

This fishing boat, excavated from the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee, dates to the 1st century AD. **This 1st-century boat is likely very much like the boat used by Jesus and his disciples** (Matthew 8:23-27; Luke 8:22-25). In the Gospels, there are 40 explicit references to a boat in the Sea of Galilee used by Jesus and his disciples.



Ancient boat from the Sea of Galilee: The remains of the excavated boat shown in the image at the top has places for four oars (John 6:19). It also has a place for a sailing mast (the Greek words in the following verses indicate the sailing of a boat: Luke 8:23; 8:26). It also has a shallow bottom which would allow for **sailing close to the shore (Matthew 13:2)**. It is about 27 feet (8.3 meters) long, 7.5 feet (2.3 meters) wide, room enough for a group of people (Mark 6:45). **Some of these features are more clearly shown in the reconstructed model in the image above.**

(Picture the NT –Accordance Bible)

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church
Sunday, May 23, 2021

Sermon Outline

“The Lord Begins To Minister To Israel In Parables, As A Judgment And As An Act Of Mercy!”

- Matt. 13:1-17; Mk. 4:1-13; Lk. 8:4-10 -
(*Life of Christ Series*)

I. WHAT ARE PARABLES?

- A. A Common Form Of Teaching In Judaism
- B. A Long Analogy Often Cast In The Form Of A Story.
- C. Jesus Used Them To Obscure The Truth From Unbelievers, While Making It Clearer To His Disciples. (*Macarthur*)
- D. It Is A Figure Of Speech In Which A Moral Or Spiritual Truth Is Illustrated By An Analogy Drawn From Everyday Experiences. (*Ryrie*)

II. THE LORD TARGETED THE LARGE CROWDS GATHERED TO HIM, Mt. 13:1, 2

III. THE LORD SPOKE THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER TO THEM, v-3-9

- A. The Sower Went Out To Sow, v-3
 - 1. Some Seed fell **beside the road**
 - Missed its target.
 - a. It was tramped underfoot, Lk. 8:5a
 - b. The birds came and ate it, Mt. 13:4b
 - 2. Some Seed fell on **rocky places**, v-5, 6
 - Shallow soil on top of solid rock