

# 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

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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

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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

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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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

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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 ἴδού, πάντες οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ λαλοῦντες  
G240 not Behold all these are which speak  
G3756 G2400 G3956 G3778 G1526 G3588 G2980

Γαλιλαῖοι

Galilaeans

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## Additional Cross-References

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**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.