



How God  
**TRANSFORMED**  
the Upper Room

# Introduction:

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

**TRANSFORMED**

**Text:** Luke 24:49

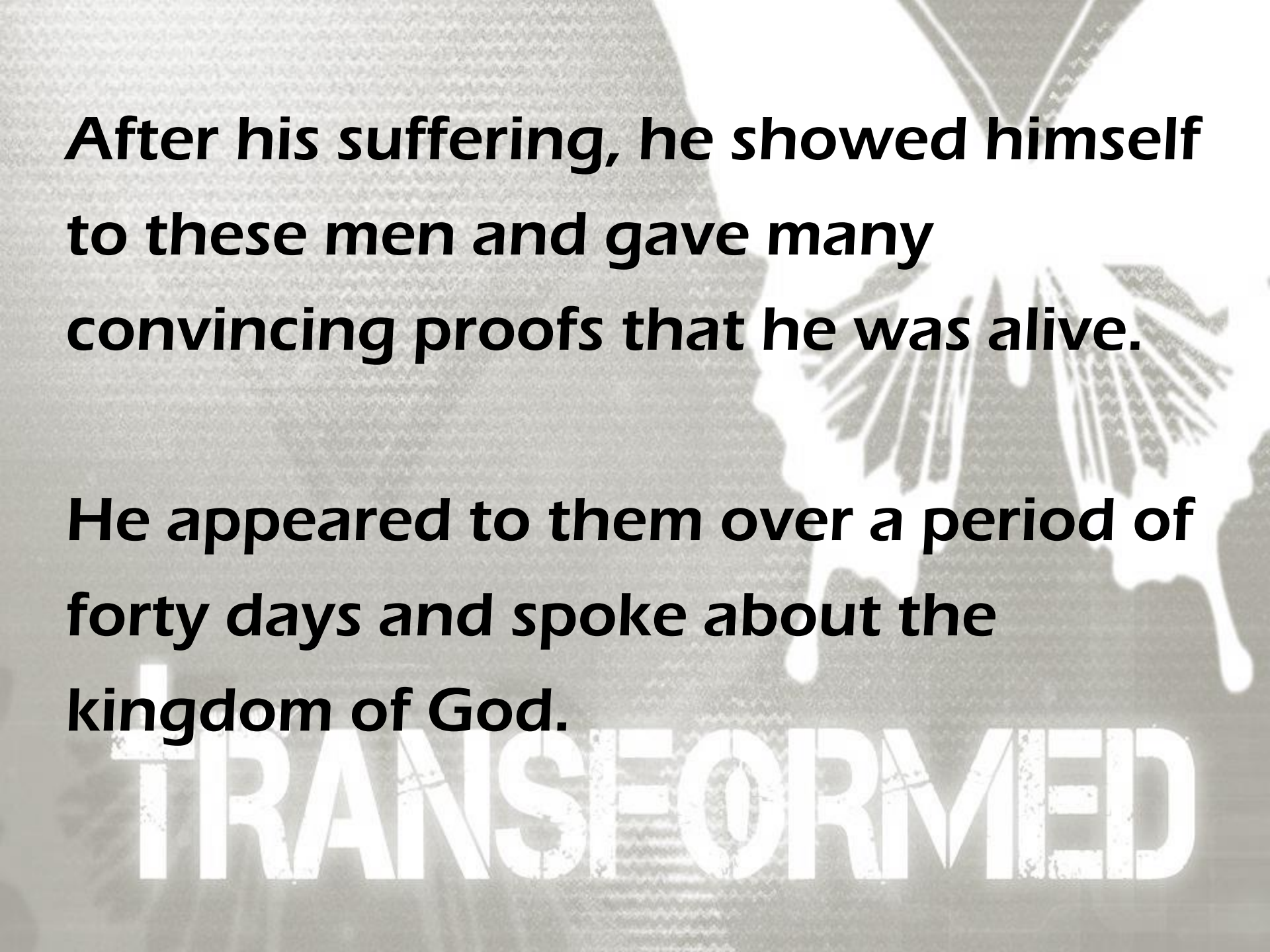
**I am going to send you what my  
Father has promised; but stay in the  
city until you have been clothed with  
power from on high.”**

**TRANSFORMED**

**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.**

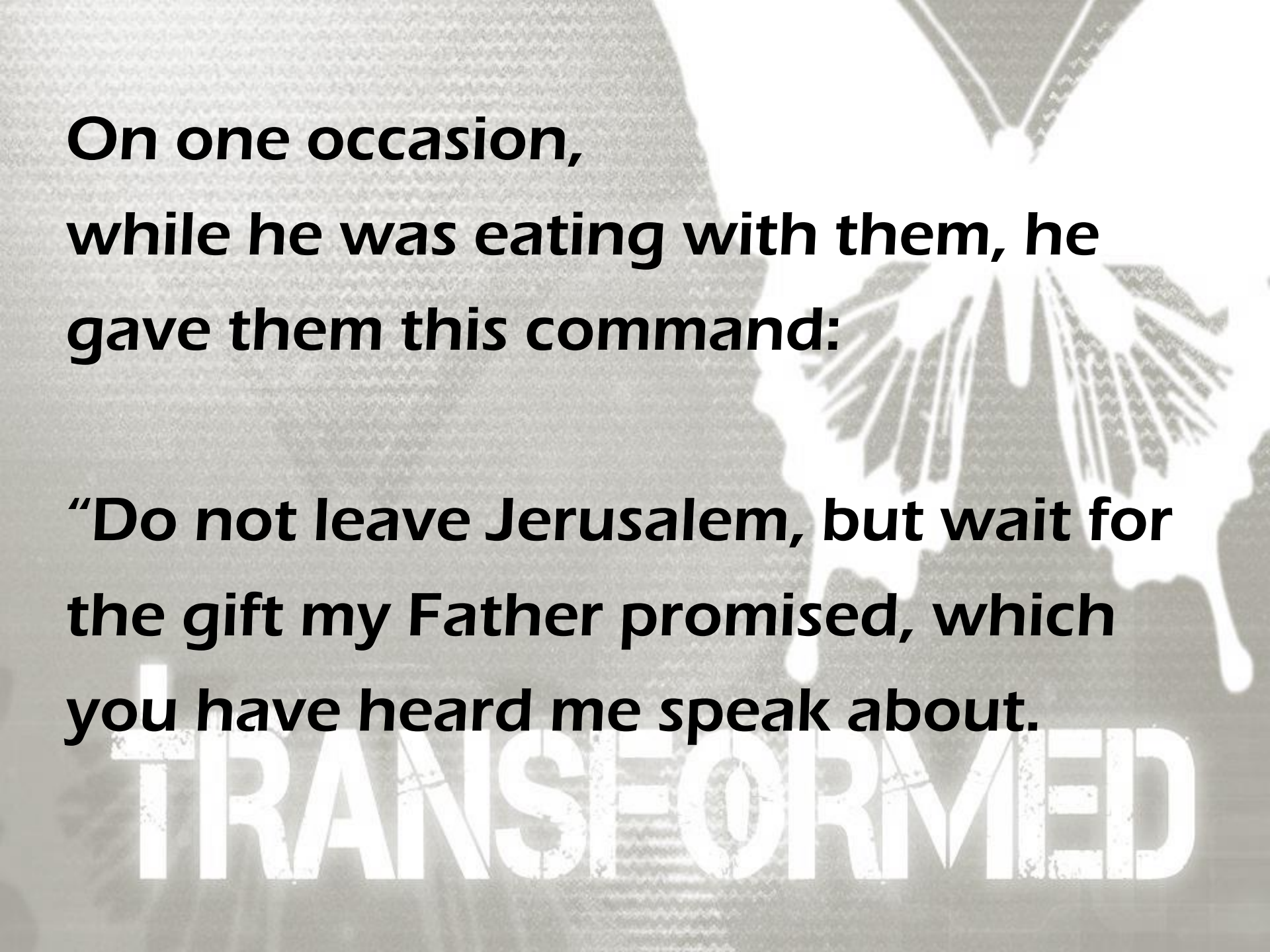
**TRANSFORMED**



**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.**

**TRANSFORMED**



**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.**

**TRANSFORMED**

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

Acts 1:1-5

**TRANSFORMED**

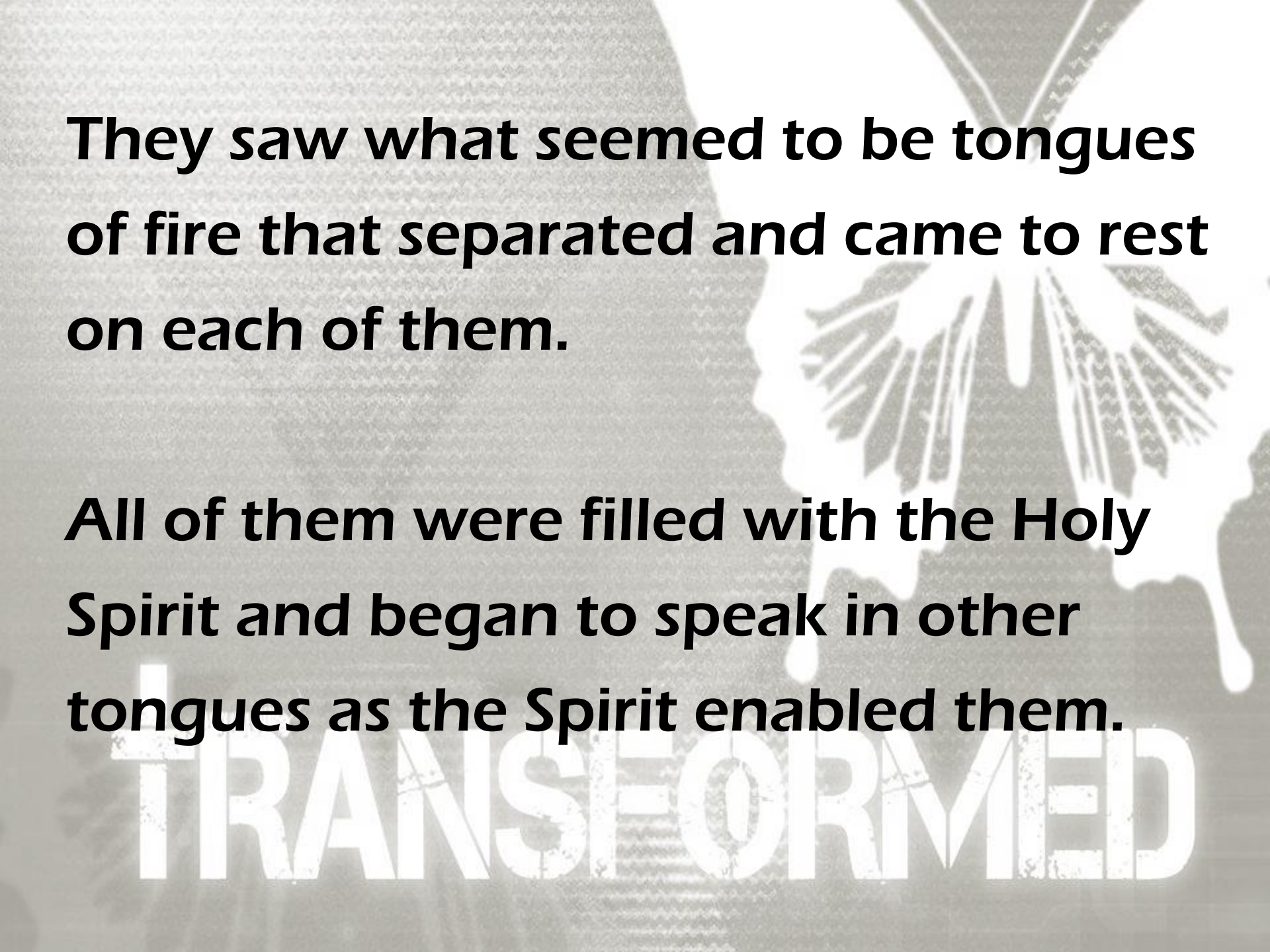
**Text:** Acts 2:1-21

**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.**

**TRANSFORMED**





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

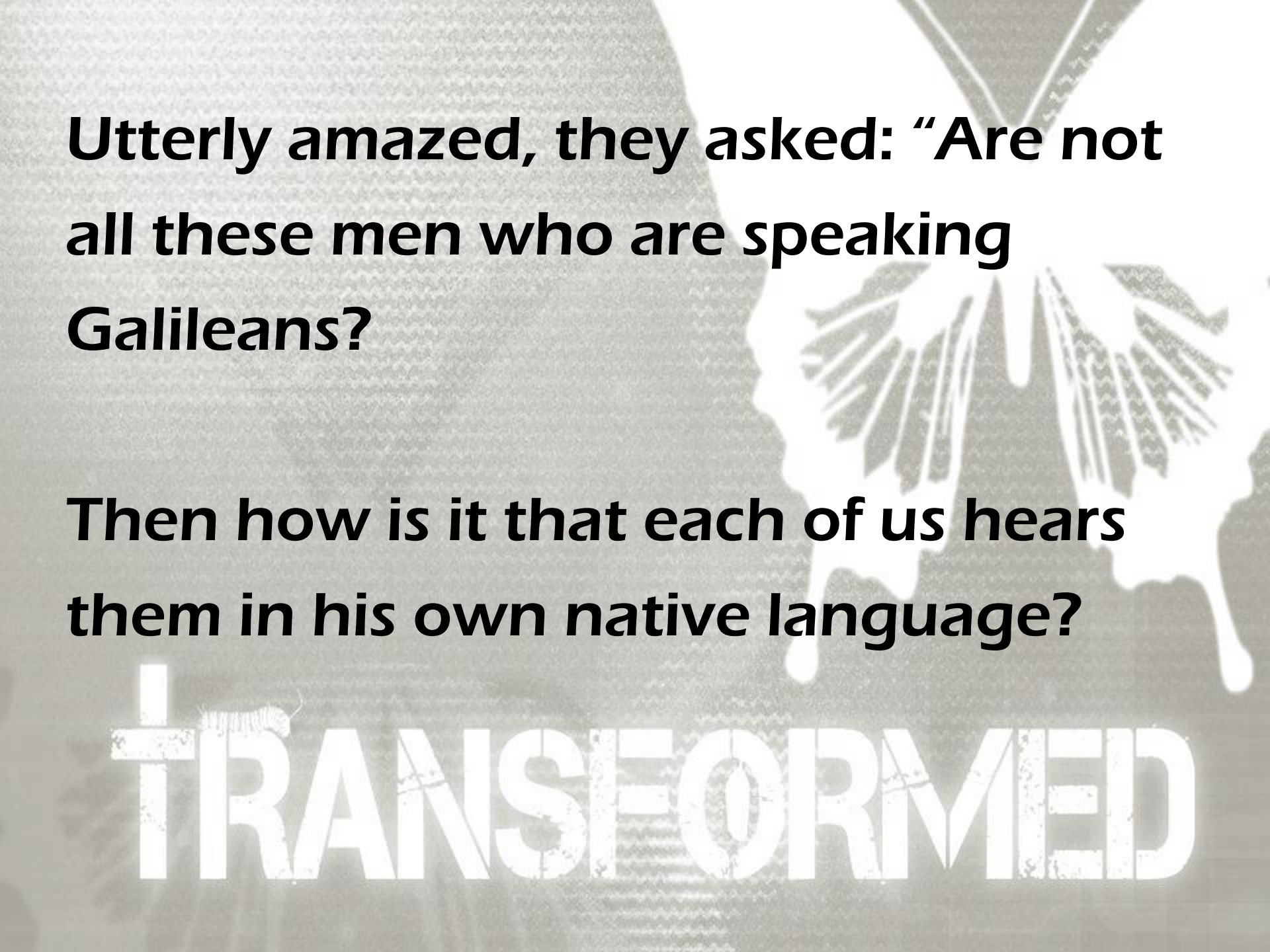
**All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.**

**TRANSFORMED**



**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?**

**TRANSFORMED**

**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);**

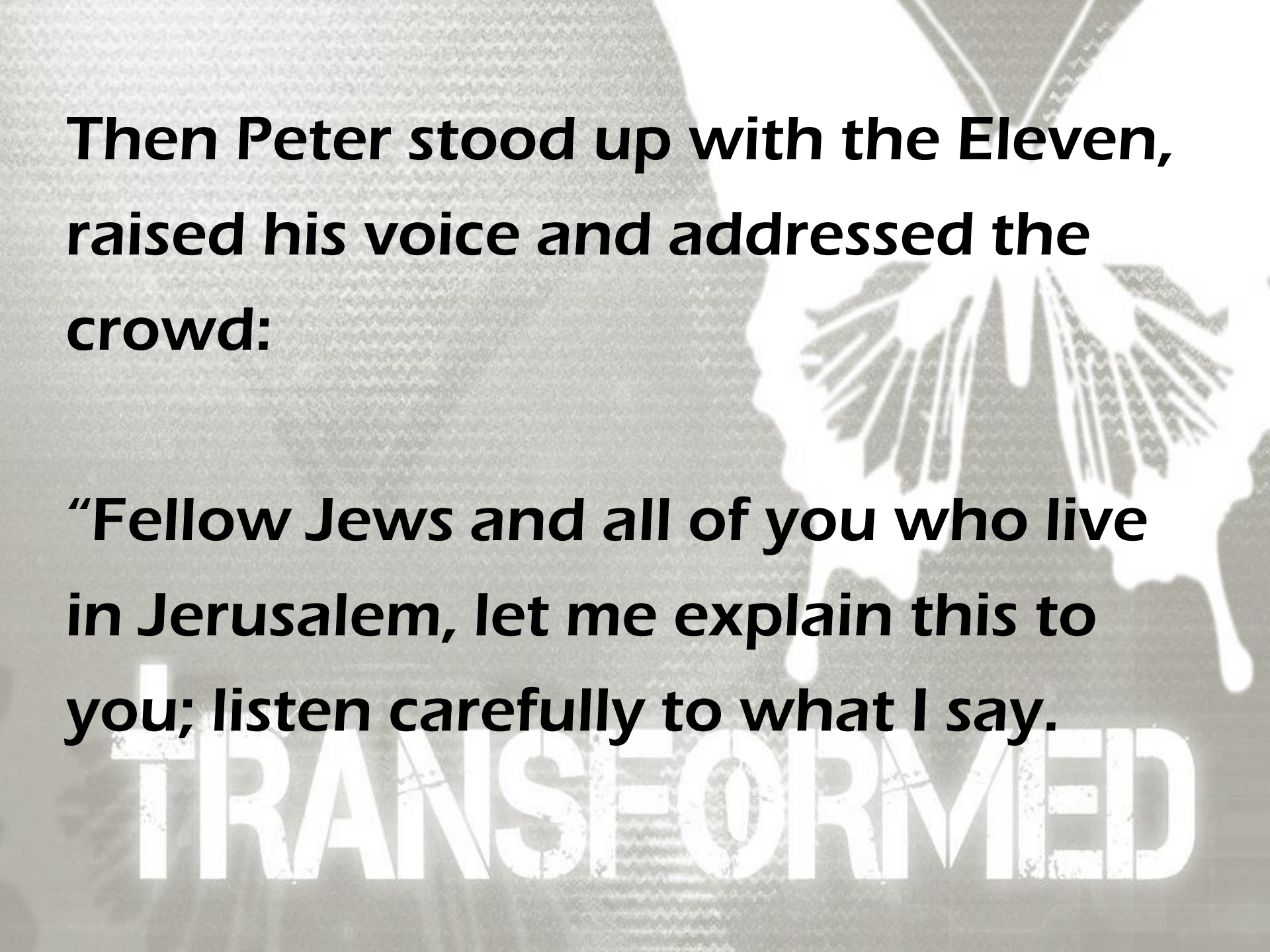
**TRANSFORMED**

**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.”**

**TRANSFORMED**



**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.**

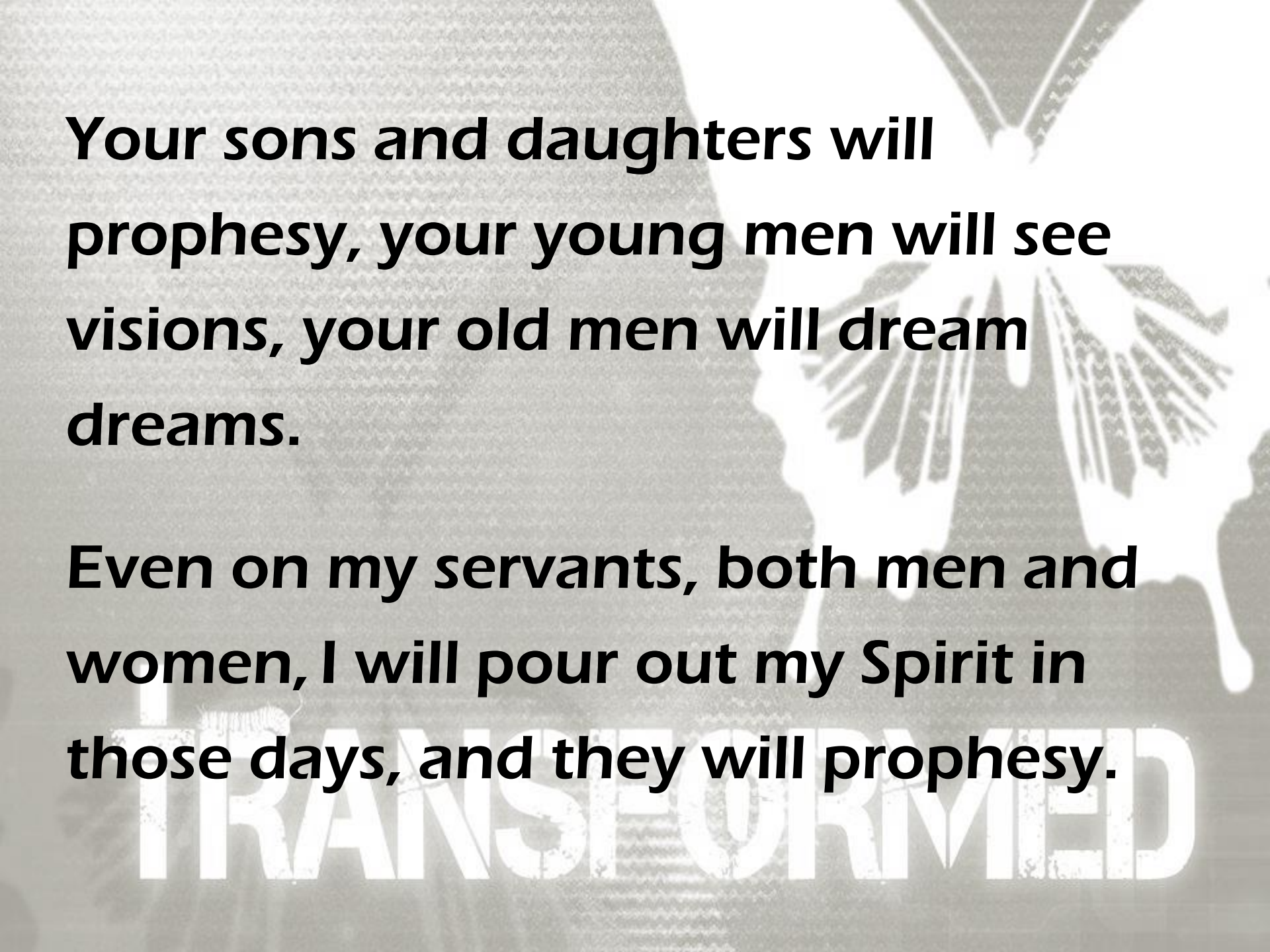
**TRANSFORMED**

**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.**

**TRANSFORMED**

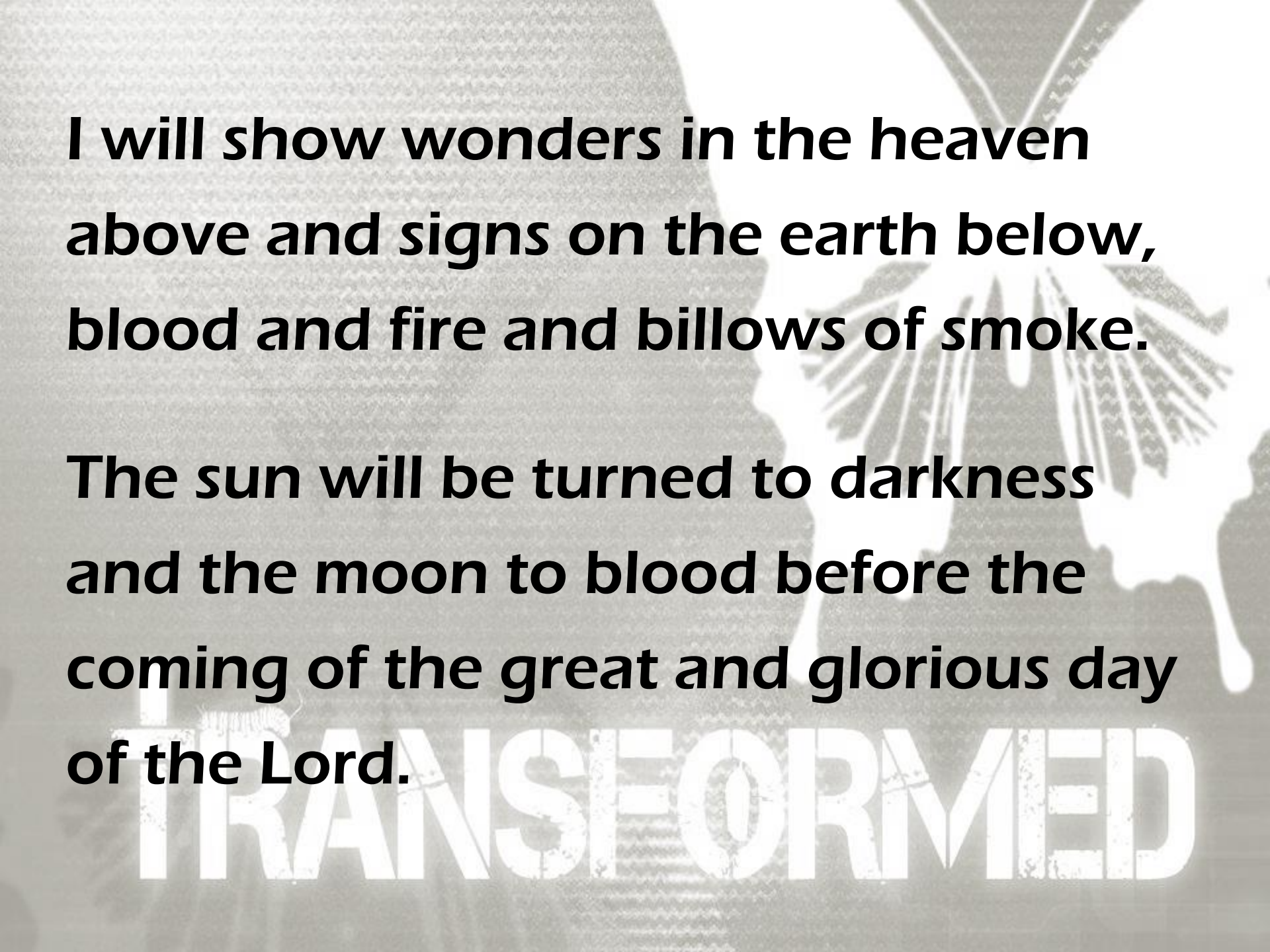
The background features a grayscale image of a person's profile on the left, looking towards the right. Their hands are raised in a gesture of prayer or praise, with fingers spread. The overall tone is spiritual and contemplative.

**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.**

**TRANSFORMED**





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

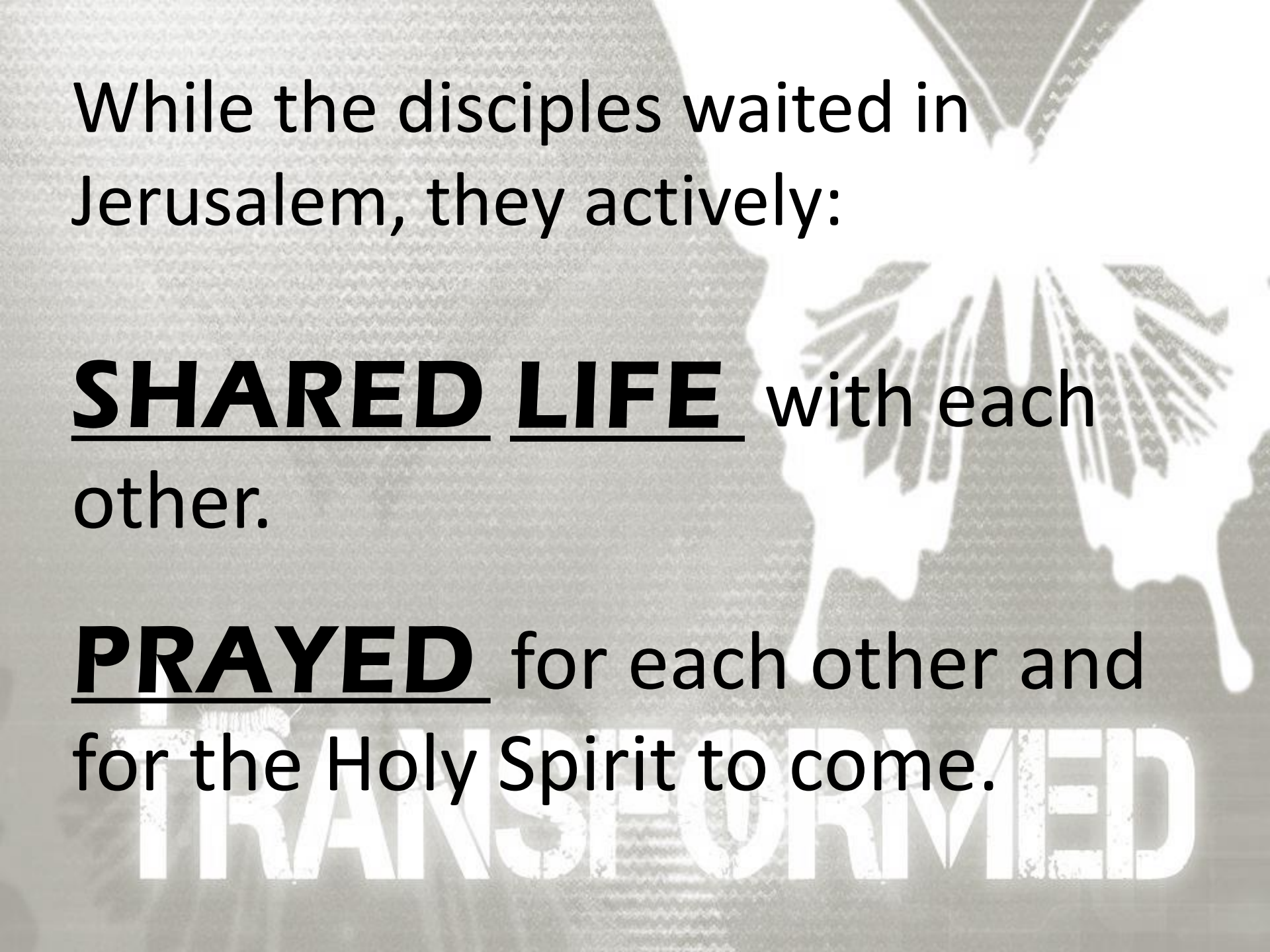
**The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood before the  
coming of the great and glorious day  
of the Lord.**

**TRANSFORMED**

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

Acts 2:1-21

**TRANSFORMED**



While the disciples waited in Jerusalem, they actively:

**SHARED LIFE** with each other.

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

TRANSFORMED

While the disciples waited in Jerusalem, they actively:

**STUDIED** and **MEDITATED**  
upon the Scriptures.

**PRAISED** and  
**WORSHIPPED** God.

TRANSFORMED

When the Holy Spirit arrived in the Upper Room:

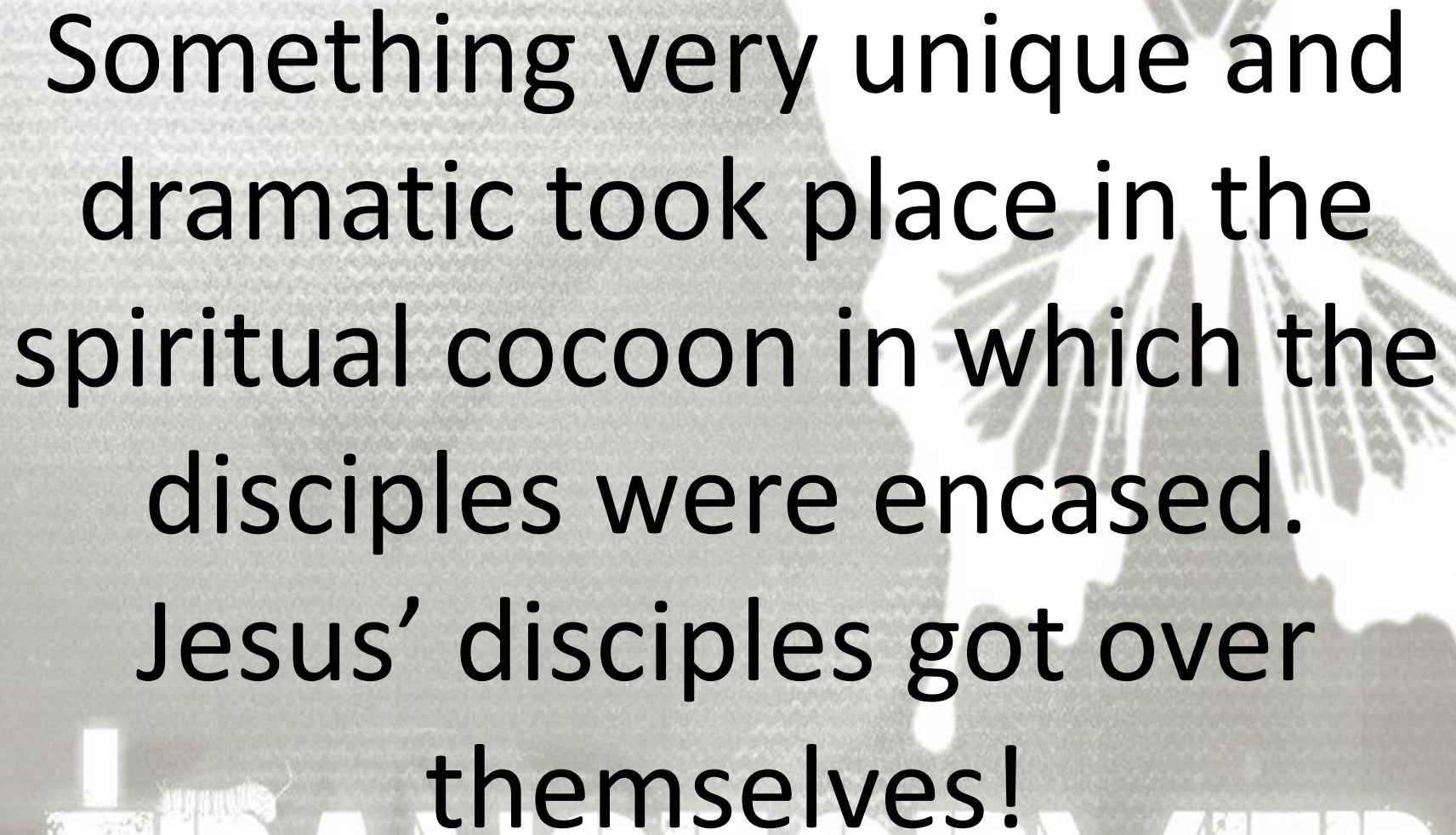
The **PRAYERS** of the disciples were transformed into **POWER.**

**TRANSFORMED**

When the Holy Spirit arrived in the Upper Room:

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

**TRANSFORMED**

The background of the slide features a grayscale image of several hands reaching upwards to hold a large, glowing cross. The hands are positioned around the cross, with some appearing to support it from below and others reaching towards it from the sides. The overall tone is spiritual and uplifting.

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

**TRANSFORMED**

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.

TRANSFORMED



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.

**TRANSFORMED**

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.

**TRANSFORMED**

## **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!



How God  
**TRANSFORMED**  
the Upper Room