

The graphic features a central dark brown circle containing the word "Easter" in a white script font. The letter "t" in "Easter" is replaced by a gold-colored cross. Below "Easter" is the text "sermon series" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font. The circle is set against a background of a bright yellow sun with rays on the right side, and a dark green, curved shape representing the ground or a horizon line. A grey, thorny crown of thorns is positioned around the bottom and sides of the central circle.

*Easter*  
sermon series



SCRIPTURE READING:

**MATTHEW 21:1-11**





<sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,





5 “Say to the daughter of Zion,  
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.





<sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” <sup>10</sup> And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”





The background is a bright yellow sun with rays on the right side, rising over a dark horizon. A large, dark brown circle is centered in the upper half. Inside this circle, the word "Easter" is written in a white, elegant cursive font. A simple, light-colored cross is positioned behind the letter 't'. Below "Easter", the words "sermon series" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A grey, thorny crown of thorns is depicted around the bottom edge of the dark brown circle.

*Easter*  
sermon series

Giving Up **THE WAYS OF THE WORLD**





Easter  
sermon series



I. The **DEMAND** for the King

II. The **RETURN** of the King

III. The **REIGN** of the King

IV. The **CALL** of the King





# I. The **DEMAND** for the King





1. Patriarchal Demand
2. Prophetic Demand
3. Political Demand






PATRIARCHAL Demand

**Adam** – Genesis 3:15





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Genesis 12 – **Abraham**





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*..none were the Promised One*



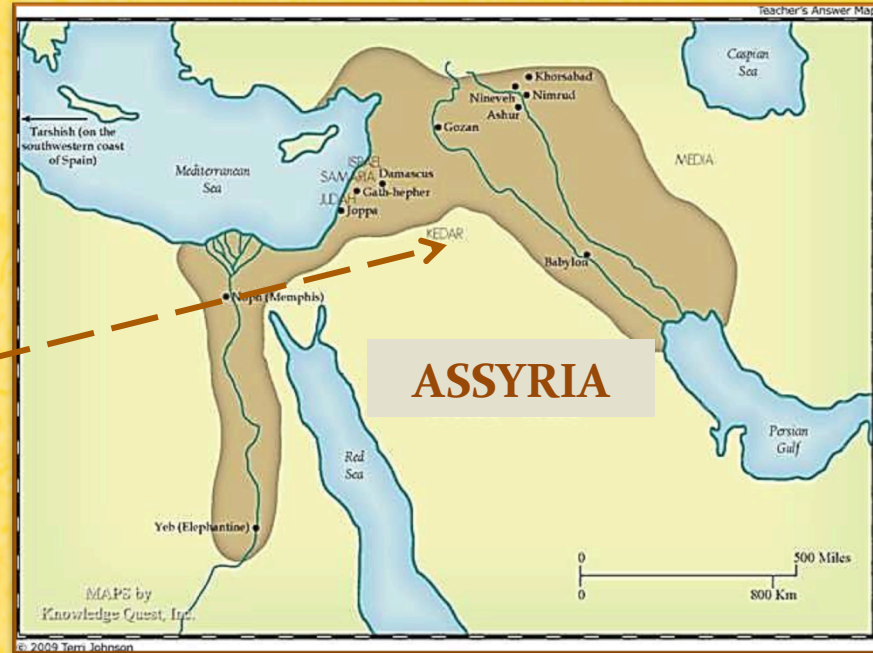


# PATRIARCHAL Demand





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# PROPHETIC Demand





## **PROPHETIC** Demand

“God didn’t give up on his people. In exile, he continued to remind them, as he had in the fall. One day things would be different - a different kind of King would reign over God’s people. God sent prophet after prophet with a message of the promise of restoration and recreation. Unlike David, there would be no end to the new King’s government. His throne would last forever, and stretch to the ends of the earth.”

+ **Nathanael Egger**, *Default Christianity*





**PROPHETIC Demand – ISAIAH**

*“The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.*

*Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
**on the throne of David and over his kingdom,**  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.”*





PROPHETIC Demand – **DANIEL**

*And in the days of those kings **the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed**, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people.*

*It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever*





PROPHETIC Demand – **EZEKIEL**

*‘Thus says the Lord GOD: I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and **I will give you the land of Israel.**’ And when they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. **And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.***





PROPHETIC Demand – **AMOS**

*“In that day I will raise up  
the booth of David that is fallen  
and repair its breaches,  
and raise up its ruins  
and rebuild it as in the days of old,  
that they may possess the remnant of Edom  
and all the nations who are called by my name,”  
declares the LORD who does this.*





**POLITICAL** Demand





**POLITICAL** Demand

*Pompey*





**POLITICAL** Demand

*Pompey*



*Appointments*





**POLITICAL** Demand

*Pompey*



*Appointments*



*Head Tax*





“God had promised to come back, to return to his people in power and glory, to establish his kingdom on earth as in heaven. The Jewish people always hoped that this would simply underwrite their national aspirations; he was, after all, their God. They awaited a divine hurricane to reinforce their already overheated high-pressure system.”

+ N.T. Wright, *Simply Jesus*





## II. The **RETURN** of the King





[context]

**Audience:**

Jewish People

**Theme:**

“The Kingdom”

**Method:**

68 Citations of OT Passages

**Old Testament Books Cited**

Samuel

Micah

Psalms

Zechariah

Jeremiah

Isaiah

Hosea

Malachi





# [context]

**12 prophecies** noted as being fulfilled by Jesus:

## O.T. • **Isaiah 7:14**

*“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, **the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.**”*

## N.T. • **Matthew 1:22-23**

*“All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: **‘The virgin will conceive and bring forth a son, and they will call him Immanuel.’**”*





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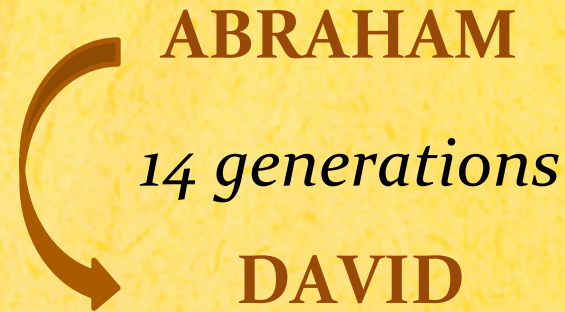
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1. **LINE**
2. **TITLE**
3. **LAND**
4. **SUBJECTS**





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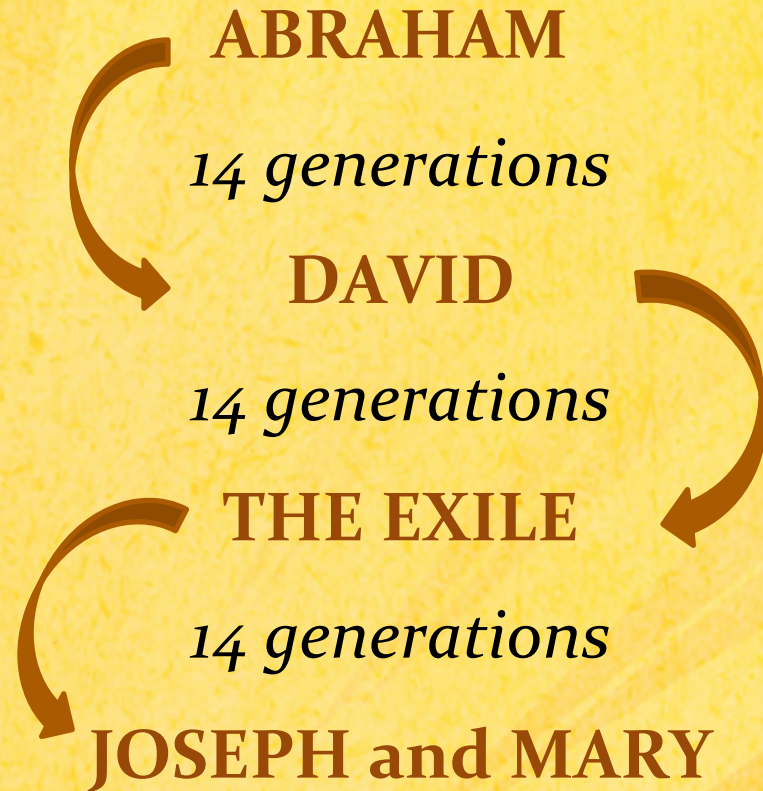


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Seven 7's

**ABRAHAM**

*14 generations*

**DAVID**

*14 generations*

**THE EXILE**

*14 generations*

**JOSEPH and MARY**

*Beginning of the  
Seventh 7*

**JESUS**

The Year  
of  
Jubilee



[LINE]

<sup>17</sup> He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the  
captives and recovering of sight to the  
blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

**- Luke 4:17-18**





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**Matthew 8**

**Matthew 12**

**Matthew 13**

**Matthew 16**

**Matthew 17**



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# [LAND]

## Lazarus

*John 11:1-43*



## Donkeys

*Matthew 21:2-7*



## Stones

*Luke 19:37*





# [SUBJECTS]

## Garments

*2 Kings 9:12-13*

## “Hosanna!”

*Psalms 118:26*

## Donkeys

*2 Samuel 16:1*







the **KING** has  
come!





**O.T. • Zechariah 9**

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# III. The **REIGN** of the King





UPSIDE DOWN / upside down





UPSIDE DOWN / **uMop əpɪsdn**

<sup>42</sup> And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> **But it shall not be so among you.** But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

**- MARK 10:42-45**





UPSIDE DOWN / **umop əpɪsdn**

“The world embraces a different sort of kingdom; a different sort of power. The world as a whole runs on the principle that might is right. We like to pretend we’re more civilized than that, but again and again, not least in this most recent century, we have seen that when the chips are down we revert to the same rule: if in doubt, send in the tanks.”

+ NT Wright, *Following Jesus*





From a lineage of **OUTCASTS**

Born into **POVERTY**

Fled as a child **REFUGEE**

Likely to have **LOST HIS FATHER** at a young age

**DRIVEN OUT** from his home town

Ministered while **HOMELESS** and without **POSSESSIONS**

Dragged through an **UNJUST TRIAL**

**ABANDONED** by his closet disciples

Exchanged a crown of a king for a **CROWN OF THORNS**

Buried in a **BORROWED TOMB**





## **Sermon on the Mount**

- ✓ “Blessed are the poor, the meek, the mourners, the merciful, the pure in heart, the persecuted...”
- ✓ “Who is angry towards another...is liable to Hell.”
- ✓ “He who looks with lustful intent...has committed adultery.”
- ✓ “Love your enemies...pray for those that persecute you.”
- ✓ “Seek the Kingdom...do not be anxious for tomorrow.”





UPSIDE DOWN / **umop əpɪsdn**

“The world is looking for, and desperately needs, true Christians. If only all of us were living the Sermon on the Mount, men would know that there is a dynamic in the Christian gospel; they would know that this is a live thing; they would not go looking for anything else. They would say ‘Here it is!’

+ **Martin Lloyd-Jones**, *Studies*





UPSIDE DOWN / **umop əpɪsdn**

“And if you read the history of the Church, you will find that it has always been when men and women have taken this Sermon seriously and faced themselves in the light of it, that true revival has come.

And when the world sees the truly Christian man, it does not feel merely condemned. It is drawn, it is attracted. Here – in this sermon – we find the life to which we are called.”

+ **Martin Lloyd-Jones**, *Studies*





# *REVOLUTIONARY* **REVOLUTION**





## *REVOLUTIONARY* **REVOLUTION**

“Jesus is indeed leading a revolution, but it is a different kind of revolution, and a much greater one than history has ever seen. What happens in the kingdom of this world is that revolutions basically just rearrange the furniture...they fine-tune the same old order. Every revolution brings a new set of people into power. But Jesus isn't just putting a new set of people in power; he is bringing in a totally different administration – the Kingdom of God.

+ **Tim Keller**, *King's Cross*





## *REVELUTIONARY* **REVOLUTION**

Jesus is saying, to all of us, ‘My kingdom is not of this world. It’s completely different. This is how I’m going to change things; I’m going to put others ahead of myself. I’m going to love my enemies. I’m going to serve and sacrifice for others. I’m not going to repay evil with evil. I’m going to overcome evil with good. I will give up my power, my life. My revolution comes without the sword. It is the first true revolution.’”

+ **Tim Keller**, *King’s Cross*





# **KINGDOM** *of God*





**KINGDOM** *of God*

**Luke 17:21**

“The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will some say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

**Matthew 6:9-10**

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.”



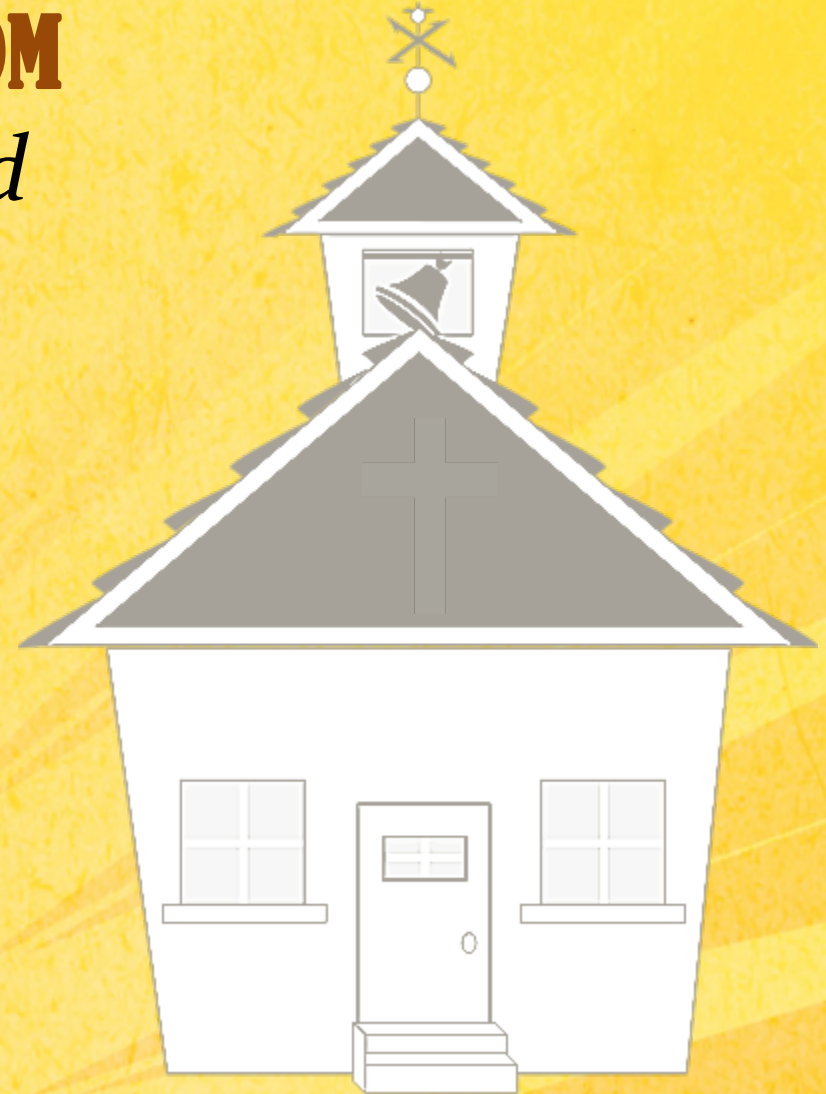


The **KINGDOM** of God  
exists  
WHEREVER  
the **rule** and **reign** of  
Jesus the Messiah  
**governs**  
the HEARTS, MINDS, and ACTIONS  
of his people.



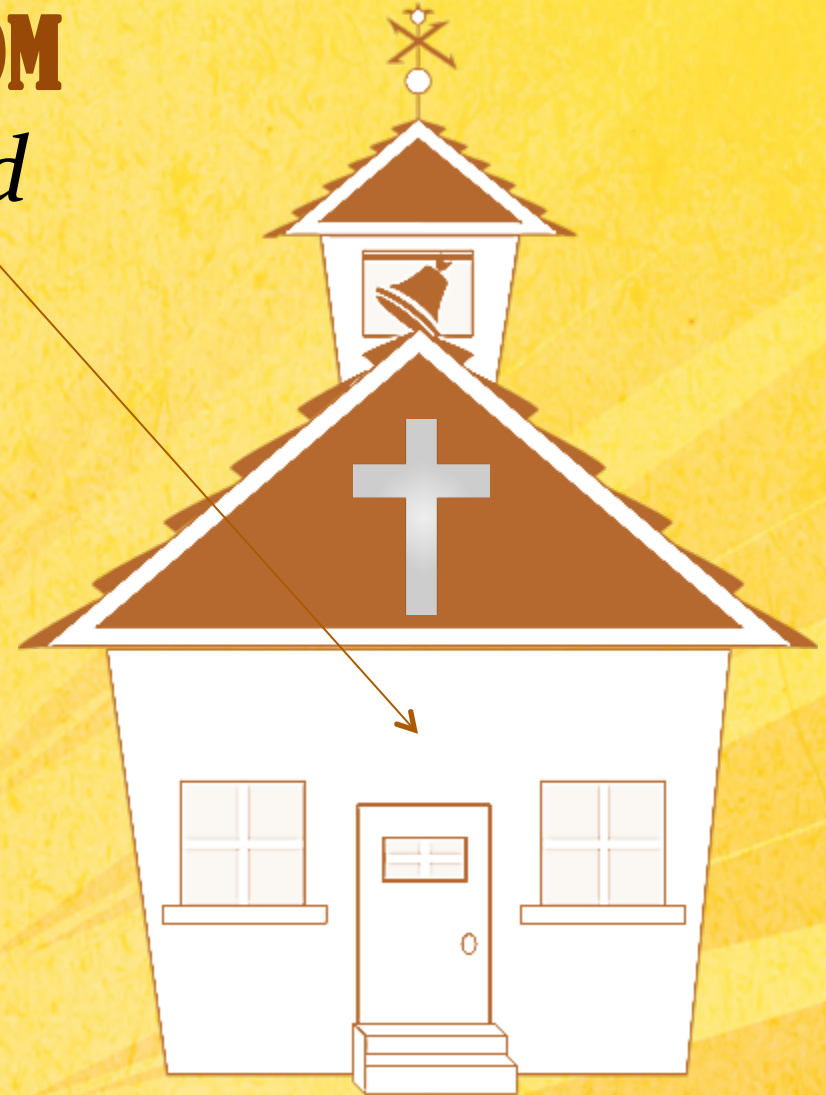
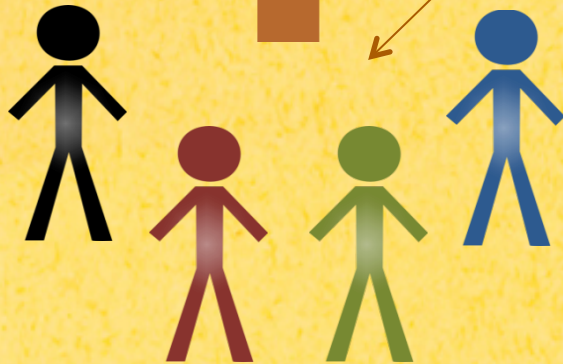


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**KINGDOM** *of God*

“The theme of the Kingdom of God runs through both the Old Testament and New Testament. This Kingdom came with Jesus the Messiah as a worldwide relational reality, existing wherever the Lordship of Jesus is acknowledged with repentance, faith, and new obedience.”

+ **J.I. Packer**, *A Theology of the New Testament*





**KINGDOM** *of God*

“Those committed to the Kingdom of Jesus form a society, which we now call the church. The Kingdom’s values are transformation, a mustard seed, justice, restoration, joy, and an eternal perspective...to follow Jesus, then, means to take up his dream and to work for it.”

+ **Scot McKnight**, *Jesus Creed and One Life*





# III. The **CALL** of the King





# 1. Who **is** the King?





1. Who **is** the King?

2. Will you **follow** the King?





“The Kingdom of God is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his great joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

**Matthew 13:44**





# SIN

is sinners putting themselves in the place of the King

# SALVATION

is the King putting himself in the place of sinners





1. Who **is** the King?
2. Will you **follow** the King?
3. Will you **lay down your life** for the King?





“Wholeheartedness does not equal perfection...we see this in the lives of Jesus disciples, who had given everything up to follow Jesus but still stumbled from time to time. The difference between an unbeliever and a believer, or a traitor and a subject of a King, is not the presence of sin. **Rather, it is a joyful willingness of the true believer, when confronted with a previously unknown idol, to humbly repent, eagerly throw off that distraction, and fix his gaze on Jesus.**”

+ **Nate Egger**, Default Christianity

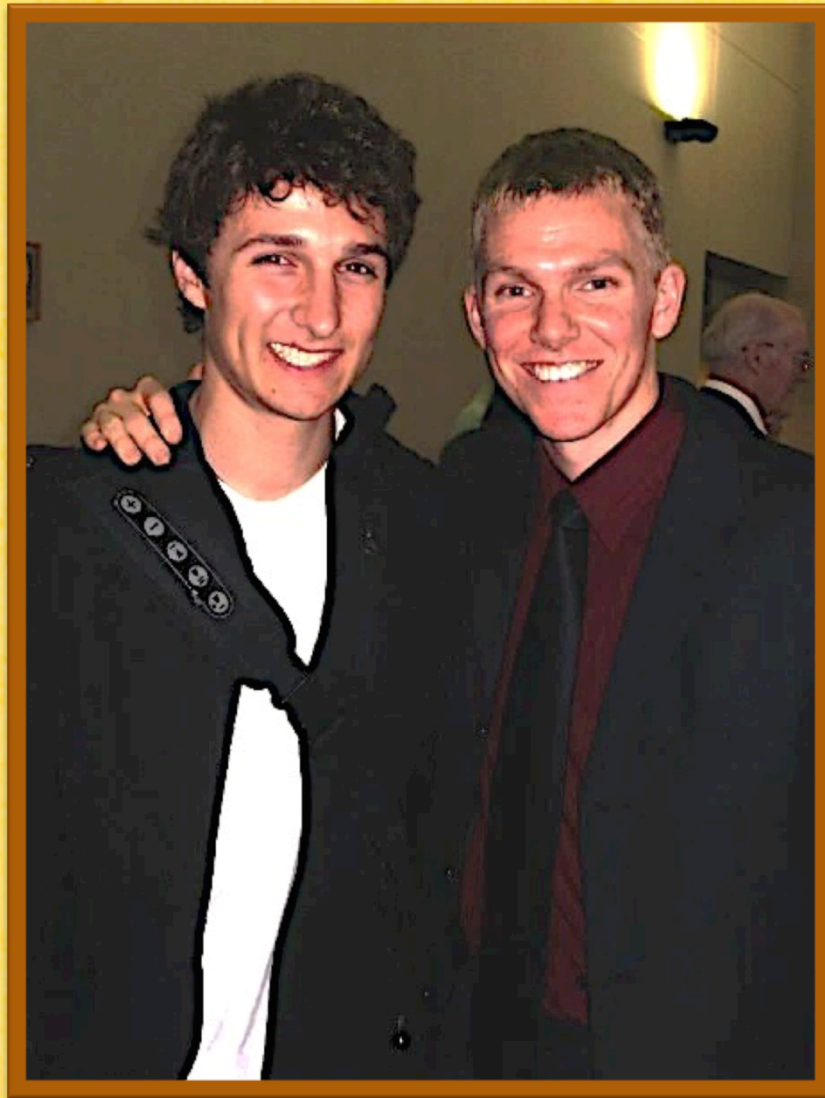




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