

St. Peter

A documentary
of 50 minutes
by **INGO LANGNER**



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18 April 2006 will see the five hundredth anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for the New St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Today's St. Peter Cathedral is not only the largest, but also the most important and most visited church in Christendom. It replaces the old St. Peter's Basilica built under the Roman Emperor Constantine between 319 and 322. Architectural digs in 1940-49 showed that the Roman Christian community worshiped at the grave of the Apostle Peter as long ago as the middle of the 2nd century, but probably from the outset. No Peter's grave, no San Peter in Vatican. Because this is where the Emperor Constantine started this tradition of worshipping a Peter's grave, as he had the first Basilica built on the Vatican hill. Peter's grave is situated in a necropolis still maintained to this day beneath St. Peter's, which also holds the elaborate tombs of Roman nobility. The grave is in precisely the same place where today the papal altar stands.



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