

SERMON NOTES

Dec. 8, 2024

Matt. 1

God With Us: The Visitation

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- I. Melding Stories Together
 - A. The Nativity Sets
 - B. The Visitation
- II. Matthew 1
 - A. Engagement/Betrothal then and now
 - B. The historical attack on the Virgin Birth
 - C. The Holy Spirit “overshadowed” Mary
 - D. Joseph’s decision to shield Mary from scorn
 - E. What’s in a Dream?
 - F. The “prophecy” from Isaiah
- III. The Naming of Jesus
 - A. The privilege of the father to name the child
 - B. A name captures the essence. . . a tiger
 - C. Who really named Jesus?
 1. Jesus: the essence of what he does. God is salvation
 2. Emmanuel: the essence of who he is: God with us