

The Fish: Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior



The Greek acronym for fish: ICHTHYS (pronounced ICH-THUS) teaches us who Jesus is and what He does for us.

The Name **Jesus** means: **God saves**

- ✘ Ever since the beginning of the world, it was God's plan to send Jesus to save us. Matthew 1:21 says that, before Jesus was born, the angel told Joseph, "you shall call his name *Jesus*, for he will save his people from their sins." And Saint Paul says that the name of Jesus is so important that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow"!

The word **Christ** is not Jesus' name but it is His title and it means: **the Anointed one**

- ✘ Like the priests, prophets, and kings of the Old Testament, God anoints men whom He calls to save His people. The job of the Christ is to save God's people.

Jesus Christ is **God's Son**: As the Nicene Creed says, Jesus is "of one substance with the Father

- ✘ He is not *less* God, He is not *partially* God but He is God of God and Light of Light very God of Very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father. Jesus is God.

Jesus Christ, who is God's Son, is our **Savior**: He is the only way we can be saved.

- ✘ It is by the death of Jesus on the Holy Cross that we are saved. In His death, we are saved and given eternal life. And we receive that salvation in Baptism, the Word, and the Lord's Supper. Jesus is the only way we can be saved and His Church is the only place we can receive that salvation.

Use the Key to break the code of the IXTHYS

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Fun Fact about the IXTHYS and the New Creation:

All over Jerusalem, you will see this 8-spoked wheel on certain places, houses, or roads. This was the secret symbol of the Christians so that they would know if someplace was safe or not. For a long time, it was not safe to be a Christian. Our people had to go to church in secret and it was even against the law to be a Christian. And many Christians even died as martyrs rather than give up the Faith. This secret symbol is all of the letters of the IXTHYS written on top of each other, which make an 8-spoked wheel like you see below.

IXΘΥΣ

Can you replicate the wheel by tracing the letters on top of each other?



If you remember from catechesis, the number **8** is the number for the **New Creation**. In Adam, creation fell but in Christ, the New Creation was born. Do you remember some numbers of 8 in the Bible?

- ✘ There were 8 people on Noah's ark.
- ✘ Boys were circumcised on the 8th day.

- ✘ Christ rose from the dead on the 8th day.
- ✘ Many Christians have been baptized on the 8th day after they're born.
- ✘ Here at Risen Savior, the baptismal font has...YOU GUESSED IT, 8 sides! Because that is where you were brought into the new creation.
- ✘ Now, the Church lives in an ETERNAL 8TH DAY.
 - ✘ THE NUMBER 8 IS THE SYMBOL OF THE RESURRECTION (WHICH WE WILL TALK ABOUT TOMORROW) BECAUSE IT WAS ON THE EIGHTH DAY THAT CHRIST ROSE FROM THE TOMB. FURTHERMORE, THE SEVEN DAYS OF THE WEEK ARE THE IMAGE OF THE TIME OF THIS WORLD, AND THE EIGHTH DAY OF LIFE EVERLASTING. SUNDAY IS WHEN WE REMEMBER THAT EIGHTH DAY. SO SUNDAY IS AT THE SAME TIME A MEMORIAL OF THE RESURRECTION AND A PROPHECY OF THE ETERNAL WORLD TO COME/

Fill in the blanks from the Bible Readings you heard in the video:



Colossians 1:15-20

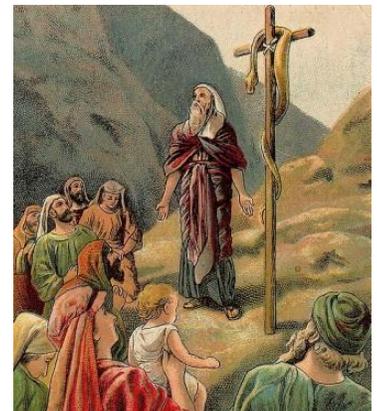
He is the _____, the _____ from the _____, that in everything he might be _____. For in _____ all the _____ _____ was pleased to dwell, and through him to _____ to himself all things, whether on _____ or in _____, making peace by the _____ of his _____.

Word Bank

Blood. Beginning. Preeminent. Reconcile. Dead. Earth. Cross. fullness of God. Firstborn. Heaven. Him.

John 3:14-17

As _____ lifted up the _____ in the wilderness, so must the _____ be lifted up, that whoever believes in _____ may have _____. For _____ so loved the world, that he gave his only _____, that whoever believes in him should not _____ but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the _____, but in order that the world might be _____ through him.

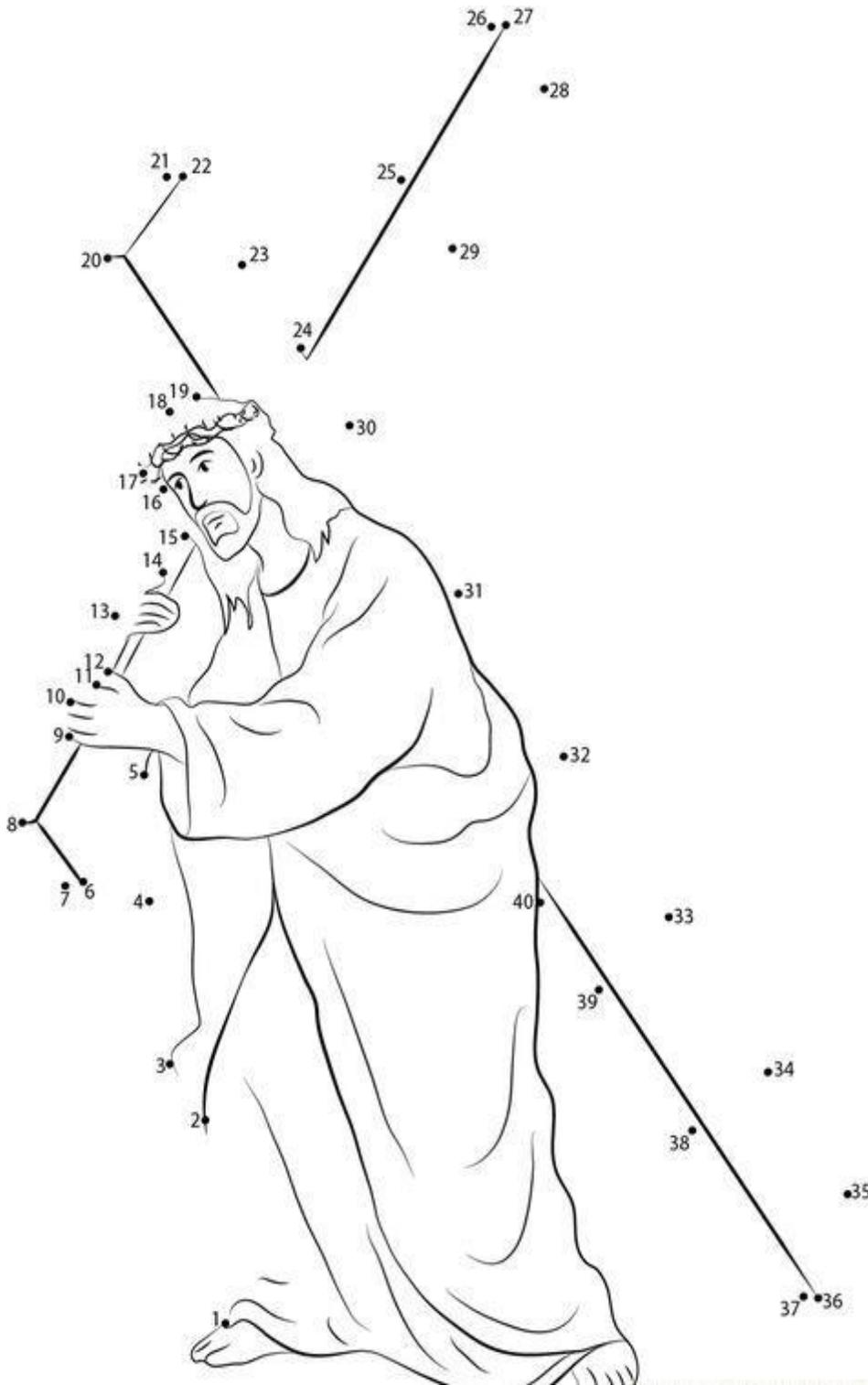


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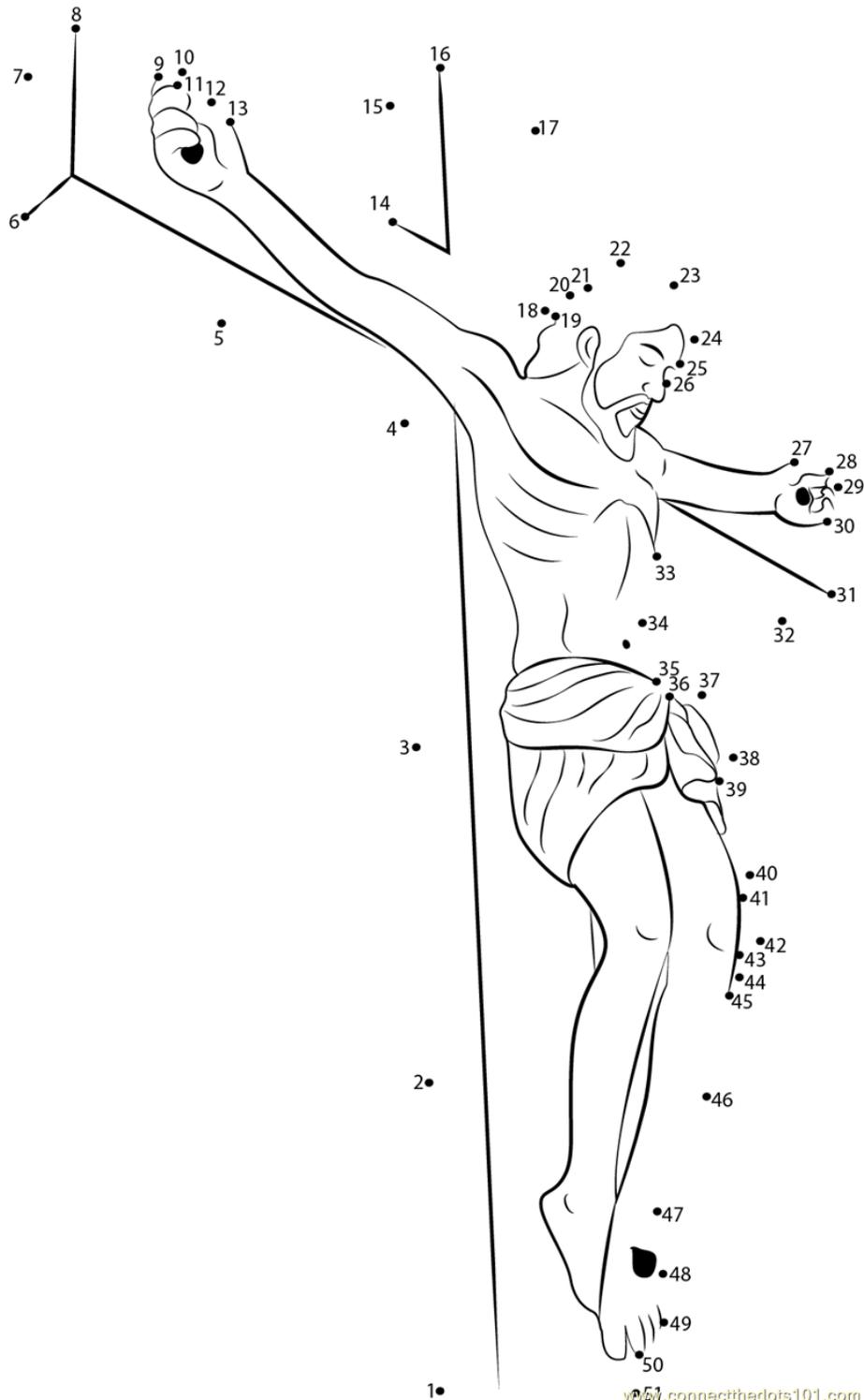
Moses. eternal life. Perish. God. Son. Saved. Son of Man. World. Serpent. Him.

Connect the dots on these 2 images of Jesus.
How do they teach you about who Jesus is and what He does for you?

Do you remember the tune for our hymn today?



♪♪ God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion. Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation. From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they May live with You forever." ♪♪



♪♪ The Son
obeyed His
Father's will, Was
born of virgin
mother;
And God's good
pleasure to
fulfill, He came to
be my brother.
His royal pow'r
disguised He bore;
A servant's form,
like mine, He
wore To lead the
devil captive. ♪♪

Finally, discuss the following questions with your family:

What does it mean that Jesus is:

Named Jesus?

- ✘ What does that name mean? What does the angel say about that name (Matt. 1:21)?
What does St Paul say about that name?

The Christ?

- ✘ What is the job of the Christ?

God's Son?

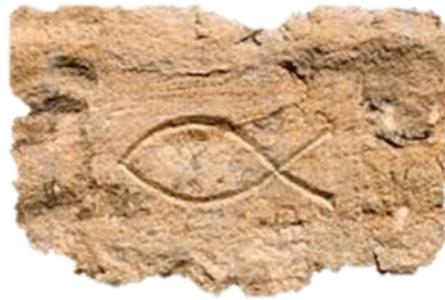
- ✘ Since Jesus is God's Son, is He *less* God? What does the creed say?

Our Savior?

- ✘ Where exactly did Jesus save us? Where do we receive that salvation?
- ✘ What does John 3:14-17 compare Jesus on the cross to in the Old Testament?

What kind of wheel do you get when you stack the letters I X Θ Y Σ on top of each other?

What is the number 8 mean in Christianity?



Christian Art Contest!

Color in the sketch of today's mascot to match the original and have it sent to Vicar to compete with the other students for a prize! The best drawings at the end of the week wins a prize!

