

Walk Across the Holy Land



8th Destination Sailing the Sea of Galilee:

You have now traveled with Jesus and his disciples about 10 miles back up to the Sea of Galilee where Jesus asked the disciples to get into a boat and sail to the other side. A tremendous storm developed and the waves breaking over the boat nearly swamped it.

Hence the New Testament story about Jesus calming the sea.

In 1986 a 1st Century AD fishing boat was found on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, which was from Jesus' time. The boat was discovered by accident in the winter after a dry season when the lake was very low. It was a challenge to pull the boat out of the mud without damaging it and fast enough before the water rose back up. It took 12 days and nights. Then the boat had to be submerged in a chemical solution for 7 years.

It is now on exhibit as the "boat of Jesus" in the Yigal Allon museum in Kibbutz Ginnosar.





The "boat of Jesus"

The boat is 25.5 ft long, 7.5 ft wide, 4.1 ft high and is made of 14 different types of wood.

A carbon 14 test was done to determine the date of the boat. Additional dating information came from the artifacts that were found in the boat (shown below): cooking pot, arrow head, nails, hooks and an oil lamp. The boat was dated to the times of Jesus.



Biblical References:

Matthew 8:23-27

Jesus Calms the Storm

23 Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. 24 Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. 25 The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

26 He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

27 The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus Calms the Storm

35That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." **36**Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. **37**A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. **38**Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

39He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

40He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

41They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Luke 7:22-25

Jesus Calms the Storm

22One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. **23**As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

24The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. **25**"Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

Next Destination Bethsaida:

Jesus prepared his disciples and sent them out to preach about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. When the disciples returned, Jesus took them on a retreat by foot about 9 miles to Bethsaida. But, the crowds learned about it and followed them. The disciples suggested that Jesus send the people away but Jesus welcomed them and feed them. He feed about 5000 men with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. This miracle is the first feeding of multitude. Walk with Jesus 9 miles then click on destination #9 to receive your next packet.