

At Capernaum one sees this fragment of a mosaic, found at Magdala, that depicts a fishing boat of the first century C.E. The boat is portrayed with sails, two oars on each side and a steering oar to the right, beneath the high stern. This assumes a crew of five, namely, four oarsmen and the helmsman. Such a scene helps archaeologists to understand the rigging and construction of the first-century boat found in the Kinneret (see Slide 63).