

A crown of thorns with golden, sharp thorns is positioned around the central text. The background is a blurred image of a crowd of people, suggesting a religious or historical setting.

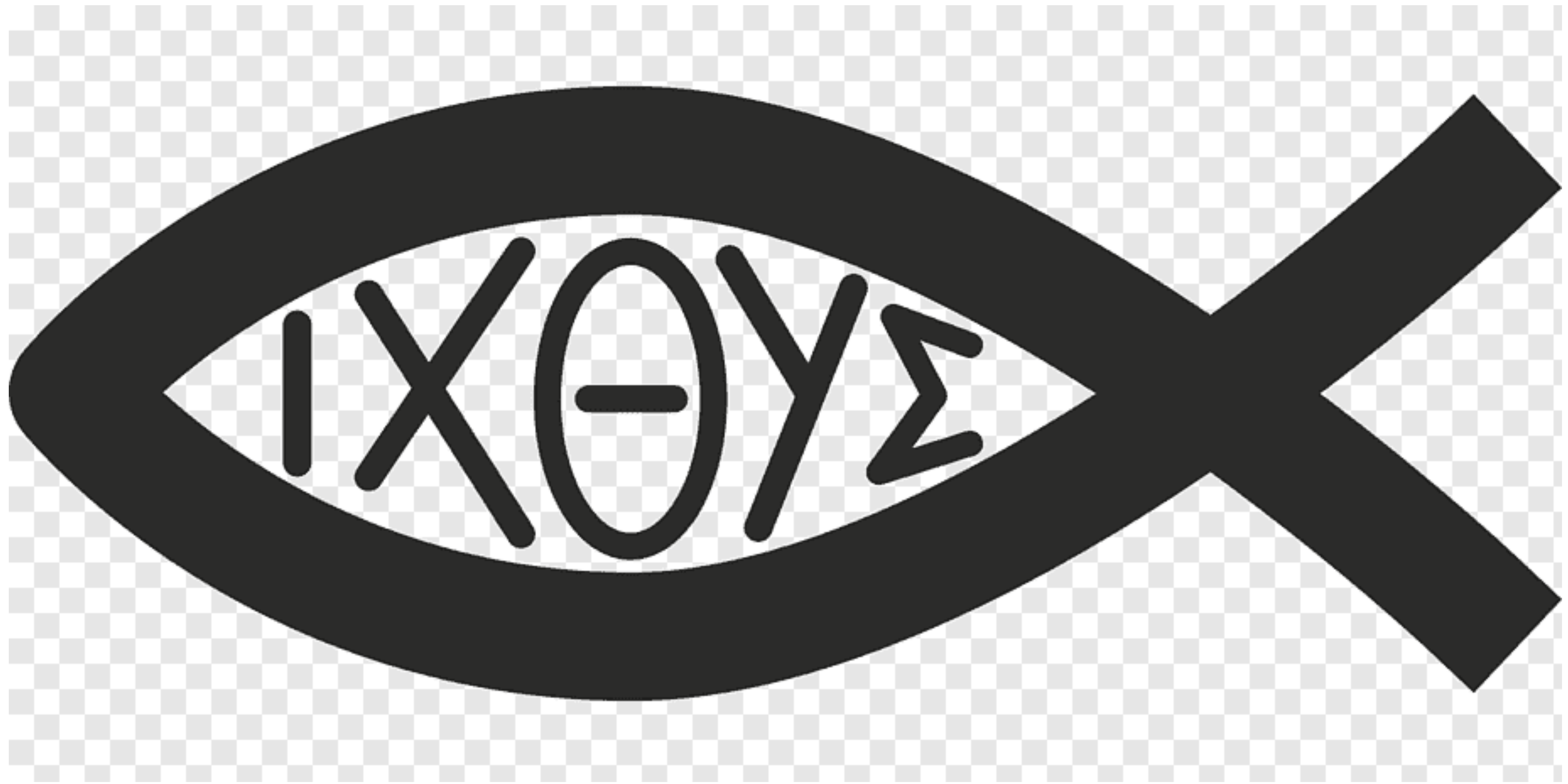
The Good Shepherd

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³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷ But he answered, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “That would take eight months of a man’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸ “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.” When they found out, they said, “Five — and two fish.”

³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Mark 6:30—44





ICQUS is the Greek word for “fish”

ICQUS is an acronym

- I - Ihsouß - Jesus
- C - Cpistoß - Christ
- Q - Qeou - God's
- U - Uioß - Son
- S - Swthr - Savior




The
Shepherd Gives
the Sheep Rest

Called To A Quiet Place For Rest

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Mark 6:30–32





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Jesus' Compassion For the Crowds

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Mark 6:32–34



Sheep Without A Shepherd

Moses said to the LORD, ¹⁶ “May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all mankind, appoint a man over this community ¹⁷ to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, **so the LORD’s people will not be like sheep without a shepherd.**” ¹⁸ So the LORD said to Moses, “Take **Joshua** son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand on him.

Numbers 27:15–18



The word of the LORD came to me: ² “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock? ³ You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. ⁴ You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. ⁵ So **they were scattered because there was no shepherd**, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. ⁶ My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them. (Ezekiel 34:1–6)

For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹² **As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep.** I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness... ²³ **I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David,** and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

Ezekiel 34:11–12, 23–24





The Shepherd Feeds the Sheep

Jesus Feeds the Sheep the Word

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Mark 6:34



Food In the Wilderness?

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Mark 6:39–44



A crown of thorns, rendered in a golden-brown color, frames the text. The thorns are sharp and intertwined, creating a circular border around the central text. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white and light blue, suggesting a bright, possibly outdoor setting.

The Gospel of Mark

Applying

The Word

A Table In the Wilderness



Our Miraculous Meal!

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he **gave thanks** and **broke** the loaves. Then he **gave** them to his disciples to set before the people. Mark 6:41

While they were eating, Jesus **took** bread, **gave thanks** and **broke** it, and **gave** it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.” Mark 14:22



The LORD is my shepherd,

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters,

he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love
will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

A Table In the Wilderness

