



QA: Why Are People Afraid of "Friday the 13th"? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

QUESTION: Why are people afraid of "Friday the 13th"?

ANSWER: Because they think the Devil is in charge of the number.

1. Jesus said,

"The devil ... was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."
(**John 8:44-45**)

The Devil has no respect for human life, for he murders. He has no truth, but only distorts or ignores the truth. He is the originator ("father") of lies, intended to deceive. All this "from the beginning." Beginning of what? Creation. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (**Genesis 1:1**), and **Genesis 3** is where "the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness" (**2 Corinthians 11:3**). Jesus said, the final Judgment will send the "cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (**Matthew 25:41**). Don't follow the Devil now, or forever!

2. The Devil doesn't "make" anyone sin, but encourages an individual's decision to sin! Judas Iscariot is a case in point. He "was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it" (**John 12:6**). He "was a thief" before he was a betrayer.

[Judas] went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. So, from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.
(**Matthew 26:14-16**)

Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. (**Luke 22:2-3**)

Afterward, at the Lord's Supper, "after the piece of bread, Satan entered him" (**John 13:27**). Satan was in control because Judas had given Him control. However, the Devil can be resisted.

Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. (**James 4:7-8**)

3. "Triskadekaphobia" is a strong fear of the number 13. Sometimes it's seen on a "Friday 13th;" or architects designing buildings without a 13th floor; or city plans that omit a 13th Street; or the "Death" card in a Tarot deck is the 13th. However, it

is the **13th Amendment** to the U.S. Constitution that abolished the practice of slavery; it was in **Josiah's 13th year** as King of Judah that the Word of the LORD came to Jeremiah (**Jeremiah 1:1-2**); and **Jesus actually had 13 Apostles** (Judas was replaced, Paul was Apostle to Gentiles! Instead of fearing a number,

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith. (**1 Peter 5:8-9**)

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.
(**Romans 10:17**)

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