Gospel text (*Jn* 20,1-9): On the first day after the Sabbath, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning (...) and she saw that the stone blocking the tomb had been moved away (...). Peter then set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb (...). Simon Peter (...) entered the tomb; he, too, saw the linen cloths lying flat. The handkerchief, which had been around his head was not lying flat like the other linen cloths but lay rolled up in its place. Then the other disciple (...) also went in; he saw and believed. Scripture clearly said that he must rise from the dead, but they had not yet understood that.

The Resurrection of Christ

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Today, on this Easter morning, we see a lot of movement: a woman leaves home to the tomb and from the tomb to where the apostles are. Peter and John run to the tomb, verify and see. And above all, after a few moments of doubt and hope, clearly see through the eyes of their spirit, and believe in the resurrection of Jesus.

Between so much movement, the most important, the most decisive, was that of Jesus. After the passion of Good Friday and the death on the cross, and Saturday's "rest" and silence, Jesus had risen, alive out of the tomb, leaving behind his shrouds well-ordered and intact, and giving us his resurrection as the clearest proof of his divinity.

—Lord Jesus, we believe that your resurrection is the guarantee of our own, because you have said that you are the Resurrection and Life, and they who believe in you, even though they die will live. And you will raise them on the latter day.