

The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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• **March 28, 1968**

Martin Luther King Jr. leads a march of approximately 6,000 protestors in support of striking sanitation workers in Memphis, Tenn.

• **April 3, 1968**

Martin Luther King Jr. delivers his last speech, "I've Been to the Mountaintop" at the Mason Temple in Memphis.

• **April 4, 1968**

Martin Luther King Jr. is shot and killed by James Earl Ray, an escaped convict, as he stood on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis.



• **April 9, 1968**

Martin Luther King, Jr. is buried in Atlanta, but his dream of equality for all lives on.

'If you will protest courageously, and yet with dignity and Christian love, when the history books are written in future generations, the historians will have to pause and say, 'There lived a great people—a black people—who injected new meaning and dignity into the veins of civilization.'

— Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in a Montgomery, Ala. address, Dec. 31, 1955



'From the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire, let freedom ring. From the mighty mountains of New York, let freedom ring. From the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania, let freedom ring. But not only that: Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi.'

— Rev. Martin Luther King from his "I Have a Dream" speech, Aug. 28, 1963

'We are not makers of history. We are made by history.'

— Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. from "Strength to Love," 1963



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