

Who Killed Malcolm X?

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Marked Man

Malcolm's life, assassination, and legacy begin to unfold as historian Abdur-Rahman Muhammad shares his studies into the life of one of the most influential black leaders in history. Muhammad shares his personal experiences with law enforcement that radicalized him and connected him to Malcolm X's story, and presents the leading mysteries surrounding the assassination; including the suspicious behavior of the NYPD, the watchful eye of the FBI, and the two men who maintained their innocence throughout their prison terms.

2. Straight Man In A Cooked Game

Questions about the case arise, with affidavits that the only admitted convicted assassin filed in the late 1970s, naming his accomplices and pointing to new information that the conspirators came out of a mosque in Newark, New Jersey. The Newark Mosque was known to be very devoted to Elijah Muhammad, the leader of the Nation of Islam, potentially so devoted that its members would not only die for him - they would kill for him. Abdur-Rahman Muhammad's exploration of the truth begins by looking back at Malcolm X's close and complicated relationship with his mentor Elijah Muhammad over the course of his 12 years with the Nation of Islam, before it began to unravel.

3. Black Messiah

As the Civil Rights movement intensifies, cracks begin to emerge in the relationship between Malcolm X and Elijah Muhammad. The highs and lows of Malcolm's time with the Nation of Islam are explored, from Malcolm being Elijah Muhammad's supposed heir apparent, to his eventual suspension from public speaking after his controversial comments regarding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, to his attempts to reconcile with Elijah Muhammad by befriending boxing star Cassius Clay.

In the present, Abdur-Rahman Muhammad seeks answers at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. as to why the Bureau's surveillance of Malcolm X and Elijah Muhammad was so extensive, and to better understand the tactics agents used to exploit the growing rift between the Black Muslim leaders. Retired police lieutenant Tony Bouza shares a firsthand account of the NYPD's close monitoring of Malcolm and the Nation through his work with the departments Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, while Red Squad filmmaker Steve Fischler describes the details of the unit's operations at Nation of Islam rallies. Meanwhile, an FBI agent speaks for the

first time about meeting with Malcolm during his suspension from the Nation of Islam to persuade him to become an FBI informant.

4. Showdown

Malcolm X's time with the Nation of Islam comes to an end as he realizes his suspension is permanent. Malcolm decides to go his own way and forms two separate organizations—one political and the other religious—and travels abroad to bring the Civil Rights issues of America before the world. But as he enters the global stage, the threats against him intensify, and battle lines are drawn.

When the Nation of Islam decides to evict Malcolm from his home of more than a decade, he retaliates, revealing the personal affairs of his one-time mentor. Those devoted to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad are shocked by Malcolm's public disclosures, and he becomes an enemy of the Nation and the target of a whisper campaign to further discredit and damage his image.

Meanwhile, in the present, Abdur-Rahman Muhammad investigates the lasting devotion and zeal of Elijah Muhammad's followers to try and identify who among the killers was most responsible for Malcolm's death. Abdur-Rahman looks into evidence that shows it was the shotgun that killed Malcolm, and he pursues a lead on the identity of the man that pulled the trigger, tracking him to Newark, New Jersey.

5. Shotgun Man

Abdur-Rahman Muhammad pursues the truth about "Shotgun Man" William Bradley and his potential involvement in the assassination of Malcolm X. Meanwhile, experts trace the last week of Malcolm's life and the untold stories of the assassination witnesses who were never called forth to testify.

6. Legacies

Abdur-Rahman Muhammad receives news that shakes up his plans to confront William Bradley and his quest for justice in the case of Who Killed Malcolm X. Later, he pursues a new avenue to try and clear the name of Muhammad A. Aziz. Malcolm X's daughter Ilyasah Shabazz reflects on her father's lasting legacy.