

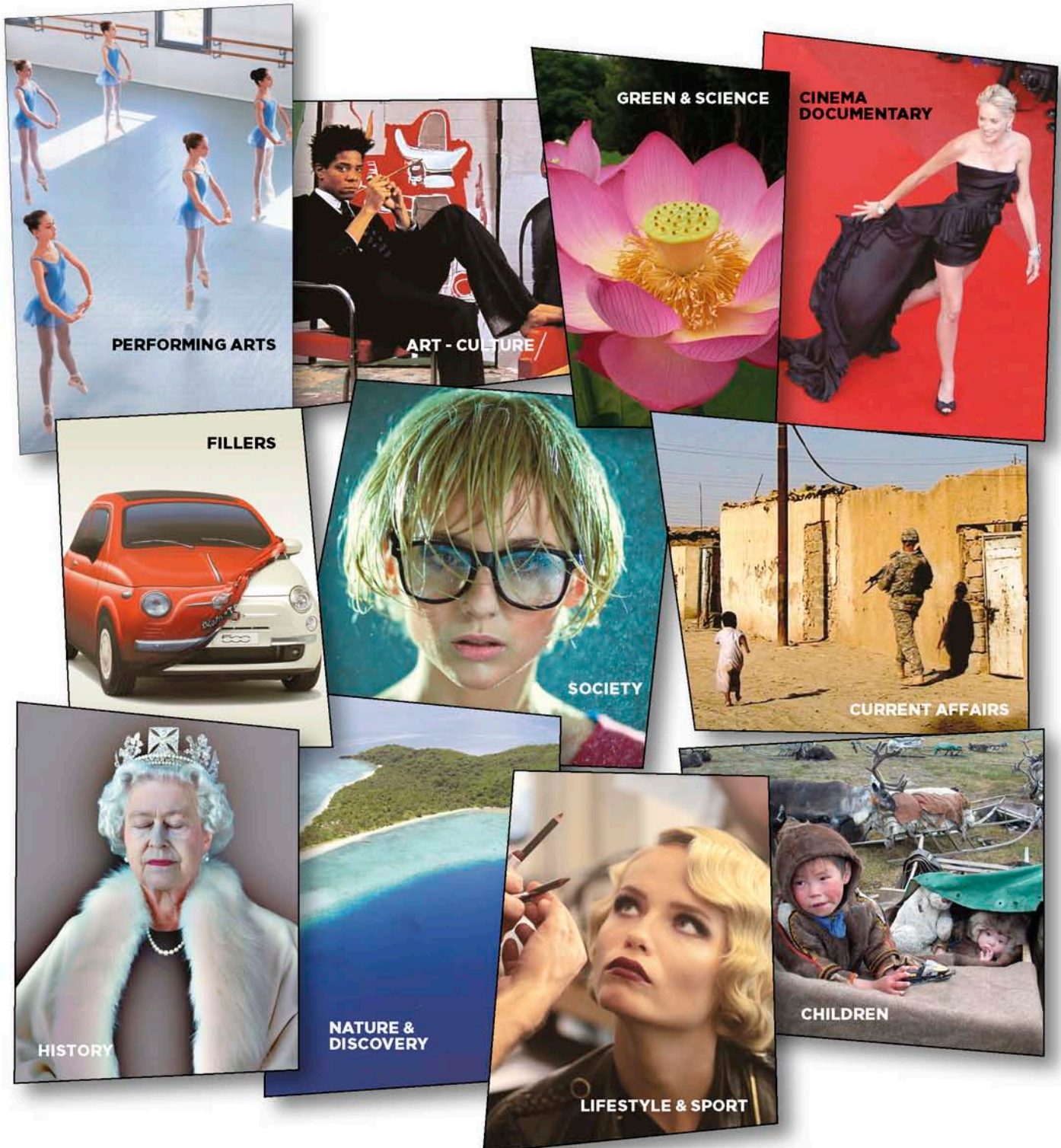
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**The Birth of Christianity recounts the invention of Christianity within Judaism by piecing together, in a timescale from AD 30-150, the disputes and debates that arose among its early protagonists and the first generations in Jerusalem, Antioch, Corinth, Alexandria and Rome, always with the aim of ensuring the salvation of the nation of Israel.**

An essential period in western history. When Jesus died around AD 30, crucified as "King of the Jews" by the Romans in Jerusalem, who could have predicted that a new religion would take root within the next century? Programme released on DVD by ARTE Video BONUS : \* A 35 minutes interview with Prieur and Mordillat by Henri Tincq (Le Monde).



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## 01 - JESUS AFTER JESUS

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**Around the year 30, Jesus was crucified by the Romans in Jerusalem.**

Three and a half centuries later, Christianity became the official religion of the Empire. How long did it take for Jesus to become Jesus Christ, the Son of God, a God-made man? Did Jesus create the Church? After his death, was it Peter, the chief disciple, who replaced him as the head of the community?

## 02 - JACQUES, JESUS' BROTHER

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**In the first years, why did James, referred to as the "brother of the Lord," appear to be the veritable successor to Jesus? Did Jesus have brothers? Why do some of the Gospels proclaim the virginity of Mary, Jesus' mother? Why did his family believe that Jesus was "crazy?" Were his mother and his brother opposed to the group of twelve disciples?**

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## 03 - A KINGDOM THAT DOESN'T COME

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**Instead of hiding or escaping to Galilee, Jesus' disciples gathered in Jerusalem. Why did they take such a risk?**

What did the disciples expect from Jesus while he was living? What was it that they hoped for after their Master's Death? Was the kingdom he had announced to them a present kingdom or a future one? Was it the kingdom of Israel or a celestial kingdom? Will a resurrected Jesus return? And when?

## 04 - FAMILY QUARREL

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**In Jerusalem, the community got organized while awaiting the End of Time.**

What conflict tore apart the group and pitted Hebrews against Hellenists? Who was Stephen, the first martyr to die after Jesus? Why did his execution provoke such a decisive rupture inside the movement and instigate its expansion outside the frontiers of Judea?



## 05 - PAUL, THE ABORTION

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**According to Acts, Paul participated in the death of Stephen, then in the persecution of the first Christian Jews.**

Did Paul convert on the road to Damascus? Who was the apostle Paul, the only character in the New Testament to both author a Gospel that carries his name and to figure as the hero of the Book of Acts? Why does he refer to himself as "the lowest of the low?"

## 06 - COUNCIL IN JERUSALEM

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**The movement of Jesus' partisans spread across the Jewish diaspora after the year 40. At Antioch, as elsewhere, a community assembled of Jews, but also of pagans.**

Were they able to live together? In 49 or 50, an assembly was held in Jerusalem to resolve the crucial question: Must one be Jewish to become a Christian? That is, must men be circumcised? Why did Paul oppose Peter, who was the spokesperson of the disciples, and James, Jesus' brother?

## 07 - DAYS OF ANGER

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**In 50 or 51, Paul sent his instructions from Corinth to the Christian community in Thessalonki. This is the most ancient text in the New Testament.**

Why did Paul denounce Jews as "the enemy of all men?" Is he the instigator of Christian anti-Semitism? Could the apostle have been the author of these sentences?

## 08 - THE ROMANCE OF THE ORIGINS

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**At the end of the first century, the author of the Gospel according to Luke wrote a second book, the Acts of the Apostles, which recounted the birth of the Christian movement.**

Is the narrative of Acts an archival document, or is it a heroic epic, revised and edited by a clever theologian? Whom did he wish to convince? The Jews? Those who feared God? The Roman elite?

## 09 - BREAKING WITH JUDAISM

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## 10 - VERUS ISRAEL

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**In 70, Jerusalem was captured by the Roman legions. The Temple was destroyed. In 135, the Jewish nation was crushed.**

What were the consequences of the failure of two Jewish revolts? Why did Judaism proclaim the exclusion of Christians? And why was it that Christians refused to create a separate religion? Why, in the year 150, did Christianity declare itself to be "verus Israel?", "the real Israel"? What were the consequences for the Jews?

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