

# “Don’t Waste the Wait”

Matthew 24:1-14

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All Scripture quoted from ESV unless otherwise noted

## While you’re waiting...

Put **Truth** to the test

- What **Fruit** does this produce?
- Is this **Consistent** with Scripture?
- Does this point to and **Glorify** God, or man?
- Does this **Build Up** the body of Christ?

Keep calm and **Tarry** on

- I can be at peace **Despite** what’s going on in the world

Love one another **Intensely**.

- Do the **Hard Work** of relationship building
- The best questions are inquisitory, not **Accusatory**

Hold firm in your **Faith**

- The greatest threat against the fellowship of Christian believers is not persecution from outside the church; it is **Division** within the church

**Pass** it on (your faith)

- **Invest** the times you have now

**Fear will not trickle in where faith has flooded.**

## **DIG IN!**

**Here are some farm-fresh questions that will help you to personalize and apply this morning’s message.**

1. ***What was most surprising, unexpected, or helpful from today’s passage/message? Why?***
2. ***What do you suppose was the disciples’ reaction to what Jesus said? Why? What is your reaction?***
3. ***Who is it possible to betray? How does that affect your thoughts on v.10?***
4. ***How long have the signs Jesus describes in v.4-8 been part of our world? What should your response be, when you see the things that seem to point to the return of Jesus?***
5. ***What have you learned through your personal time of Bible reading this week?***