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### Fishing Boats of the 1st Century

## First-Century Galilean Fishing Boat

**Mast**

**Yard**

**Sailboats of this period had only a mast and “yard,” and were used near shore under favorable wind conditions.**

**Net**

**Prow**

**Weights**

**Oars**

**Stern**

**Rudder**

**The fishing technique of this period required that fishermen frequently dive into the water. Consequently, fishermen often worked without clothing (see Jn 21:7).**

**Ancient fishing vessels were small and not very stable or maneuverable.**

**This type of small sailboat was very common in first century Galilee; it was likely the same kind that Jesus’ first disciples used.**

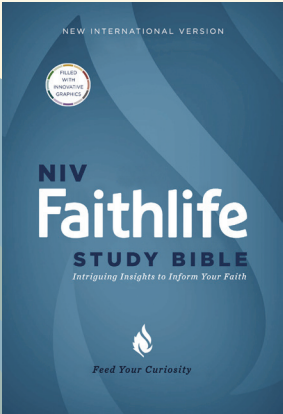
**The cast net opens as it is thrown and hits the water mostly flat.**

**The weights on the perimeter of the net pull the edges down around the fish.**

**As the fisherman retrieves the net, the weights come together and trap the fish inside.**

**SIZE COMPARISON (approximate):**

Vehicle	Length
School bus	37 ft.
Delivery truck	27 ft.
Galilean boat	26 ft.



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