For the Love of God

THE MARCH FOR VOTES

Martin Luther King Jnr – Selma to Montgomery



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- 2. Why would you march for this cause?
- 3. Would you still march if there was a very real possibility of injury or death? Why or why not?







WE MARGHA!





"Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."





Term	Definition
Civil Rights Act of 1964	
Ku Klux Klan	
Grand Dragon	
American exceptionalism	



CLIP ANALYSIS QUESTIONS:

- 1. Why did Martin Luther King Jr and his followers choose Selma as the place to begin their march for voting rights?
- 2. What role did television play in creating an outcry against the brutality on the Edmund Pettus Bridge?
- 3. What is striking about the actions of the protestors in the face of extreme opposition?
- 4. Maria J. Stephan says that the "combination of the spiritual and the practical/strategic" resources enabled the protestors to maintain non-violent discipline. Explain what she means by this.



God identifies with the victim... ...when they got clubbed it became obvious to see on whose side justice really was. And that, I think, is a kind of 'enactment of the story of Christ'.



REFLECT & COMPARE

	How they were treated	How they responded
Protestors		
Jesus		



CLIP ANALYSIS QUESTIONS (cont):

- 5. Describe what the march ultimately achieved?
- 6. What do you think motivated and sustained Martin Luther King Jr.



set out for Jerusalem. ⁵² He sent messengers ahead to a Samaritan village to prepare for his arrival. ⁵³ But the people of the village did not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When James and John saw this, they said to Jesus, "Lord, should we call down fire from heaven to burn them up?" ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ So they went on to another village.



QUESTIONS:

- 1. How did people in the Samaritan village react to news that Jesus would be passing through?
- 2. How did James and John react to this?
- 3. How did Jesus respond to James and John's question? What might this show us about Jesus' attitude towards violence?



- ¹⁴ Then the Pharisees called a meeting to plot how to kill Jesus. ¹⁵ But Jesus knew what they were planning. So he left that area, and many people followed him. He healed all the sick among them, ¹⁶ but he warned them not to reveal who he was. ¹⁷ This fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah concerning him:
- ¹⁸ "Look at my Servant, whom I have chosen.
 - He is my Beloved, who pleases me.
 - I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.
- ¹⁹ He will not fight or shout or raise his voice in public.
- ²⁰ He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. Finally he will cause justice to be victorious.
- 21 And his name will be the hope of all the world."



QUESTIONS:

- 1. What did Jesus' enemies want to do to him?
- 2. What overall picture do we get of Jesus from Isaiah's prophecy?
- 3. What might this prophecy tell us about how Jesus would respond to violence (in particular v.19)?





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