

“A Purposeful Miracle”

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The attraction: _____

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Colossians 1:28; 2 Timothy 4:2

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The interruption: “They let down the bed on which the _____ lay.” *Mark 2:3-4*

Jesus’ response to the interruption: *Mark 2:5*

_____ their faith

_____ forgiveness of sin

⇒ **Application:** What is happening in your life that is not seen by people but is known by God?

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The problematic response: *Mark 2:6-7*

_____ in their hearts

_____ Jesus of blasphemy

Note: Central focus of the story

“Go show yourself to the priest...” *Mark 1:44*

The climax of the story! *Mark 2:8-12*

Focus: Presenting Jesus as _____

Jesus knew their _____.

Jesus had _____ on earth to forgive sin.

The miracle _____ His identity.

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Application:

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