“Jesus said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.”

**MARK 1:17–18**

The fish is a logical symbol adopted by the early Christian church. Fish were a staple of the Galilean diet, and many of Christ’s disciples were fishermen. Additionally, the Greek word for fish — ἸΧΘΥΣ — is an acrostic for Ιησοῦς Χριστός Θεου Υἱος Σωτήρ which is commonly translated as *Jesus Christ God’s Son [is] Savior.* The Greek ἸΧΘΥΣ ζωντών means “fish of the living.”

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