


"The Passion of the Christ"

	12	7	14	magic sum 33
15	6	9	3	
10	2	16	5	
8	13	1	11	

The Greek word for fish is an acronym for the short confession of faith: "Jesus - the anointed one - God's - Son - Saviour/Redeemer." The magic sum of the magic square is the **sacred number 33**, the age of Jesus Christ at the crucifixion. The 15th hour of the day is considered the hour of his death. Therefore the magic square consists of 15 consecutive numbers. The missing figure four represents the four canonical gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John in which the earthly life of Jesus culminates in his death and resurrection. Rows, columns, diagonals, 4x4 and 3x3 square corners, 2x2 squares, and quad-sets yield the magic sum 33 in 26 ways. Twenty-six refer to the gospel of Matthew 26.