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 - a. He was their _____
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2. Jesus is telling them He is more than protection and provision. He is also the long-celebrated _____ for their sins.

John 10:10 The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness. ¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will leave the sheep because they aren't his and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. (Cont'd)

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5. There is a freedom, as well as a responsibility, on the part of each individual member of the flock. Sheep have a _____ to trust and follow the Good Shepherd.

Isaiah 53:6 All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on Him the guilt and sins of us all. NLT

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