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# FOUR THINGS WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS LION

## I. His Identity—*You Have an Enemy*

A. Devil, or *diabolos*, means the slanderer

1. Term used thirty-five times in Scripture
2. Another fifty-four times, he's referred to as Satan
3. Five times as the Evil One
4. Eight times as the Wicked One

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## Slander Defined

**The action or crime of making a  
False statement damaging to a  
Person's reputation**

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5. Genesis 3 to Revelation 20: his work spans all of human history
6. Barna polled born-again Christians and found that about half leaned toward the idea that the Devil is just a symbol of evil
7. In another poll, 65 percent of Christians said they didn't believe in the Devil

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8. Jesus never referred to the Devil as an "it" or "that," but a "he" and a "him"

9. Luke 10:18

10. "I believe Satan to exist for two reasons: first, the Bible says so; and second, I've done business with him" —D.L. Moody

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11. This lion often wears a disguise

12. Matthew 7:15; 10:16

13. He doesn't come off as an enemy, but a friend

14. He questioned God; Genesis 3:1

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15. About the Devil in *The Passion of the Christ*: “I wanted it this way because that is how the Enemy is. Evil looks good until you turn it around a little and see the whole spectrum, then you see the ugliness”

—Mel Gibson

16. Everyone has a relationship with Satan

17. He's either your friend or your enemy



## II. His Strategy—*Your Enemy Has a Plan*

### A. Devour (v. 8)

1. a very strong word meaning to gulp down
2. How does the Devil devour people?
3. He wants you to burn in hell forever
  - a. John 10:10
  - b. Matthew 25:41

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c. He wants to make the Christian weak

d. Satan is hungry, and gullible, ill

Prepared Christians are on his menu

e. Job 1:8

1. Better translated: "You have been considering My servant Job, have you not?"

2. *Consider* was a military term of a general who would survey a town before laying siege to it

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3. Satan is actively studying you

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F. Satan operates within parameters

1. He can only act by permission of God, in line with God's purposes

2. Mark 5:12-13

3. In the fire of a trial or temptation, God has His eye on me and His finger on the thermostat

4. 1 Corinthians 10:13