The 1st century

The Roman peace, and Christianity.

The Pax Romana joined the Mediterranean under one law. Aqueducts like the Pont du Gard carried water across Gaul. Christianity spread from Judea across the Empire.

What rose

c. AD 30–60. The teaching of Jesus, and Paul's letters. Source: Jesus

c. 40–60. The Pont du Gard aqueduct. Source: Pont du Gard

77. Pliny the Elder's Natural History. Source: Natural History (Pliny)

80. The Colosseum opens. Source: Colosseum

What fell or stalled

Vesuvius buried Pompeii in 79. Source: Eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD

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