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1929-1968

Michael King Jr. was born January 15th, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. He was named after his father, Michael King, Sr, who changed both their names to Martin Luther King after he traveled to Germany and was inspired by the life of the famous German religious reformer, Martin Luther.

King graduated high school at 15, and studied sociology at Morehouse College, graduating at 19 years old. In 1948 he was ordained as a Baptist minister at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. He attended seminary at Crozier Theological Seminary and Boston University. In 1953 he married Coretta Scott, with whom he later had four children.

In 1954, Dr. King became pastor at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. The following year, after Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on the bus, he became one of the leaders of the boycott. He continued to lead marches and sit-ins for civil rights and in 1957 became the first president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The SCLC organized nonviolent protests throughout the South, but they were often met with violence from local police officers.

In 1963 Martin Luther King helped organize the March on Washington, where he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. King fought against poverty and injustice for all people, no matter their race.

On April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of a motel in Memphis, Tennessee, Martin Luther King was shot and killed. King was remembered as a hero and legend. Martin Luther King Jr. Day became a federal holiday in 1986, and a memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., was dedicated to him in 2011.



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