



Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Luke 24:12

Filled with hope

Peter ran to the tomb.

Don't pass by that detail.

Peter and the other disciples had been told by some women that angels appeared to them at Jesus' empty tomb and said he was alive.

"But Jesus is dead. These women are crazy." That's what they all thought. Peter even saw him die with his own eyes. He was confused and afraid. Luke 24:12 says he walked away from the empty tomb wondering to himself what had happened. He wasn't fully convinced yet.

However, even in his doubt and fear, Peter had something else in his heart—a little bit of hope. "What if Jesus *really* is alive? Wow. That would change everything for us." So he *ran*.

In the next weeks and months, Peter's hope became rock solid as he remembered everything Jesus had said. Jesus' resurrection changed him. It filled him with hope—not in himself or his circumstances—but in Jesus.

Today is the greatest day of the year because it's a day to remind you of your rock-solid hope. Jesus is alive! He defeated death! He beat Satan and the power of sin!

Wherever you are today and whatever your circumstances, *run* to the tomb and be filled with hope!

That means to bring your fears and doubts from the challenges of life to Jesus. View your challenges in the light of his victory.

You are not a victim of your circumstances. You are a victor in Christ!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for today! Thank you for rising from the dead. Today means I have a rock-solid hope. Let me bring my fears and doubts to you and let me leave them with you. Because of Jesus, I am not a victim of my circumstances but a victor in Christ! Amen.