

Acts 2:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

Analysis

The crowd's amazement at hearing Galileans speak in various tongues reveals God's sovereign reversal of human pride. Galilee, despised for its provincial accent and mixed population, became the instrument of divine revelation. The Greek 'existanto' (were amazed) expresses profound astonishment bordering on confusion - human wisdom cannot comprehend God's methods of exalting the humble.

Historical Context

Galileans were stereotyped as uneducated and unsophisticated (John 7:52). Their distinctive accent marked them as outsiders in Jerusalem's refined circles. Yet God chose these humble fishermen and peasants to declare His mighty works in foreign languages they had never learned.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does God's choice of 'foolish things to confound the wise' challenge your assumptions about effective ministry?
2. In what ways might your own background or perceived limitations become instruments of God's glory?

Interlinear Text

ἐξίσταντο	δὲ	πάντες	καὶ	ἐθαύμαζον	λέγοντες	πρὸς	
amazed	And	all	and	marvelled	saying	one to another	
G1839	G1161	G3956	G2532	G2296	G3004	G4314	
ἀλλήλους	Οὐκ	ἰδού,	πάντες	οὗτοί	εἰσιν	οἱ	λαλοῦντες
G240	not	Behold	all	these	are	which	speak
	G3756	G2400	G3956	G3778	G1526	G3588	G2980

Γαλιλαῖοι

Galilaeans
G1057

Additional Cross-References

Acts 2:12 (Parallel theme): And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

Acts 1:11 (Parallel theme): Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

John 7:52 (Parallel theme): They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.