

This boat was found buried up to its gunwales in the mud on the western edge of the Sea of Galilee near Magdala. It now resides in a special tank in the Yigal Allon Museum at Kibbutz Ginnosar, undergoing chemical treatment to preserve the wood to permit it to be displayed. The boat was dated by pottery inside it to the first half of the first century C.E., perhaps about mid-century. It may have sunk in an ordinary fishing accident, or it may have gone under in the naval engagement in 67 C.E. described by Josephus (*War* 3.10.9), associated with the First Jewish Revolt against Rome. This is the first boat ever found from the first century C.E. Its planks were pegged together edge to edge with mortise and tenon, rather than relying on inner struts as in modern boat building. Four disciples of Jesus, namely, Peter, Andrew and the two sons of Zebedee, were fishermen on the lake early in the first century C.E. (Matthew 4:18-22).