

## Eli – The Innkeeper

I own the grandest establishment in Bethlehem, run the finest stables, have the best sheep and manage the richest fields. There is none to compare, I assure you of that!

Why last year I was given the honor at the Jewish Innkeepers Convention of the “Triple A” rating. All that said... business has been a little slow.

Why, you ask? I will tell you why! Those Romans and their new laws! They have cost me plenty! I am eager for this census to begin so I can fill every nook and cranny of this Inn with triple paying customers. Why, I may even rent the stables.

Oh do not look at me like that! Every business on Jericho Road will be doing the same. I know old Zac is upping the price of everything at the Market Place. Goat milk 10 shekels... I will milk my own before I pay that.

Sarah is frantic. She has the servants washing walls, cleaning the floors. But I must say, it is spotless. It is a proud Innkeeper I am.