

*"But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."*  
Matthew 1:20-21



Prepositions denote relative position. They are tiny words with infinite depth of meaning. For example: The gift was **by** the tree. The red paper was **on** the

box. The figurine was **in** the box, but it was made **of** ceramic. You know exactly the relationship of each item to the other. The Word of God says the conception of Christ was **in** Mary not **of** Mary. It was **of** the Holy Ghost. The conception of Christ was "Immaculate" because it had nothing to do with its human host. The "Second Adam" was fashioned in eternity and created in Holy perfection, "without spot or blemish." There was no genetic taint of human depravity involved in the creation of the Christ child. You may quickly say, "But Jesus got his nourishment from Mary." Yes, and you get your food from the dirt. Your point would be...what? It is vital to understand that, unless Jesus was completely sinless, His death could not atone for sin. It was imperative that God create human form in sinless perfection like the "First Adam." Did you think that Jesus was less than God? He was, is and shall forever be, God! He was all God and all human congruently. "Impossible!" you may say. Nay, "*but with God nothing shall be impossible.*" Human form was necessary for an eternal God to die. It was flawlessly executed. His plan was laid out before the first atom was ever breathed into existence. I wonder... What was it like having a perfect child? Everything God does is a planned miracle.

It's down. It's up. It's in. It's out.  
These tiny words are cast about,  
The meaning caught between the lines,  
Reveals a wondrous Truth, Divine. ~CGP

Isn't it wonderful to know that while we may be **in** the world, we are not **of** the world! Just like Jesus came **for** a specific reason, we are here to do a job. Glory will come when we're done. If Jesus had been **of** Mary, we would still be Hell-bound. Let's get busy **with** His Majesty's business! We are **on** foreign soil. We are "ambassadors" **for** Christ.

*"I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:15-17*