**Five Stages of the Healing Miracles**

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| Story  *Title and reference* |  |  |  |
| Introduction  *The sick person’s condition is described; the healer encounters the sick person, the sick person is brought to the healer, or at least someone tells the healer about the sick person.* |  |  |  |
| Conflict  *Often the healer first investigates what the sick person wants or needs; sometimes the healer hesitates or tests the sick person’s readiness to be healed; sometimes other persons intervene or delay the healing.* |  |  |  |
| Action  *The healing itself can be brought about either verbally, or through simple touch, or through more elaborate therapeutic means. Sometimes the healing action is only implied, but not explicitly described.* |  |  |  |
| Confirmation  *The fact that the healing has taken place is either asserted by the narrator or demonstrated through some action performed by the person who has been healed.* |  |  |  |
| Reaction  *Usually some reaction is reported for those who witnessed the event. In the Gospels, this response is often positive, involving praise given to God. Sometimes there are negative reactions from some opponents.* |  |  |  |
| Emphasis  *Which stage of the story is emphasised in this account?* |  |  |  |