

In today's Gospel we hear Our Lord speaking about the witness of John the Baptist to His identity as the Christ - and in the verses before and after this segment of Scripture, Jesus points to the Father and the Spirit as the greatest witnesses to Him - hence the indication that He accepts no human testimony.

In essence, Our Lord is admonishing His listeners, and us as well, not to set our sights on human sources. The Air Force used to have as its slogan or motto - "Aim high." And this should be our motto as we approach the great day of Christmas.

We must set our sights on Jesus Christ - the Second Person of the Trinity, the Word made flesh, the Son of God ... nothing else will suffice to provide us with the grace, and mercy, and power to transform ourselves and our lives.

As we move toward the last week of Advent, let us make our own houses into "houses of prayer," and set aside anything that may distract us from "aiming high" and setting our sights on Jesus Christ.