# Easter days

Matthew 28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

Woah! Women? In that culture? And one of them known for having had demons!

NB: anyone inventing this story would not have given women a prominent role.

<sup>2</sup>There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup>The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

- <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."
- <sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

#### Luke 24

"But the disciples did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

Well, yeah!

#### It does seem like nonsense. However:

- Key ideas are the same in all accounts
- Differences are minor in all accounts
- Certain learned atheists have tried to 'disprove' these accounts, and end up convinced they're true

# Two timelines

#### Timeline1

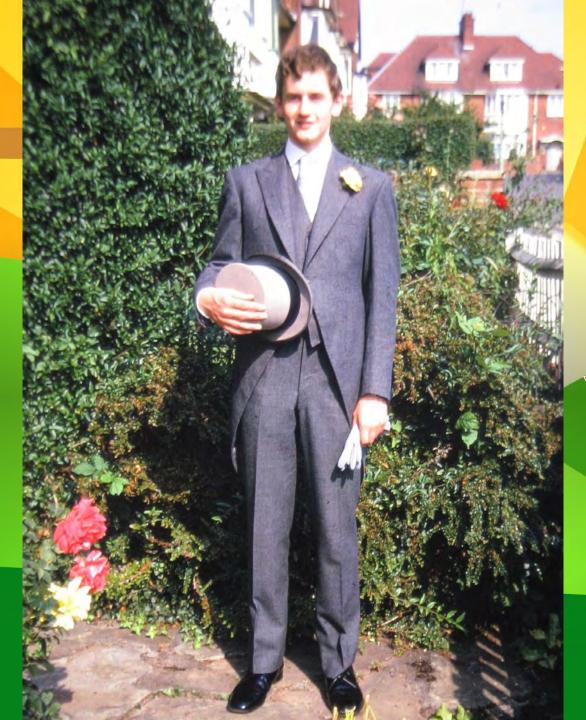
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# Timeline 1 Child



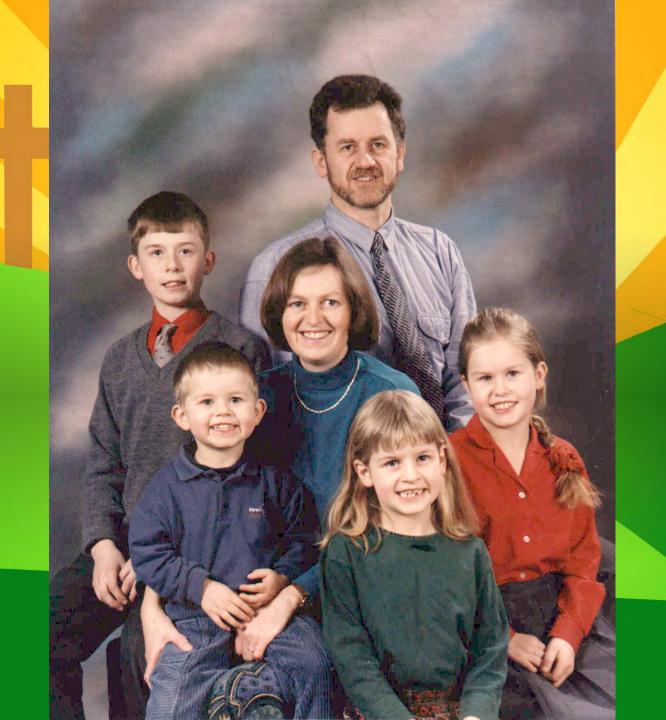
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## Timeline 1 Adult



Yes, it is me, honestly

Timeline 1 Busy busy busy



# Timeline 1 Diagnosis

Sudden
change of
direction
(downwards)



## Timeline 1 We are here

Life is surprisingly good



#### Timeline 1

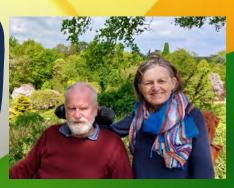












# Timeline 2

Let's start with a ...
universe











### Timeline 2 (not to scale)



We are here





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