G3004  
G3754

of new wine G1098

μεμεστωμένοι εἰσίν

full G3325

These men are G1526

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Corinthians 14:23** (Parallel theme): If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?

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