

INNKEEPER – Scene 6

Roman Soldier #3: Drop your census here and move along... QUICKLY!

Guide: Yes... of course! Come along everyone, we still need to find a place to stay!

Innkeeper: NO, NO, NO, I have no room!

Listen, I'm sorry for being so rude, but I am tired. I have been up since before the rooster crowed and I have been going nonstop since. Every time I turn around, there are more people trying to get a room! I do not know how many times I have had to turn people away. I have no vacancies.

Family and friends have been returning to be counted by the government in their hometown for the census. I have no other choice but to tell them no. After having to deal with the people that are here AND their animals, I am tired and not in a very good mood.

But... here I was telling people for the thousandth time that I didn't have any place available when a young couple comes dragging in here. This couple was tired and the husband was frantic saying his wife was going to have a baby. I told him I was sorry, but I have no room in the inn. The husband was pleading with me for a place to stay, saying his wife was going to give birth at any moment. I was about to tell them no again but then I saw her face and I didn't have the heart to turn them away.

I offered to let them stay in the stable, and they jumped at the offer. I moved some animals around and cleaned out a feeding trough. It was the best that I had. I showed them the stable and they thanked me! Can you imagine that? I just told them to have their baby with the animals and they were happy! But it made me feel better that they had shelter. Yet it was the strangest thing. Right after I got them settled in the stable, she gave birth to a baby boy.

Then, the brightest star you have ever seen appeared above the stable. I don't know what's going on, but I have a feeling that this is something really, really big!

Sorry to keep you. I needed to vent and then you showed up. But you'll have to move on down the road. Now, get moving! I have no room!!