

A photograph of Martin Luther King Jr. in profile, wearing a dark suit and a white shirt with a tie. He is gesturing with his right hand raised, palm facing forward. He is standing on a balcony or platform, looking out over a massive, dense crowd of people. The crowd is filling the lower two-thirds of the frame. In the background, there are green hills and a tall, thin structure, possibly a chimney or tower, under a clear sky.

## Today in History

*April 4, 1968*

▲ U.S. civil rights leader Martin Luther King, best remembered for his “I Have a Dream” speech, was assassinated on the balcony of a motel in Memphis, Tennessee

**1818:** The U.S. Congress decided the nation’s flag should consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with a new star added for every new state

**1932:** Vitamin C was first isolated from lemon juice. This led to the prevention of scurvy

**1963:** The Beatles occupied the top five places on the U.S. singles charts

**2017:** A graphene-oxide membrane able to produce drinking water from salt water was developed in Britain