

# THE BIRTH OF CHRIST WITHIN

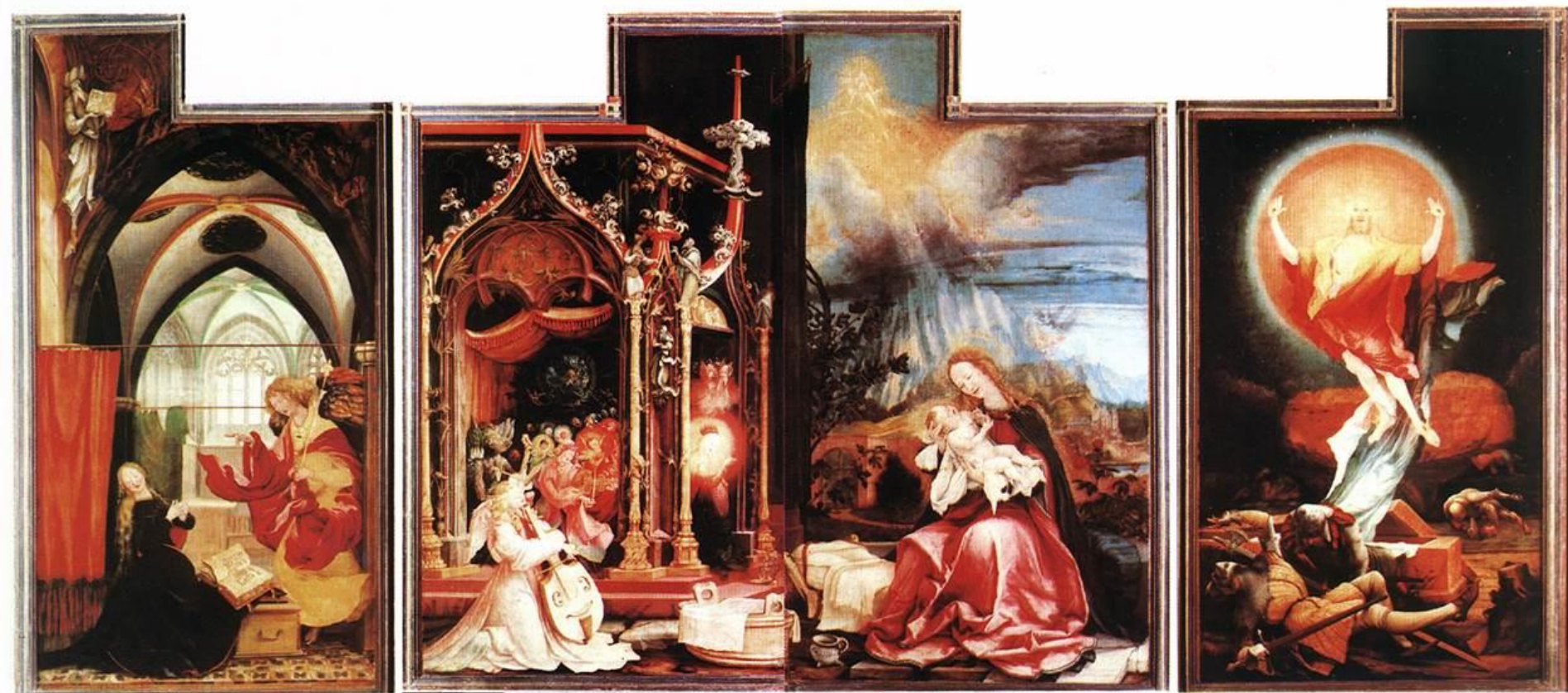
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# *Isenheim Altarpiece by Matthias Grunewald*



- 1512-1516



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**Andrea del Verrocchio with Leonardo da  
Vinci, Uffizi, 1475**



# Epiphany



**Andrea del Verrocchio, 1475**



**Giotto, 1309**

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# Matthew 2:1–12

Giotto  
Scrovegni Chapel,  
Padua, 1305



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# Slaughter of the Innocents - Giotto



# Matthew 2:1–12

**Giotto**  
**Scrovegni Chapel,**  
**Padua, 1305**



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# Luke 2:1-20

**Giotto**  
**Scrovegni Chapel,**  
**Padua, 1305**



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# Birth

# and Death



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Lest ye become like little children ...

# **MADONNAS BY RAPHAEL**



- 1505



- 1505





- 1507



- 1505





- 1507





- 1506





- 1506



- 1503





- 1507



- 1508





• 1513



- Sistine Madonna
- 1512





• 1513



- 1516





# Madonna Terranuova

Raphael

1483-1520

Painted **1505**

LdV in Milan  
by 1483!



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# Adoration of the Magi by Leonardo

- 1481
- 29 YO





# Why Did Leonardo Abandon Adoration?

- 1481
- 29 YO
- He didn't?
- Genius?
- Dangers?
- Savonarola?
- Platonic Academy?
- Initiation?





# Leonardo's Virgin of the Rocks











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# **HOLY INFANTS EMBRACING**

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# Kissing Babes from Pistis Sophia?



Leonardo da Vinci (1452 – 1519)



Joos van Cleve (1485-1540)  
Called Leonardo of the North

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# Pistis Sophia (Gnostic)

- <http://gnosis.org/library/pistis-sophia/ps063.htm>
- Refers to **two messiahs and two families!**
  - Two boys about age 12. One working vineyard.
  - Other spirit comes. Mary fetches 2<sup>nd</sup>. Become united.
- Chapter 59
  - "Thou also, **Mary**, ... **thou and the other Mary**"
- Chapter 61
  - "he embraced thee, he **kissed** thee. And thou also, thou didst kiss him and you **became one**."
- Chapter 62
  - "The **other Mary** came forward"
  - [http://www.pseudepigrapha.com/PistisSophia/pistisSophia\\_Book1.html](http://www.pseudepigrapha.com/PistisSophia/pistisSophia_Book1.html)



# Holy Infants Embracing (Kissing Babes)

Joos van  
Cleve  
1485 – 1541  
Flemish  
(Antwerp)



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JvC

Students



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Chri



# Kissing Babes with Madonna

- *Thuelin Madonna*
  - Marco d'Oggiono
  - Thuelin collection, Paris
- Note:
  - Kissing Babes
  - Hand gestures
  - Madonna left hand on wisdom
- Escaping the slaughter of the innocents?



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# Bernardino Luini

- 1480 - 1532
- ***Holy Family***
- Pupil of
  1. Ambrogio Bergognone
  2. Leonardo
- Note female's hand gestures
  - Same as VoR with *Kissing Babes* in between



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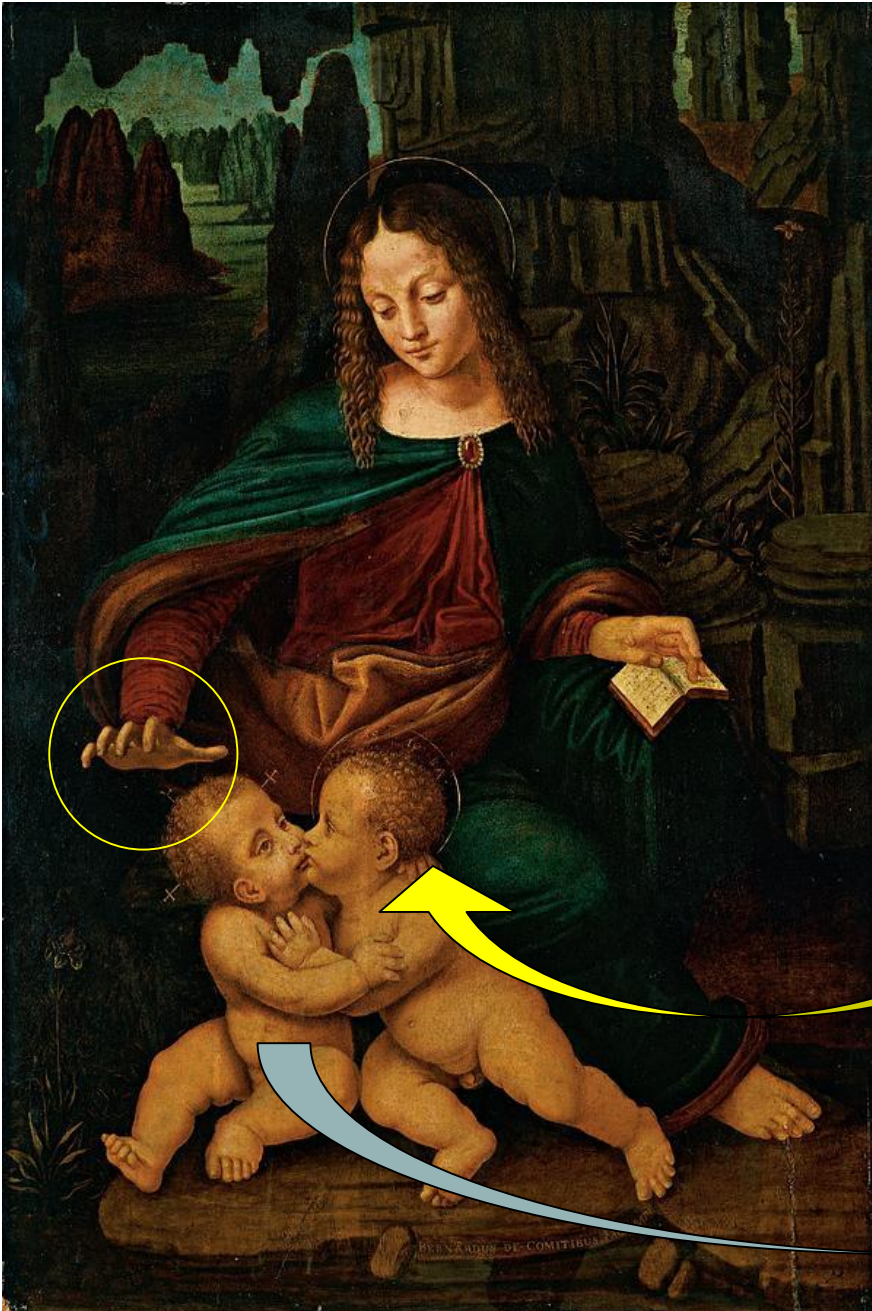


# ← Bernardino de Conti



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# John the Baptist! – Protection?

Bernardino de Conti  
from a private collection

## Clues:

- **Staff**
- **Two ‘windows’**  
(*impossible – clue?*)
- **Haloos!**
- Bird
- Students knew of each other's works



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# Bernardino de' Conti

- Private collection
- Appeared exhibition in Ancona, Italy, 2005.



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# *Three Children* by Bernardino de' Conti

- Who are these three?
- Exact VoR poses
  - Boys not reversed
- Halo
- Hands
- Why John? Baptism!
- Note the “*transfer*”
- [https://elpais.com/diario/2005/10/09/cultura/1128808804\\_740215.html](https://elpais.com/diario/2005/10/09/cultura/1128808804_740215.html)



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# *Three Children* by Bernardino de' Conti



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# **PRESENTATION CONTINUES WITH PART 2**

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