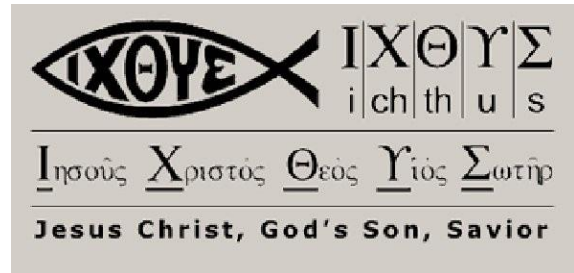


## June 15 – July 13 Sermon Series “Fish for Thought: Meditations on the Person of Jesus, Based on the *Ichthys* Acronym”



### Introduction

Right after Pentecost, early Christians began to review their understanding of who Jesus is based on the resurrection experience. Was Jesus simply a human prophet or the incarnation of God, who had come as the savior of the world?

### The Christian Symbol of a Fish

Early at the dawn of the second century AD, the symbol of a fish began to be used to communicate a basic but essential understanding of who Jesus is. This is because each of the five letters of the Greek word for fish can be used to represent an aspect of Jesus' identity, thus forming the acronym: 1. Jesus, 2. Christ, 3. God's, 4. Son, 5. Savior (see picture above).

The following four sermons will explore the essence of who Jesus is based on the letters of the acronym of the Greek word for fish. The focus will be as follows:

- 1) Jesus: his humanity; what does it mean that Jesus was human?
- 2) Christ: his role as Christ or Messiah; what does it mean to call Jesus Messiah?
- 3) God's Son: his divinity; how does the human show us the divine?
- 4) Savior: his life and death as redeemer; in what sense is Jesus our savior?

### These are the Scriptures and sermon titles we will use:

**June 15**, John 14:5-12, “Show Us the Father” (Father's Day and introduction to “Fish for Thought” Series)

**June 22**, Philippians 2:5-11, “Jesus our Brother”

**June 29**, Luke 4:14-20, “The Messiah Is no Warrior King”

**July 6**, Hebrews 1:1-4, “God's Son, Radiance and Representation” (Communion Sunday)

**July 13**, 2 Timothy 1:6-14, “Savior and Giver of Immortality”

### Additional texts that shed light on each sermon of the “Fish for Thought” series

Day	Topic	Text for Sermon	Additional Text
June 22	Jesus as human	Philippians 2:5-11	Rom 5:12-19; Mtt. 4:1-11
June 29	Jesus as Messiah	Luke 4:14-20	Mark 8:27-33
July 6	Jesus as God's Son	Hebrews 1:1-4	John 20:24-31
July 13	Jesus as Savior	2 Timothy 1:6-14	John 3:31-36

**Please**, feel free to share with pastor Armando your reactions, contributions, and questions about this sermon series. For a **short video** explaining the fish symbol and acronym, go online to:

<https://youtu.be/6hAXuvVxRsc?si=Vc0gu89YuS72O2Xr>