



How God
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the Upper Room

Introduction:

One hundred twenty disciples of Jesus Christ went into an Upper Room. A single body of Christ came out.

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Text: Luke 24:49

**I am going to send you what my
Father has promised; but stay in the
city until you have been clothed with
power from on high.”**

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Text: Acts 1:1-5

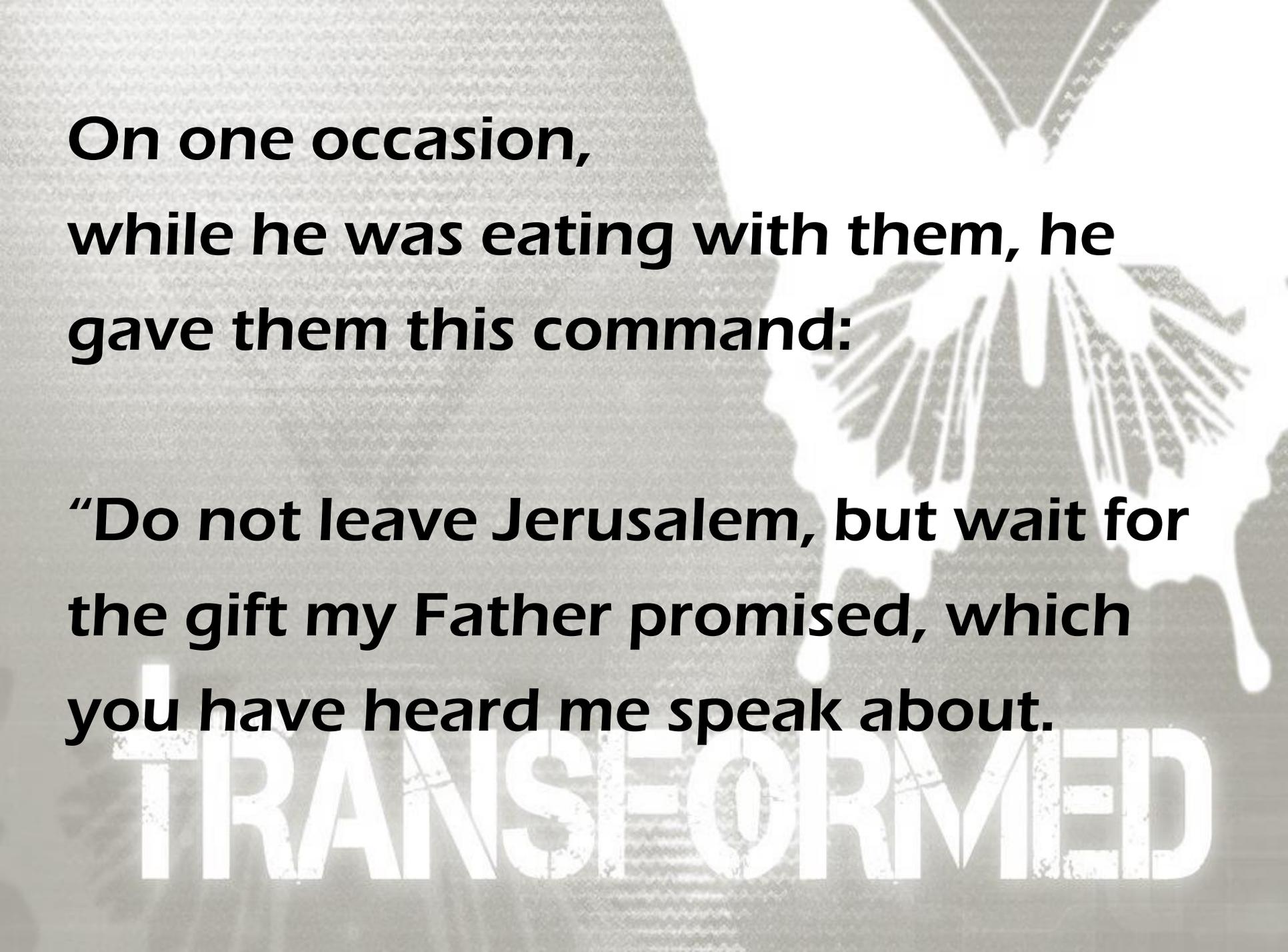
In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

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After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive.

He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

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**On one occasion,
while he was eating with them, he
gave them this command:**

**“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for
the gift my Father promised, which
you have heard me speak about.**

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For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 1:1-5

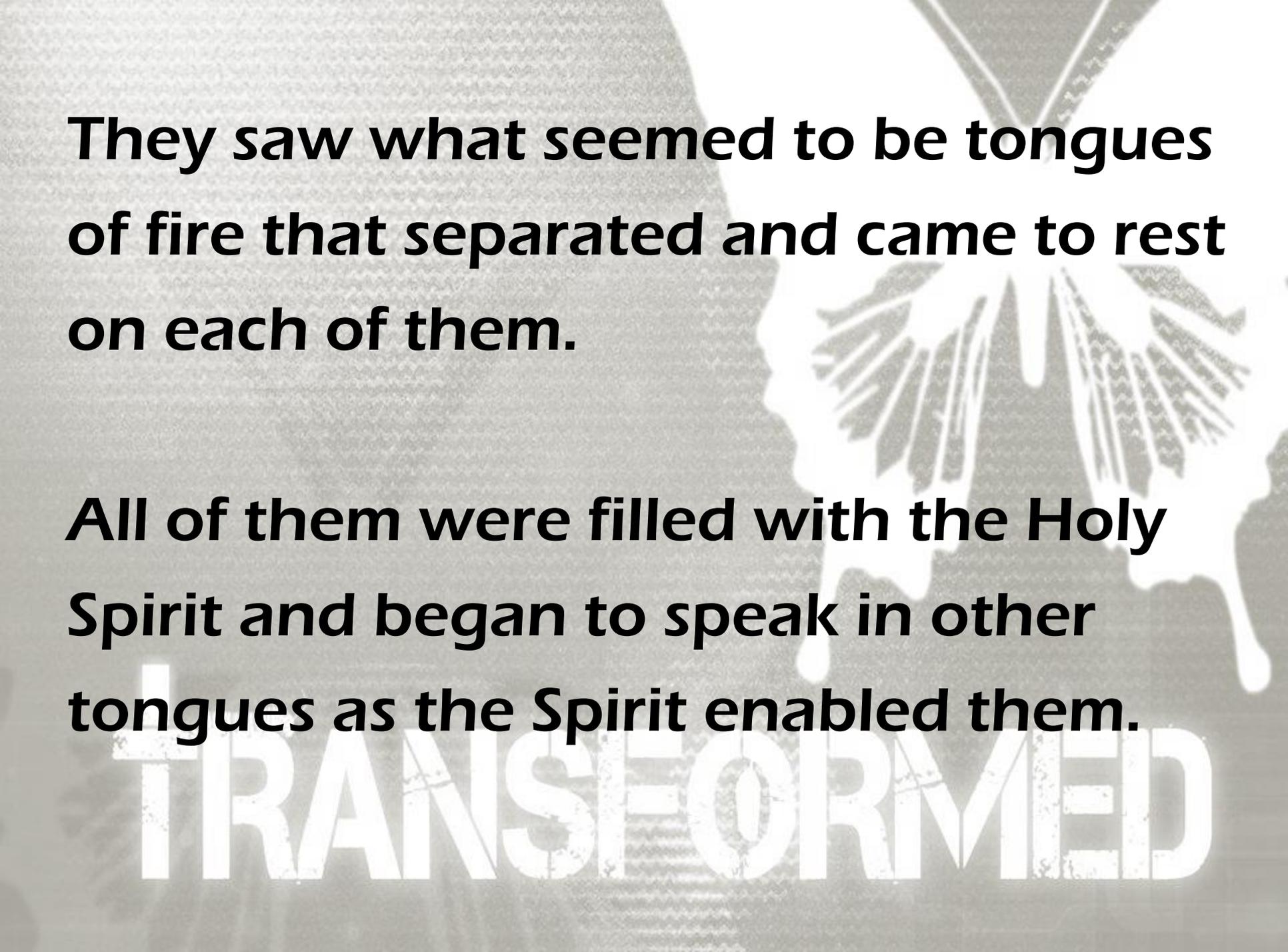
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Text: Acts 2:1-21

**When the day of Pentecost came,
they were all together in one place.**

**Suddenly a sound like the blowing of
a violent wind came from heaven and
filled the whole house where they
were sitting.**

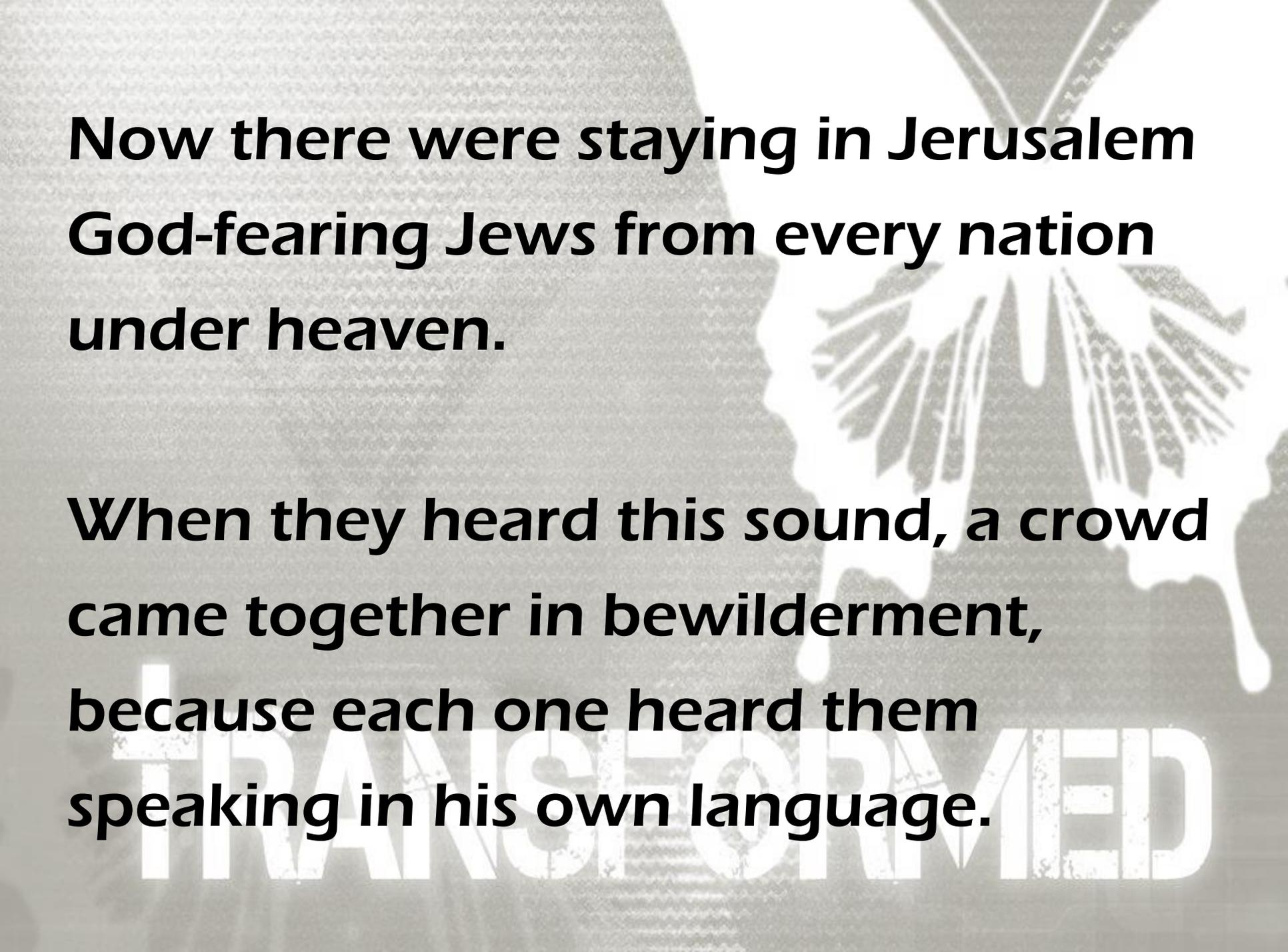
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They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

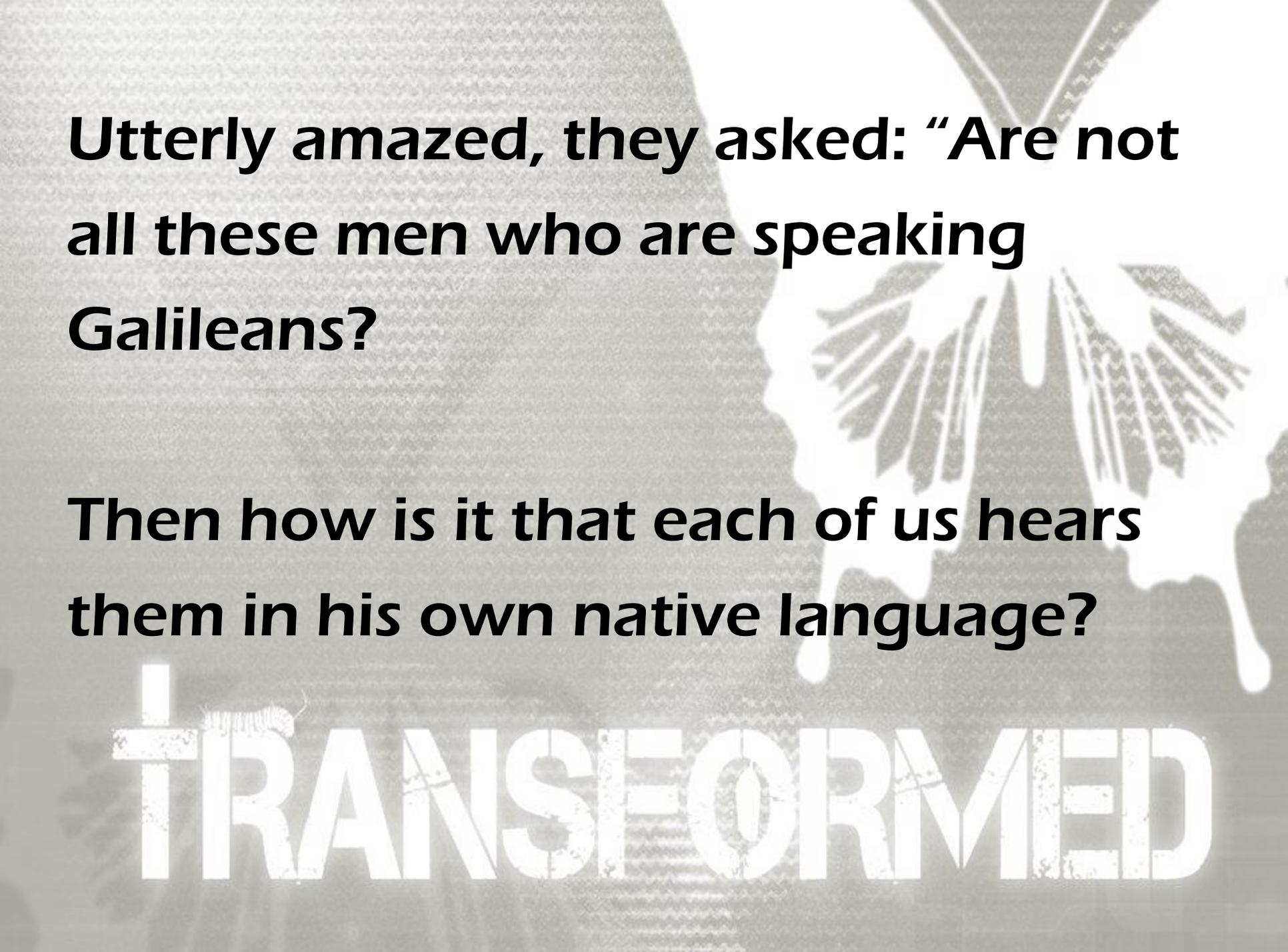
All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

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**Now there were staying in Jerusalem
God-fearing Jews from every nation
under heaven.**

**When they heard this sound, a crowd
came together in bewilderment,
because each one heard them
speaking in his own language.**



Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?”

Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?

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**Parthians, Medes and Elamites;
residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and
Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia
and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of
Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome
(both Jews and converts to Judaism);**

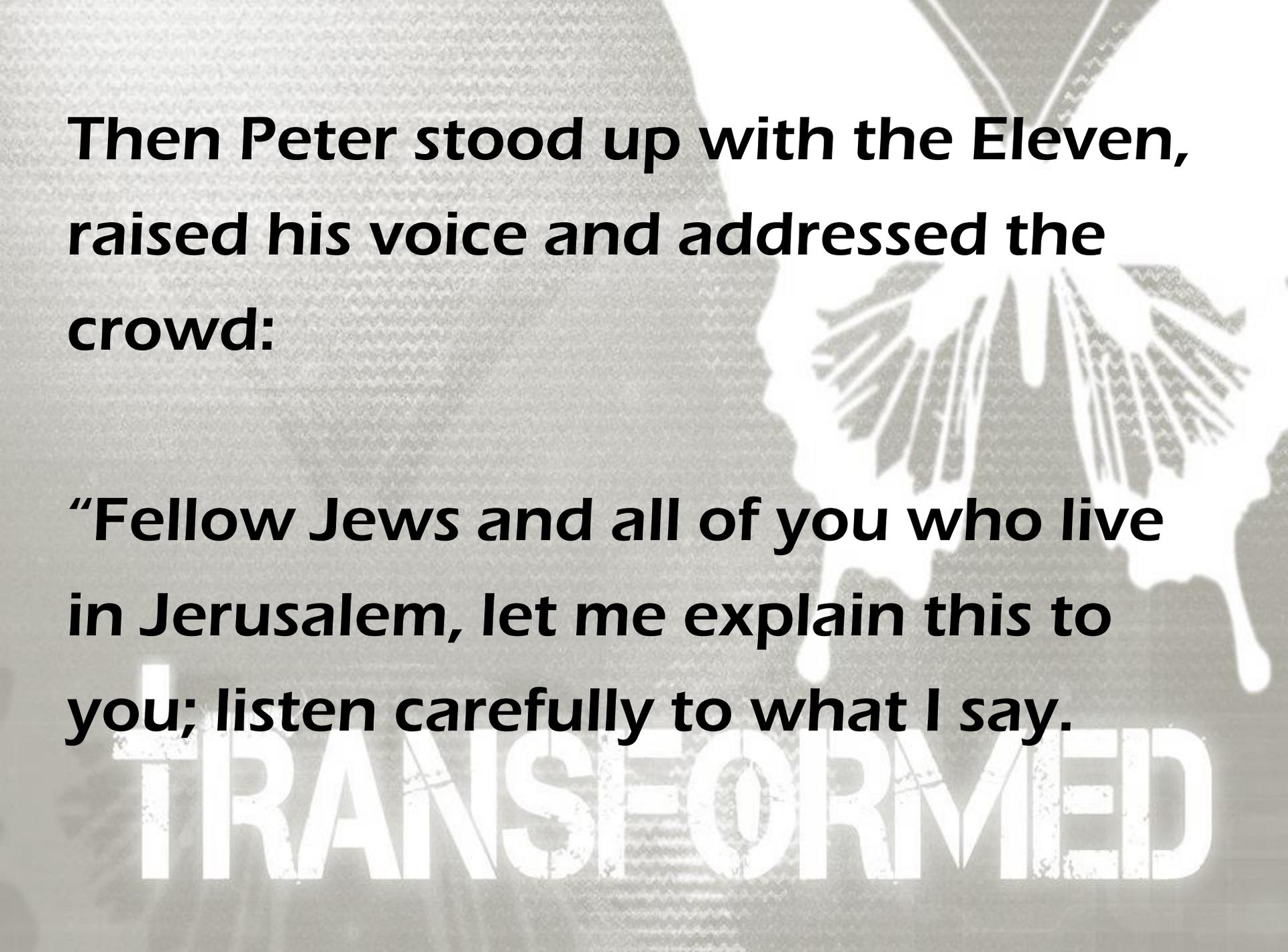
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**Cretans and Arabs—we hear them
declaring the wonders of God in our
own tongues!”**

**Amazed and perplexed, they asked
one another, “What does this mean?”**

**Some, however, made fun of them
and said, “They have had too much
wine.”**

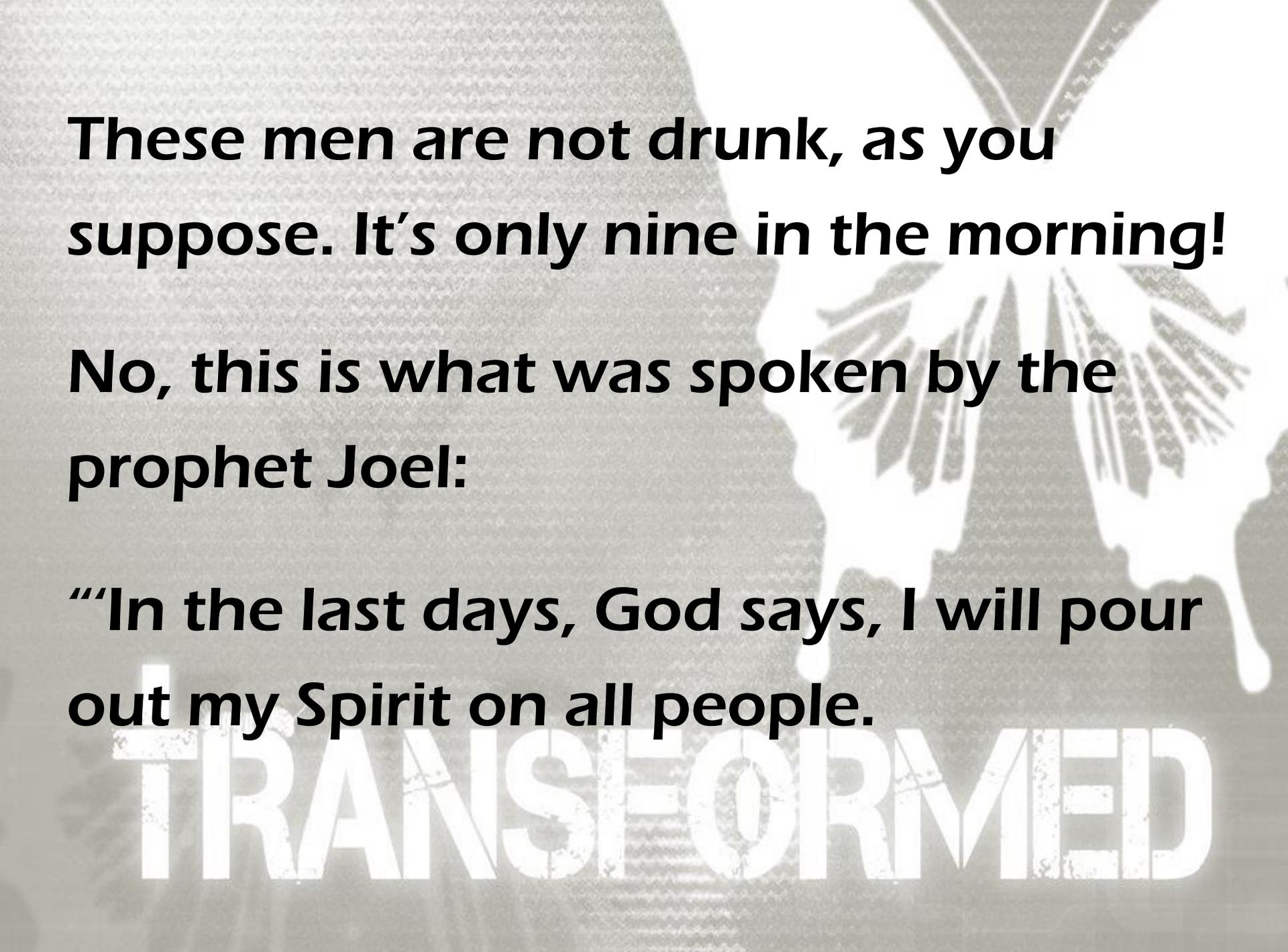
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**Then Peter stood up with the Eleven,
raised his voice and addressed the
crowd:**

**“Fellow Jews and all of you who live
in Jerusalem, let me explain this to
you; listen carefully to what I say.**

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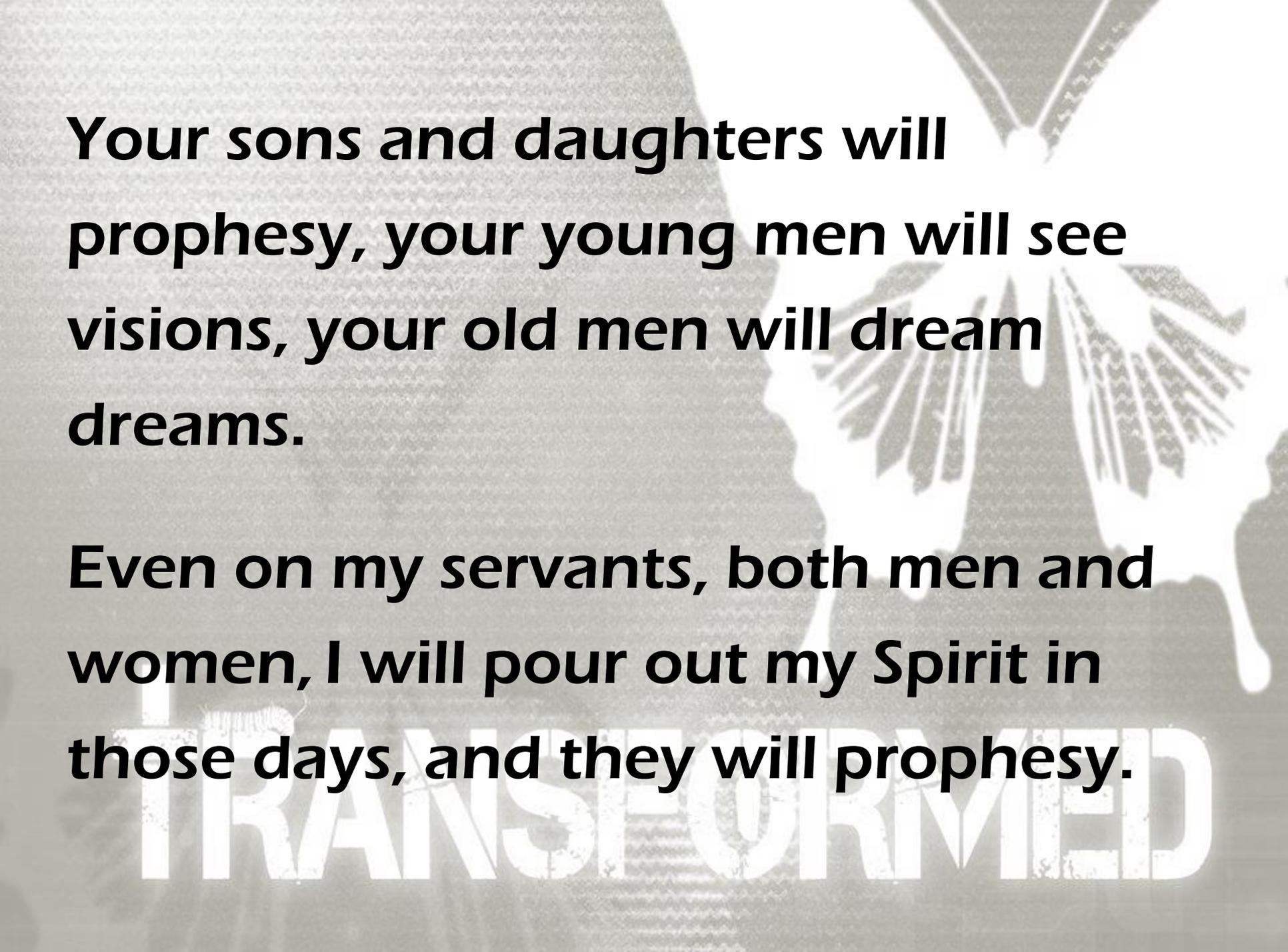


These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!

No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

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**Your sons and daughters will
prophesy, your young men will see
visions, your old men will dream
dreams.**

**Even on my servants, both men and
women, I will pour out my Spirit in
those days, and they will prophesy.**

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**I will show wonders in the heaven
above and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.**

**The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood before the
coming of the great and glorious day
of the Lord.**

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**And everyone who calls on the name
of the Lord will be saved.'**

Acts 2:1-21

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While the disciples waited in Jerusalem, they actively:

SHARED LIFE with each other.

PRAYED for each other and for the Holy Spirit to come.

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While the disciples waited in Jerusalem, they actively:

STUDIED and **MEDITATED**
upon the Scriptures.

PRAISED and
WORSHIPPED God.

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When the Holy Spirit arrived in the
Upper Room:

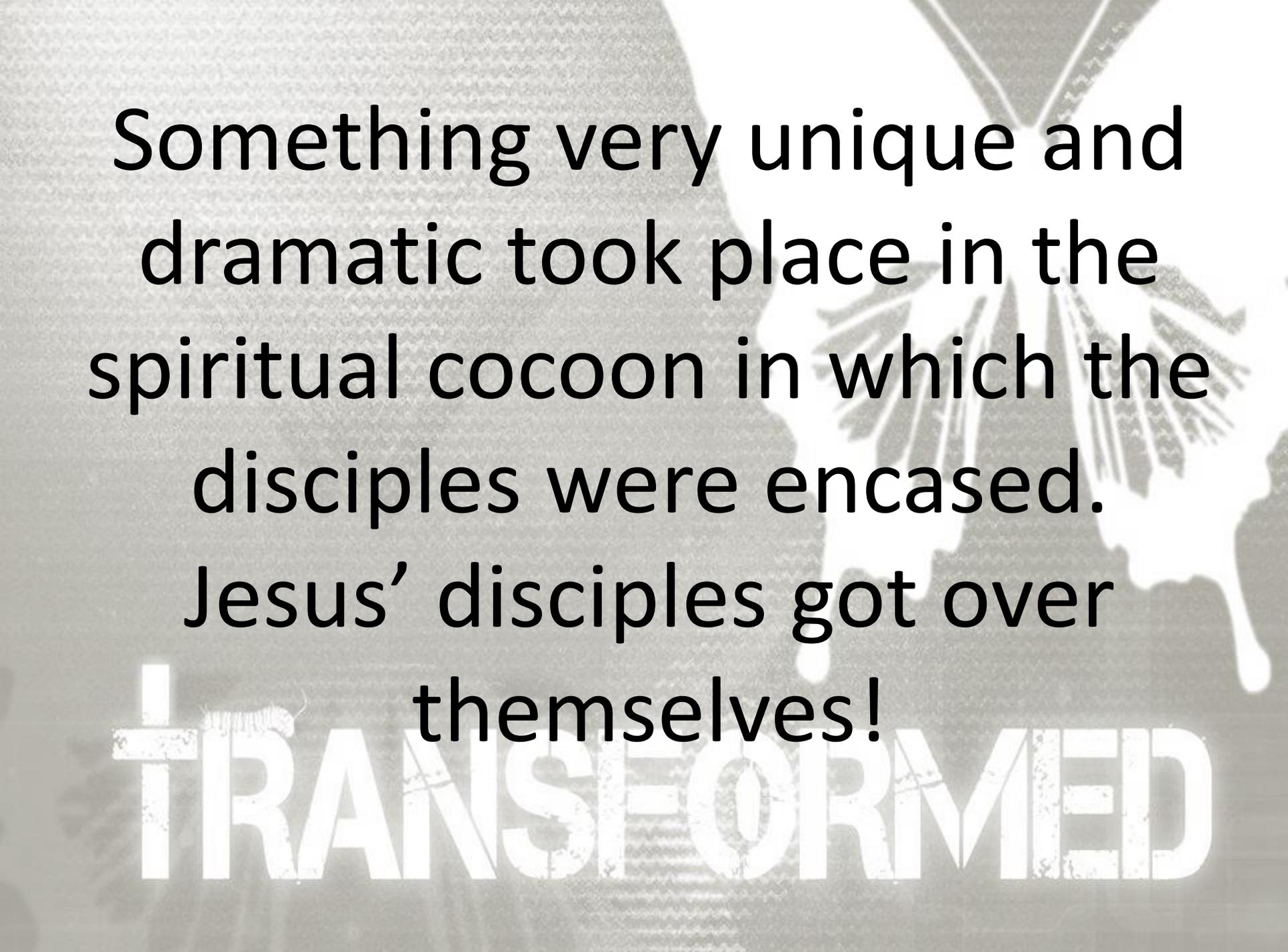
The **PRAYERS** of the disciples
were transformed into
POWER.

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When the Holy Spirit arrived in the Upper Room:

The **AWE** and **WONDERMENT** of the disciples was transformed into **PERSUASIVENESS**.

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Something very unique and dramatic took place in the spiritual cocoon in which the disciples were encased. Jesus' disciples got over themselves!

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The recognition on the part of Jesus' disciples of their own unworthiness birthed within them the ability to:

FORGIVE others.

ACCEPT others.

WORK alongside others.

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The recognition on the part of Jesus' disciples of their own unworthiness birthed within them the ability to:

PRAY for others.

SACRIFICE themselves for the good of the group.

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The recognition on the part of Jesus' disciples of their own unworthiness birthed within them the ability to:

Find **JOY** and **SATISFACTION** in the accomplishments of the group.

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Conclusion:

We'll never collectively receive the Holy Spirit until we get over ourselves, and we'll never get over ourselves until we gain the self-honesty to see ourselves as we are, rather than as we wish ourselves to be!



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