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What does this passage teach you about Jesus?

Does this passage make Jesus' incarnation (His being born as a baby) more incredible? Why or why not?

3) This week we learned that we are saved by simply believing in Jesus (by grace), but that genuine faith will result in works. How do the following passages help you understand the balance between grace and works?

James 2:14-17, 19, 26 - "[14] What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? [15] If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, [16] and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? [17] Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ... [19] You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble! ... [26] For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

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