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**“Eyewitness Views”
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**Part 1**

**“Available…Yes!”**

***“If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”  Matthew 21:3***

#  **Jesus came to Jerusalem for to see…**

***“The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city.” John 12:12***

1. It was !

***“A large crowd of Passover visitors…” John 12:12a***

1. The city was !

***“A large crowd…” John 12:12a***

1. Crowds were following from cities as He approached Jerusalem.

***“As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany…” Luke 19:29***

1. The entire city was in an .

***“The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered.” Matthew 21:10***

1. **Jesus needed to to the crowds through His actions...**
2. He chose to make a very statement.

***“When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred…” Matthew 21:10***

1. He chose to put forth the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to His being the Messiah.

***“Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey’s colt.” Zechariah 9:9***

1. He chose to communicate that He had come in …The “Prince of Peace!”

***“And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6***

1. He chose to make love’s last to the world…as He knew His future.

***“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16***

1. **Jesus could use what was …**
2. You think Jesus can’t use you…He used the crowd’s celebrations…palm branches, garments, shouts, etc.

***“A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David!’ ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ‘Hosannain the highest heaven!’” Matthew 21:8-9***

***“Please, Lord, please save us. Please, Lord, please give us success. Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.” Psalm 118:25-26***

1. You think Jesus can’t use you…He used the servant of the disciples.

***“Jesus sent two of his disciples…they went…they answered as Jesus had told them to…they brought the colt to Jesus!” Mark 11:1-11***

1. You think Jesus can’t use you…He used a donkey and a !

***“saying to them, ‘Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her.’” Matthew 21:2***

1. You think Jesus can’t use you…He would have used if people would not have been willing to be used!

“***Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, rebuke your disciples!’ ‘I tell you,’ he replied, ‘if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.’” Luke 19:39-40***

1. **Jesus will use if you are available…**
2. Begin for God to open doors to see how He wants to use you!

***“Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains.” Colossians 4:3***

1. Begin for God to open doors to use you.

***“Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,” Ephesians 6:19***

1. Begin serving God opens a door.

***“What he opens, no one can close; and what he closes, no one can open:” Revelation 3:7b***

1. Keep your heart to availability and continue to serve!

***“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” Ephesians 2:10***

**“God created you with specific skills and capabilities to bring Him glory. Don’t give up on yourself, no matter what’s in the past. With God, there is always a future.” -Anonymous**

When God is in it…

There is no stopping what He will do…

Or who He will use!

***“So the Pharisees said to one another, ‘See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!’” John 12:19***