

Martin Luther King: I've Been to the Mountaintop (1968)

[“I've Been to the Mountaintop”](#) is the name often given to the last speech by civil rights activist [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#) King spoke on April 3, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee. On the next day, King was assassinated.

King calls for unity and nonviolent protest with resistance to court injunctions in reference to a strike by [city sanitation workers](#), while challenging the United States to live up to its ideals. At the end of the speech, he appears to mention the likelihood of his own death.

The video comprises two extracts from the speech. The entire speech can be heard at