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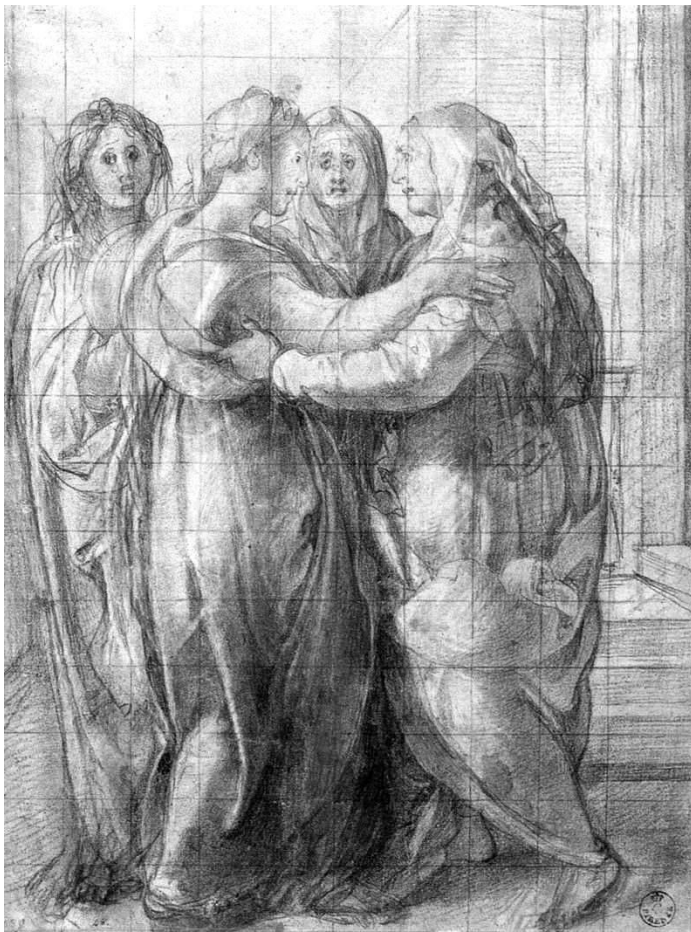
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Visitation, preparatory drawing, Pontormo, Uffizi Gallery, c. 1528

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