

# KEY INGREDIENTS

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What's a favorite story you like to read? Or, what's a favorite story you like to tell others? What is it about the story that makes it your favorite?

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### Biblical Inheritance

To the ancients, there was hope that God would one day restore the world and reign with His justice and love. Christians mention this hope around Christmas time when they recite Isaiah 9.6-7: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this."

So when Jesus asks those around Him in Mark 8.27-30 "Who do you say I am?" And Peter says, "You are the Messiah." This is serious business. See, "Messiah" is a title above "Prophet." Beyond the Old Testament, the ancients believed that the prophetic role had ceased. So to call Jesus one of the prophets such as John the Baptist or Elijah was a big deal. But even more than that, to call Jesus "Messiah" was huge. "Messiah" means "anointed one." But not just any anointed one. It was one who would restore all the things the Isaiah passage above mentioned.

All this points to the wonderful, mysterious, and grandiose story that all of us are included in. This is the story of God found in the Scriptures, and we are all part of it. God has revealed Himself in the Scriptures along with the story of humankind and where it is headed. He gives us purpose and wisdom and so much more! God's people have been given a great inheritance, a Biblical inheritance. May we be people of the Scriptures, people who know and see God's story all around them unfolding like a great drama...and that we are all part of it.

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## BIBLICAL INHERITANCE

**MANY PEOPLE DO NOT READ THE SCRIPTURES. IF THE SCRIPTURES ARE CONSIDERED SUCH A LARGE PART OF GOD REVEALING HIMSELF TO US, WHY DO YOU THINK SO MANY PEOPLE DO NOT READ THEM?**

**IN MARK 8, JESUS GOES AROUND ASKING “WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?” IF JESUS WERE TO ASK THAT TODAY, WHAT DO YOU THINK PEOPLE WOULD SAY?**

**IF THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT RESPONSES TO JESUS’ QUESTION, HOW DO WE KNOW WHICH ONE IS ACCURATE? HOW DO WE GET TO KNOW WHO JESUS IS?**

**ONE OF THE GREATEST PIECES OF THE BIBLICAL STORY IS THAT LIFE IS HEADED TOWARD A GREAT CLIMAX IN CHRIST. THIS IS A GREAT SOURCE OF HOPE NOT ONLY FOR CHRISTIANS, BUT FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD! AND THE WORLD DEFINITELY NEEDS THIS HOPE. HOW ABOUT MEMORIZING REVELATION 21.1-5 THIS WEEK? RECITE IT DAILY. ALLOW IT TO COMFORT YOU AND THOSE AROUND YOU. RECITE IT TO YOUR GROUP NEXT WEEK!**

Please take a few moments to pray with and for one another