



**I** from Ἰησοῦς (*Iēsous*) which means **Jesus**  
**X** from Χριστός (*Christos*) which means **Christ**  
**Θ** from Θεοῦ (*Theou*) which means **God's**  
**Υ** from Υἱός (*Huios*) which means **Son**  
**Σ** from Σωτήρ (*Sōtēr*) which means **Savior**

Ἰησοῦς Χριστός, Θεοῦ Υἱός, Σωτήρ  
Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior

The upper-case Greek letters inside the fish symbol spell the Greek word for fish - ΙΧΘΥΣ (*ichthus*). The fish symbol was a secret sign used by persecuted Christians of the first few centuries to identify themselves as believers to other believers and to mark meeting places.

Some clever unknown Christian in the early church realized that the letters of the word fish were an acronym that corresponded to the first letter of important names and titles of Jesus.

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