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Meditate seriously

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It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.(John 20, 1-9)

Before entering the tomb, St. John waits for St. Peter to arrive and enter, thus recognising the primacy he held over all the apostles, as Jesus had indicated. St. John believed as soon as he saw the shroud, closed but empty, that this was a sign of the fact Jesus had miraculously emerged from the shroud leaving it intact. Jesus rose body and soul and for this He will never die again. Take Peter and John as an example, whose lives were turned upside down by that prodigious event, to seriously meditate on how Easter really affects your life without focusing only on the Easter eggs, even if they're blessed, that you will eat today.