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The Savior's otherworldly Witness

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He said to them again, "I am going away and you will look for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going you cannot come." So the Jews said, "He is not going to kill himself, is he, because he said, 'Where I am going you cannot come?'" He said to them, "You belong to what is below, I belong to what is above. You belong to this world, but I do not belong to this world. That is why I told you that you will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I AM, you will die in your sins." So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "What I told you from the beginning. I have much to say about you in condemnation. But the one who

sent me is true, and what I heard from him I tell the world." They did not realize that he was speaking to them of the Father. So Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM, and that I do nothing on my own, but I say only what the Father taught me. The one who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do what is pleasing to him." Because he spoke this way, many came to believe in him. (John 8: 21-30)

Our Saviour's greatest witnesses is St. John the Baptist, who didn't hesitate to point out to the disciples that Jesus was the one whom they should follow from then on. The otherworldly Witness is God the Father who sent His Son to us. So whoever accepts Jesus, also accepts his Father. Let us commit ourselves every day to welcoming Jesus into our hearts and bearing witness to his love through our own deeds and actions.