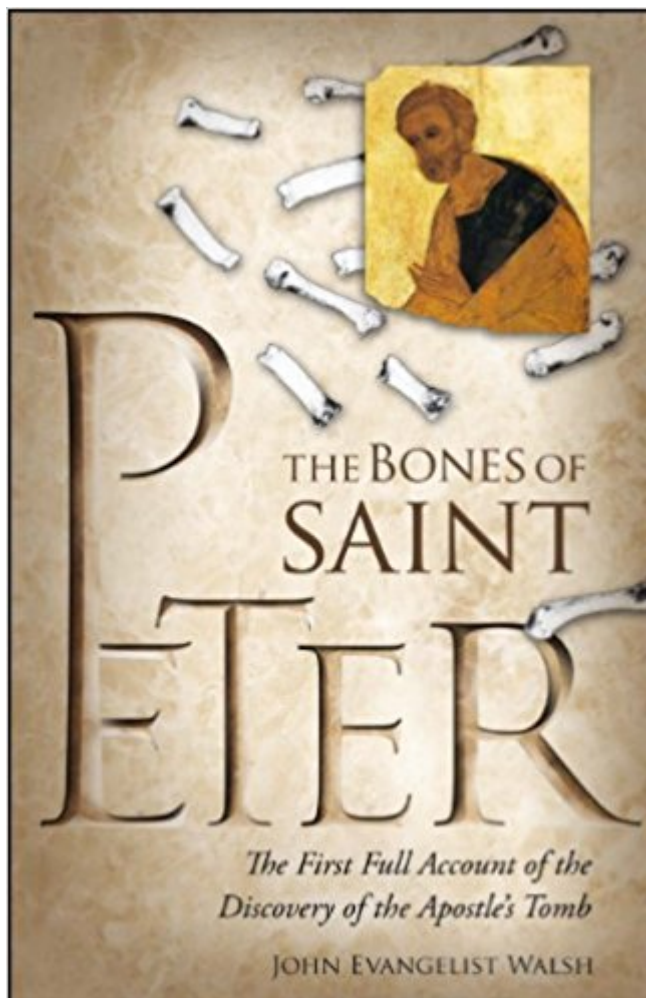


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John Evangelist Walsh, the author of several books, was for many years a senior editor at Reader's Digest. He has written books on topics as various as the Shroud of Turin, the Wright Brothers, and John Paul Jones.

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