

Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:" (Matthew 28:19-20b; KJV).

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a person who had a large impact on the people of the United States. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1929. His father was a pastor, and Martin Luther King, Jr. became a pastor as well. He led a Baptist congregation in Montgomery, Alabama. As an African American man, Dr. King was treated differently than white people. After the Civil War (1861-1865) and into the 1960s, black people living in the South were **discriminated** against. They were not allowed to drink out of the same water fountains as white people. They could not sit in the best locations in a restaurant or on a bus. Some hotels and restaurants would not even allow black people to enter.



| Martin Luther King, Jr.

In the 1950s and 1960s, a large Civil Rights movement began to take place. African Americans wanted to be treated as equals. Dr. King and others encouraged people to demand equal rights. In fact, Billy Graham encouraged Dr. King and others in their fight for justice. Dr. King focused on nonviolent protests. He did not want people who supported equal rights to use weapons or violence to get what they wanted. Instead, he wanted peaceful demonstrations where people would march together to create change. In 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a march in Washington D.C. Between 200,000 and 300,000 people from around the nation gathered at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial in the nation's capital. They demanded

that African Americans be treated as equal citizens. Dr. King gave a famous speech that day entitled “I Have a Dream.” In this speech, he said, “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.” Unfortunately in 1968, he was killed by a person who did not believe that black people should be treated as equals. Today, the city of Atlanta has a memorial and center dedicated to the work of Dr. King.



### **Quotes from the “I Have a Dream” speech.**

“I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.’”

“Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God’s children.”

— Martin Luther King, Jr.



**Choose the correct answer.**

**2.6**

He gave a speech entitled "I Have a Dream."

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- a. George Washington
- b. Billy Graham
- c. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**2.7**

He served as commander in chief of an army.

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- a. George Washington
- b. Billy Graham
- c. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**2.8**

He did not serve as a pastor.

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- a. George Washington
- b. Billy Graham
- c. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**2.9**

He led "crusades" to spread the message of Christ.

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- a. George Washington
- b. Billy Graham
- c. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**2.10**

He served as the first president of the United States.

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- b. Billy Graham
- c. Martin Luther King, Jr.