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Martin Luther King Jr.

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Who Was Martin Luther King Jr.?

Michael King Jr. was born on January 15, 1928. He was a pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. He was also a Civil Rights leader.



Early Life

Michael King Jr. was born into a family of five. He was the middle child and had one older sister and one younger brother. As a child, his dad preached at Ebenezer Baptist Church. He grew up in a very secure and loving environment. He started school when he was five. When he was twelve, his grandma died and he was so upset that he jumped from a two story building attempting suicide.



Civil Rights Movement

Dr. King was one of the Civil Rights leaders. Dr. King was in charge of the Montgomery bus boycott, and the African Americans didn't ride a bus for 382 days. During the Civil Rights movement, Dr. King was one of the founders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which united all the black churches. Also, he became the co-pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church behind his father during the Civil Rights Movement. In 1960, Dr. King and 36 others where arrested for requesting lunch counter service, president John F. Kennedy had Dr. King released. From 1965 to 1967, the Civil Rights Movement began to expand to cities like Chicago, and Los Angeles.



Famous Speeches

- I Have a Dream
- I've Been to the Mountaintop
- Eulogy Speech after the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing
- · Where do we go from here?
- Speech against the Vietnam War

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Reflection on Dr. King

Overall, I think we can learn a lot from Dr. King. He wanted the African American people to be treated with love, and respect, we should treat others with love, and respect. Dr. King also wanted justice for the African Americans. Dr. King fought for what was right for the African Americans, he fought for equality, he fought for freedom. Dr. King's legacy will live on forever. What can we do now? we can treat others with respect and love, and make sure everyone no matter who you are is treated equal.





