

# FAIR-FIELDER

*Catch what was said in the sermon?*

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We like Luke's story with its **pastoral imagery** (2).

The brutal real-world nature of Matthew's story is as **disturbing** as Luke's version is **comforting**.

God incarnates **love** in order to empower and **unify**.

Herod tries to **co - opt** the maji's **naivete** for his own purposes.

The magi are **examples** of those **faithful** to God's calling.

And this is where the **story's telling** (2) often ends because now the **ugliness** begins.

While there is no historical record of this particular **slaughter**, it is fully in line with Herod's record of **ruthlessness**.

It was obvious that **Archelaus** was picking up where his **father** left off.

As the holy family escapes the **death squads** (2), God's work of salvation **continues** for all humanity.

“Where is he who **brought** them through the **sea** ?”

As we discover Jesus **incarnate** among us in this season, can Jesus be **incarnate** in us?