

Understanding the Bible in an Age of Science

Questions to consider

- 1 What do you understand a scientist to be?
- 2 Which areas/stories/events of the Bible do you find are scientifically problematic?
- 3 My (Ian Fisher) scientific studies affect the way that I reflect on the scripture, what aspects of your life colour your interpretation of scripture?
- 4 What is a miracle? Are some of Jesus' miracles more problematic to understand than others?
- 5 What does Jesus being 'the resurrection and the life' mean?
- 6 In the story of Joshua at Gibeon (Joshua 10), God makes the sun and moon stand still: 'The sun stopped in the middle of the sky ... there has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a man' (Joshua 10:14).

Is this possible or likely? How would you explain this passage to someone who is sceptical about the existence of God?