

Acts 2:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

Analysis

The multilingual miracle at Pentecost reverses Babel's curse (Genesis 11), signifying the gospel's universal scope. Each person hearing in their native tongue demonstrates the Spirit's power to overcome barriers and make salvation accessible to all nations. This supernatural sign validates the apostles' message.

Historical Context

Jerusalem during Pentecost hosted Jews from throughout the Roman Empire and beyond—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, representing perhaps 15+ language groups. This Jewish festival (50 days after Passover) provided ideal circumstances for the gospel's multinational launch.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does Pentecost's multilingual miracle inform the church's cross-cultural mission today?

2. In what ways does the Spirit enable communication of the gospel across cultural barriers?

Interlinear Text

γενομένης	δὲ	τῆς	φωνῆς	ταύτης	συνῆλθεν	τὸ
was	Now	noised abroad	came together			
G1096	G1161	G3588 G5456	G3778 G4905			G3588
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G4128	G2532	G4797	G3754	G191	G1520	G1538
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in his own	language	speak	them			
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