

Mary—The Pattern Mother
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I. What was the greatest miracle?

The conception of Jesus in Mary's womb

II. The Word and the Spirit

A. According to your word (Luke 1:38)

Do as you have said (1 Chron. 17:23 [compare 2 Pet. 1:3–4])

B. The Word releases the Spirit (Luke 1:35 [compare: Mark 16:20; Acts 4:29–30, 14:3])

C. The Word stored in the heart

1. Mary kept . . . in her heart (Luke 2:19)

2. Stored up in my heart (Ps. 119:11)

D. The humility of Mary

1. Purification according to the Law (Luke 2:22 [compare Lev. 12:1–4])

2. A poor person's sacrifice for sin (Lev. 12:6, 8)

E. Mary's only word concerning Jesus (John 2:5)