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**Acts 2:5-15** 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 their own **language being spoken**. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 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); 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.” 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. These people are not drunk, **as you suppose**. It’s only nine in the morning!

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**Acts 2:16-18** 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**. 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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