

Ambitious new landmark series on the life and world of Jesus Christ announced.

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The BBC has commissioned a new landmark religion series about the life of Jesus Christ for BBC Television and BBC iPlayer. Drawing on the latest historical research, archaeological discoveries, technological innovation and expert testimony, this four-part series will expand and sharpen our understanding of one the most influential people in history. Produced by Wonderhood Studios, the series will bring Jesus' story to the screen in visceral, intimate detail; drawing on the testimony recorded in the Gospel accounts, and elsewhere, to understand the world he inhabited and the foundations of the movement he inspired. Through cinematic storytelling, it will explore the turbulent political, social, religious and cultural forces that shaped his life and legacy. Historical analysis, along with contributions from major Christian thinkers, and Jewish and Muslim faith leaders, will set out the significance of his story. Daisy Scalchi, BBC Head of Religion and Ethics, TV: "This series is testament to the BBC's commitment to religious programming that deepens our understanding of each other and the world around us.

"Jesus Christ is one of the most recognised and influential figures in human history – yet what we know about him comes from remarkably few sources. This ambitious series will bring his life into focus like never before. With new historical research and insights, there has never been a more compelling moment to re-look at the evidence and follow the path of Jesus' life to map how he sparked a revolution that continues to impact our lives over 2000 years later." Tom Garton, Creative Director, Wonderhood Studios, says: "Few lives have shaped the world as profoundly as that of Jesus Christ and, for Christians, he is far more than a figure of history: he is the Son of God. Yet many of us know relatively little about the world Jesus came from - of the people, places, beliefs and conflicts that shaped his life and the world-changing religion that followed. At Wonderhood, we want to make ambitious, cinematic television that tackles the biggest subjects, and that help explain our world today. We are enormously proud to be making this landmark series for the BBC." The series is due to air in 2027.