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Exploring the History of Christianity**

History on Screen: Where to Watch

To delve into the rich tapestry of Christianity's past, consider the following documentaries and series:

- The Story of Christianity (PBS)
- A History of Christianity (BBC)
- Christianity: A History (The History Channel)

Diarmaid MacCulloch: Church Historian

Diarmaid MacCulloch is an eminent church historian known for his expertise in the Reformation and early modern Christianity. His works include:

- The Reformation
- Thomas Cranmer
- Christianity: A Very Short Introduction

Origins and Chronology

The origins of Christianity can be traced back to the teachings of Jesus Christ around 30-33 AD, making it approximately 2,000 years old.

Original Christianity

The original form of Christianity is a matter of ongoing debate. Some scholars believe it was the teachings of Jesus himself, while others argue that it was shaped by later followers.

Catholicism: Is it the Original?

Catholicism is one of the oldest and largest branches of Christianity. Its origins can be traced to the early church fathers and the leadership of Pope Clement I in the 1st century AD. However, some scholars argue that other forms of Christianity, such as Eastern Orthodoxy or Coptic Christianity, might be closer to the original beliefs.

Historians of Christianity

Various historians have contributed to the study of Christianity's history:

 Alison Weir: Author of popular histories on the Tudors and other historical figures

• Michael Lynch: Specialist in English Catholicism

 Eric Hobsbawm: Marxist historian known for his work on the Industrial Revolution

Records and Chronology

The oldest extant record of Christianity is the New Testament, a collection of writings dating back to the 1st and 2nd centuries AD. Other early sources include the writings of the early church fathers, such as Clement of Alexandria and Tertullian.

Christianity vs. Islam: Age and Origins

Christianity and Islam are two of the world's largest religions. Islam emerged in the 7th century AD, making it approximately 1,400 years old. Jesus Christ, the founder of Christianity, is considered a prophet in Islam, but Muslims hold that Muhammad is the final prophet.

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