2021 CHRISTMAS (I)

**THE LORD HAS DONE THIS FOR ME**

Luke 1:5-25

Key Verse: 1:25

**Open it:**

1. What experiences of complete surprise have you recently had?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 5-7. What characteristics did Zechariah and Elizabeth have in common? How well did Zechariah and Elizabeth handle the frustration of childlessness? (6,13,25)
2. Read verses 8-13. For what duty did Lot choose Zechariah? (8-10; Lev. 6:12-13) What was the angel’s message to Zechariah? (13) How did God demonstrate in the lives of these two people that He is sovereign?
3. Read verses 14-17. What instructions did Gabriel give Zechariah about his and his wife’s role as parents? (14-16) How did Gabriel describe the primary purpose of John’s life? (16-17)
4. Read verses 18-22. Why was Zechariah rendered unable to speak until the day of the prophecy‘s fulfillment? (18-20) When have you doubted the reality of God’s provision for you?
5. Read verses 23-25. How did God demonstrate in the lives of Zechariah and Elizabeth that He is sovereign? (23-24) How did Elizabeth react to Zechariah’s news? (25)

**Apply it:**

1. What long-term frustration can you identify in your life that needs to be entrusted to God?